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# Quotes by Lewis, C. S.

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There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, Thy will be done, and those to whom God says, All right, then, have it your way.

- Lewis, C. S.

We were promised sufferings. They were part of the program. We were even told, Blessed are they that mourn.

- Lewis, C. S.

The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.

- Lewis, C. S.

All that is not eternal is eternally out of date.

- Lewis, C. S.

The salvation of a single soul is more important than the production or preservation of all the epics and tragedies in the world.

- Lewis, C. S.

Faith... is the art of holding on to things your reason once accepted, despite your changing moods.

- Lewis, C. S.

You ask whether I have ever been in love: fool as I am, I am not such a fool as that. But if one is only to talk from first-hand experience, conversation would be a very poor business. But though I have no personal experience of the things they call love, I have what is better -- the experience of Sappho, of Euripides, of Catallus, of Shakespeare, of Spenser, of Austen, of Bronte, of anyone else I have read.

- Lewis, C. S.

Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art. It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.

- Lewis, C. S.

Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours.

- Lewis, C. S.

I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.

- Lewis, C. S.

Can a mortal ask questions which God finds unanswerable? Quite easily, I should think. All nonsense questions are unanswerable.

- Lewis, C. S.

No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear.

- Lewis, C. S.

God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there.

There is no such thing.

- Lewis, C. S.

If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.

- Lewis, C. S.

Has this world been so kind to you that you should leave with regret? There are better things ahead than any we leave behind.

- Lewis, C. S.

Aim at heaven, and you will get earth thrown in; aim at earth, and you will get neither.

- Lewis, C. S.

The safest road to hell is the gradual one -- the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.

- Lewis, C. S.

Humans are amphibians -- half spirit and half animal. As spirits they belong to the eternal world, but as animals they inhabit time.

- Lewis, C. S.

I sometimes wonder whether all pleasures are not substitutes for joy.

- Lewis, C. S.

There is, hidden or flaunted, a sword between the sexes till an entire marriage reconciles them.

- Lewis, C. S.

It is only when you are asked to believe in Reason coming from non-reason that you must cry Halt. Human minds. They do not come from nowhere.

- Lewis, C. S.

Miracles do not, in fact, break the laws of nature.

- Lewis, C. S.

Part of every misery is, so to speak, the misery's shadow or reflection: the fact that you don't merely suffer but have to keep on thinking about the fact that you suffer. I not only live each endless day in grief, but live each day thinking about living each day in grief.

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The real problem is not why some pious, humble, believing people suffer, but why some do not.

- Lewis, C. S.

God whispers in our pleasures, but shouts in our pain.

- Lewis, C. S.

A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you're looking down, you can't see something that's above you.

- Lewis, C. S.

Talk to me about the truth of religion and I'll listen gladly. Talk to me about the duty of religion and I'll listen submissively. But don't come talking to me about the consolations of religion or I shall suspect that you don't understand.

- Lewis, C. S.

If, as I can't help suspecting, the dead also feel the pains of separation (and this may be one of their purgatorial sufferings), then for both lovers, and for all pairs of lovers without exception, bereavement is a universal and integral part of our experience of love.

- Lewis, C. S.

Much of the modern resistance to chastity comes from men's belief that they own their bodies -- those vast and perilous estates, pulsating with the energy that made the worlds, in which they find themselves without their consent and from which they are ejected at the pleasure of Another!

- Lewis, C. S.

The fundamental laws are in the long run merely statements that every event is itself and not some different event.

- Lewis, C. S.

The value given to the testimony of any feeling must depend on our whole philosophy, not our whole philosophy on a feeling.

- Lewis, C. S.

I believe in Christianity as I believe in the rising sun; not because I see it, but by it I can see all else.

- Lewis, C. S.

Courage is not simply one of the virtues but the form of every virtue at the testing point, which means at the point of highest reality.

- Lewis, C. S.

If we really think that home is elsewhere and that this life is a wandering to find home, why should we not look forward to the arrival?

- Lewis, C. S.

It is hard to have patience with people who say There is no death or Death doesn't matter. There is death. And whatever matters. And whatever happens has consequences, and it and they are irrevocable and irreversible. You might as well say that birth doesn't matter.

- Lewis, C. S.

If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.

- Lewis, C. S.

• If we insist on keeping Hell (or even Earth) we shall not see Heaven: if we accept Heaven we shall not be able to retain even the smallest and most intimate souvenirs of Hell. •

- Lewis, C. S.





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