

Ulterior motives - applicants

He is not quite as confident as many in similar positions, that the numerous applicants for admission are presenting themselves from the proper class or with the best of motives.

"The ulterior motives that may govern under such circumstances, though positive in their deleterious effects, are not always easily detected, but on the contrary are usually carefully concealed within the postulant's own breast. I firmly believe that it is from this class that our long list of delinquents is annually recruited."

"Science has never yet discovered a means of wholly freeing matter from the possible ravages of parasitic attack. Even the penetrating eyes of the church have been deceived — when religion has been used as a cloak by the pedant and the Pharisee. It is not strange, therefore, that we should at times be imposed upon, when the mask is cleverly and attractively placed."

"Among all of the fundamental principles upon which are based the altruistic possibilities of the human soul, none, in my opinion, are more sublime or satisfying to the intelligent lover of his fellowman than the lessons taught in the Capitular degrees."

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