

“A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS”

This phrase is used by both Robert Whittington in 1520 and by Erasmus, in Latin, in 1521. Here is the immediate context:

“More is a man of an angel’s wit and singular learning. He is a man of many excellent virtues; I know not his fellow. For where is the man (in whom is so many goodly virtues) of that gentleness, lowliness, and affability, and as time requires, a man of marvelous mirth and pastimes and sometime of steadfast gravity — a man for all seasons.”

--Robert Whittington, *Vulgaria*, 1520¹

“...it would be hard to find anyone who was more truly a man for all seasons and all men...”

(...omnibus omnium horarum homo...: Here Erasmus alludes to 1 Corinthians 9:22, “I become all things to all men, that I might save all.”)

--Erasmus, Letter to Guillaume Budé, 1521.²

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