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Peter De Vries (February 27, 1910 - September 28, 1993) was an American editor and comic novelist known for his satiric wit.

The universe is like a safe to which there is a combination. Bit the combination is locked up in the safe.

- Vries, Peter De

Gluttony is an emotional escape, a sign something is eating us.

- Vries, Peter De

When I can no longer bear to think of the victims of broken homes, I begin to think of the victims of intact ones.

- Vries, Peter De

We must love one another, yes, yes, that's all true enough, but nothing says we have to like each other. It may be the very recognition of all men as our brothers that accounts for the sibling rivalry, and even enmity, we have toward so many of them.

- Vries, Peter De

Life is a zoo in a jungle.

- Vries, Peter De

The bonds of matrimony are like any other bonds -- they mature slowly.

- Vries, Peter De

The value of marriage is not that adults produce children, but that children produce adults.

- Vries, Peter De

The difficulty with marriage is that we fall in love with a personality, but must live with a character.

- Vries, Peter De

There are times when parenthood seems nothing but feeding the mouth that bites you.

- Vries, Peter De

Everybody hates me because I'm so universally liked.

- Vries, Peter De

The rich aren't like us; they pay less taxes.

- Vries, Peter De

It is the final proof of God's omnipotence that he need not exist in order to save us.

- Vries, Peter De

Anyone informed that the universe is expanding and contracting in pulsations of eighty billion years has a right to ask, What's in it for me?

- Vries, Peter De

You can make a sordid thing sound like a brilliant drawing-room comedy. Probably a fear we have of facing up to the real issues. Could you say we were guilty of Noel Cowardice?

- Vries, Peter De

I love being a writer, what I can't stand is the paperwork.

- Vries, Peter De

I am not impressed by the Ivy League establishments. Of course they graduate the best -- it's all they'll take, leaving to others the problem of educating the country. They will give you an education the way the banks will give you money -- provided you can prove to their satisfaction that you don't need it.

- Vries, Peter De

Confession is good for the soul only in the sense that a tweed coat is good for dandruff -- it is a palliative rather than a remedy.

- Vries, Peter De

It is the final proof of Gods omnipotence that he need not exist in order to save us.

- Vries, Peter De

Let us hope, I prayed, that a kind Providence will put a speedy end to the acts of God under which we have been laboring.

- Vries, Peter De



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