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In politics the middle way is none at all.

- Adams, John

As much as I converse with sages and heroes, they have very little of my love and admiration. I long for rural and domestic scene, for the warbling of birds and the prattling of my children

- Adams, John

Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.

- Adams, John

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

- Adams, John

Revolution, in order to be creative, cannot do without either a moral or metaphysical rule to balance the insanity of history.

- Camus, Albert

Every revolutionary ends up by becoming either an oppressor or a heretic.

- Camus, Albert

I feel my belief in sacrifice and struggle getting stronger. I despise the kind of existence that clings to the miserly trifles of comfort and self-interest. I think that a man should not live beyond the age when he begins to deteriorate, when the flame that lighted the brightest moment of his life has weakened.

- Castro, Fidel

You can never have a revolution in order to establish a democracy. You must have a democracy in order to have a revolution.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Disturbances in society are never more fearful than when those who are stirring up the trouble can use the pretext of religion to mask their true designs.

- Diderot, Denis

Normal life cannot sustain revolutionary attitudes for long.

- Djilas, Milovan

The successful revolutionary is a statesman, the unsuccessful one a criminal.

- Fromm, Erich

When people contend for their liberty they seldom get anything for their victory, but new masters.

- Halifax, Edward F.

Whether a revolutions succeeds or fails people of great hearts will always be sacrificed to it.

- Heine, Heinrich

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time, with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable.

- Kennedy, John F.

Most revolutionaries are potential Tories, because they imagine that everything can be put right by altering the shape of society; once that change is effected, as it sometimes is, they see no need for any other.

- Orwell, George

The excessive increase of anything causes a reaction in the opposite direction.

- Plato

It is well, I die hard, but I am not afraid to go.

- Washington, George

Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them.

- Aristotle

What it lies in our power to do, it lies in our power not to do.

- Aristotle

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

- Aristotle

Those who educate children well are more to be honored than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well.

- Aristotle

Equality consists in the same treatment of similar persons.

- Aristotle

The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal.

- Aristotle

No notice is taken of a little evil, but when it increases it strikes the eye.

- Aristotle

Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.

- Aristotle

Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.

- Aristotle

Cruel is the strife of brothers.

- Aristotle

Democracy arose from men's thinking that if they are equal in any respect, they are equal absolutely.

- Aristotle

A true friend is one soul in two bodies.

- Aristotle

Friendship is essentially a partnership.

- Aristotle

There is no great genius without a mixture of madness.

- Aristotle

For what is the best choice, for each individual is the highest it is possible for him to achieve.

- Aristotle

First, have a definite, clear practical ideal; a goal, an objective. Second, have the necessary means to achieve your ends; wisdom, money, materials, and methods. Third, adjust all your means to that end.

- Aristotle

It is easy to perform a good action, but not easy to acquire a settled habit of performing such actions.

- Aristotle

Either a beast or a god.

- Aristotle

Man is by nature a political animal.

- Aristotle

The law is reason, free from passion.

- Aristotle

Anyone can become angry -- that is easy. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and in the right way -- this is not easy.

- Aristotle

At his best, man is the noblest of all animals; separated from law and justice he is the worst.

- Aristotle

Wicked men obey from fear; good men, from love.

- Aristotle

It is not funny that anything else should fall down; only that a man should fall down. Why do we laugh? Because it is a gravely religious matter: it is the Fall of Man. Only man can be absurd: for only man can be dignified.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Democracy means government by the uneducated, while aristocracy means government by the badly educated.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Education is the period during which you are being instructed by somebody you do not know, about something you do not want to know.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

When you have really exhausted an experience you always reverence and love it. The two things that nearly all of us have thoroughly and really been through are childhood and youth. And though we would not have them back again on any account, we feel that they are both beautiful, because we have drunk them dry.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The timidity of the child or the savage is entirely reasonable; they are alarmed at this world, because this world is a very alarming place. They dislike being alone because it is verily and indeed an awful idea to be alone. Barbarians fear the unknown for the same reason that Agnostics worship it --because it is a fact.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The full value of this life can only be got by fighting; the violent take it by storm. And if we have accepted everything we have missed something -- war. This life of ours is a very enjoyable fight, but a very miserable truce.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

You cannot love a thing without wanting to fight for it.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Most Americans are born drunk, and really require a little wine or beer to sober them. They have a sort of permanent intoxication from within, a sort of invisible champagne. Americans do not need to drink to inspire them to do anything, though they do sometimes, I think, need a little for the deeper and more delicate purpose of teaching them how to do nothing.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

There is nothing the matter with Americans except their ideals. The real American is all right; it is the ideal American who is all wrong.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Psychoanalysis is confession without absolution.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Angels fly because they take themselves lightly.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The golden age only comes to men when they have forgotten gold.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The fatal metaphor of progress, which means leaving things behind us, has utterly obscured the real idea of growth, which means leaving things inside us.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

One of the great disadvantages of hurry is that it takes such a long time.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Their is a road from the eye to heart that does not go through the intellect.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Man is an exception, whatever else he is. If he is not the image of God, then he is a disease of the dust. If it is not true that a divine being fell, then we can only say that one of the animals went entirely off its head.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Man does not live by soap alone; and hygiene, or even health, is not much good unless you can take a healthy view of it -- or, better still, feel a healthy indifference to it.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

We ought to see far enough into a hypocrite to see even his sincerity.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

What people call impartiality may simply mean indifference, and what people call partiality may simply mean mental activity.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Merely having an open mind is nothing; the object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

A large section of the intelligentsia seems wholly devoid of intelligence.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

A woman uses her intelligence to find reasons to support her intuition.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Journalism consists largely in saying Lord James is dead to people who never knew Lord James was alive.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

People accuse journalism of being too personal; but to me it has always seemed far too impersonal. It is charged with tearing away the veils from private life; but it seems to me to be always dropping diaphanous but blinding veils between men and men. The Yellow Press is abused for exposing facts which are private; I wish the Yellow Press did anything so valuable. It is exactly the decisive individual touches that it never gives; and a proof of this is that after one has met a man a million times in the newspapers it is always a

complete shock and reversal to meet him in real life.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Our civilization has decided that determining the guilt or innocence of men is a thing too important to be trusted to trained men. When it wants a library catalogued, or the solar system discovered, or any trifle of that kind, it uses up its specialists. But when it wishes anything done which is really serious, it collects twelve of the ordinary men standing round. The same thing was done, if I remember right, by the Founder of Christianity.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

One may understand the Cosmos, but never the ego; the self is more distant than any star.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

A stiff apology is a second insult. The injured party does not want to be compensated because he has been wronged; he wants to be healed because he has been hurt.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Soldiers have many faults, but they have one redeeming merit; they are never worshippers of force. Soldiers more than any other men are taught severely and

systematically that might is not right. The fact is obvious. The might is in the hundred men who obey. The right (or what is held to be right) is in the one man who commands them.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

People generally quarrel because they cannot argue.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Art, like morality, consists in drawing the line somewhere.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Love means to love that which is unlovable; or it is no virtue at all.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The way to love anything is to realize that it might be lost.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

We are justified in enforcing good morals, for they belong to all mankind; but we are not justified in enforcing good manners, for good manners always mean our own manners.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Marriage is an adventure, like going to war.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Men always talk about the most important things to perfect strangers. In the perfect stranger we perceive man himself; the image of a God is not disguised by resemblances to an uncle or doubts of wisdom of a mustache.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

We make our friends; we make our enemies; but God makes our next door neighbor.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The Museum is not meant either for the wanderer to see by accident or for the pilgrim to see with awe. It is meant for the mere slave of a routine of self-education to stuff himself with every sort of incongruous intellectual food in one indigestible meal.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Your next-door neighbor is not a man; he is an environment. He is the barking of a dog; he is the noise of a piano; he is a dispute about a party wall; he is drains that are worse than yours, or roses that are better than yours.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

My country wrong or right, is like saying my mother, drunk or sober.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

My country, right or wrong is a thing that no patriot would think of saying except in a desperate case. It is like saying My mother, drunk or sober.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

If the barricades went up in our streets and the poor became masters, I think the priests would escape, I fear the gentlemen would; but I believe the gutters would simply be running with the blood of philanthropists.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

They have given us into the hand of new unhappy lords. Lords without anger and honor, who dare not carry their swords. They fight by shuffling papers; they have bright dead alien eyes; They look at our labor and laughter as a tired man looks at flies.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

A new philosophy generally means in practice the praise of some old vice.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The true object of all human life is play. Earth is a task garden; heaven is a playground.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

It isn't that they can't see the solution. It is that they can't see the problem.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The honest poor can sometimes forget poverty. The honest rich can never forget it.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Those thinkers who cannot believe in any gods often assert that the love of humanity would be in itself sufficient for them; and so, perhaps, it would, if they had it.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

In matters of truth the fact that you don't want to publish something is, nine times out of ten, a proof that you ought to publish it.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The madman is not the man who has lost his reason. He is the man who has lost everything except his reason.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Among the very rich you will never find a really generous man, even by accident. They may give their money away, but they will never give themselves away; they are egoistic, secretive, dry as old bones. To be smart enough to get all that money you must be dull enough to want it.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The ordinary scientific man is strictly a sentimentalist. He is a sentimentalist in this essential sense, that he is soaked and swept away by mere associations.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

To be clever enough to get all the money, one must be stupid enough to want it.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

A yawn is a silent shout.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Chastity does not mean abstention from sexual wrong; it means something flaming, like Joan of Arc.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

A turkey is more occult and awful than all the angels and archangels. In so far as God has partly revealed to us an angelic world, he has partly told us what an angel means. But God has never told us what a turkey means. And if you go and stare at a live turkey for an hour or two, you will find by the end of it that the enigma has rather increased than diminished.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

A teacher who is not dogmatic is simply a teacher who is not teaching.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

How you think when you lose determines how long it will be until you win.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Tradition means giving votes to the most obscure of all classes -- our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead. Tradition refuses to submit to the small and arrogant oligarchy of

those who merely happen to be walking around.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The only way of catching a train I have ever discovered is to miss the train before.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The traveler sees what he sees, the tourist see what he has come to see.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

You can only find truth with logic if you have already found truth without it.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Truth must necessarily be stranger than fiction, for fiction is the creation of the human mind and therefore congenial to it.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

If you do not understand a man you cannot crush him. And if you do understand him, very probably you will not.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Man seems to be capable of great virtues but not of small virtues; capable of defying his torturer but not of keeping his temper.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The chief assertion of religious morality is that white is a color. Virtue is not the absence of vices or the avoidance of moral dangers; virtue is a vivid and separate thing, like pain or a particular smell.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The average man votes below himself; he votes with half a mind or a hundredth part of one. A man ought to vote with the whole of himself, as he worships or gets married. A man ought to vote with his head and heart, his soul and stomach, his eye for faces and his ear for music; also (when sufficiently provoked) with his hands and feet. If he has ever seen a fine sunset, the crimson color of it should creep into his vote. The question is not so much whether only a minority of the electorate votes. The point is that only a minority of the voter votes.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

There are many definite methods, honest and dishonest, which make people rich; the only instinct I know of which does it is that instinct which theological Christianity crudely describes as the sin of avarice.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The world will never starve for want of wonders, but for want of wonder.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The vulgar man is always the most distinguished, for the very desire to be distinguished is

vulgar.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

One sees great things from the valley; only small things from the peak.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The doctrine of human equality reposes on this: that there is no man really clever who has not found that he is stupid.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

I've searched all the parks in all the cities and found no statues of committees.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The perplexity of life arises from there being too many interesting things in it for us to be interested properly in any of them.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Compromise used to mean that half a loaf was better than no bread. Among modern statesmen it really seems to mean that half a loaf ;is better than a whole loaf.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

I believe in getting into hot water. I think it keeps you clean.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

With any recovery from morbidity there must go a certain healthy humiliation.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

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.

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

- 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.

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.

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.

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

- 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.

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 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.

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.

Whatever deceives men seems to produce a magical enchantment.

- Plato

Democracy is a charming form of government, full of variety and disorder, and dispensing a sort of equality to equals and unequal alike.

- Plato

These, then, will be some of the features of democracy... it will be, in all likelihood, an agreeable, lawless, parti-colored commonwealth, dealing with all alike on a footing of equality, whether they be really equal or not.

- Plato

The most important part of education is proper training in the nursery.

- Plato

We are twice armed if we fight with faith.

- Plato

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.

- Plato

The punishment which the wise suffer who refuse to take part in the government, is to live under the government of worse men.

- Plato

Those who intend on becoming great should love neither themselves or their own things, but only what is just, whether it happens to be done by themselves or others.

- Plato

We ought to fly away from earth to heaven as quickly as we can; and to fly away is to become like God, as far as this is possible; and to become like him is to become holy, just, and wise.

- Plato

Honesty is for the most par less profitable than dishonesty.

- Plato

Man is a two-legged animal without feathers.

- Plato

I have good hope that there is something after death.

- Plato

Knowledge becomes evil if the aim be not virtuous.

- Plato

He best keeps from anger who remembers that God is always looking upon him.

- Plato

Love is a serious mental disease.

- Plato

Love is the joy of the good, the wonder of the wise, the amazement of the Gods.

- Plato

Poetry comes nearer to vital truth than history.

- Plato

There are few people so stubborn in their atheism who when danger is pressing in will not acknowledge the divine power.

- Plato

Science is nothing but perception.

- Plato

The principal part of faith is patience.

- Macdonald, George

Nothing makes one feel so strong as a call for help.

- Macdonald, George

It is not the cares of today, but the cares of tomorrow that weigh a man down. For the needs of today we have corresponding strength given. For the morrow we are told to trust. It is not ours yet.

- Macdonald, George

I find that doing of the will of God leaves me no time for disputing about His plans.

- Macdonald, George

The best preparation for the future is the present well seen to, and the last duty done.

- Macdonald, George

Friends, if we be honest with ourselves, we shall be honest with each other.

- Macdonald, George

Do the things you know, and you shall learn the truth you need to know.

- Macdonald, George

How strange this fear of death is! We are never frightened at a sunset.

- Macdonald, George

To have what we want is riches; but to be able to do without is power.

- Macdonald, George

To fear death, my friends, is only to think ourselves wise, without being wise: for it is to think that we know what we do not know. For anything that men can tell, death may be the greatest good that can happen to them: but they fear it as if they knew quite well that it was the greatest of evils. And what is this but that shameful ignorance of thinking that we know what we do not know?

- Socrates

The hour of departure has arrived and we go our ways; I to die, and you to live. Which is better? Only God knows.

- Socrates

Life contains but two tragedies. One is not to get your heart's desire; the other is to get it.

- Socrates

False words are not only evil in themselves, but they infect the soul with evil.

- Socrates

An education obtained with money is worse than no education at all

- Socrates

Once made equal to man, woman becomes his superior.

- Socrates

When a sinister person means to be your enemy, they always start by trying to become your friend.

- Blake, William

Insincere pessimism is a social accomplishment, rather agreeable than otherwise; and fortunately nearly all pessimism is insincere.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Many clever men like you have trusted to civilization. Many clever Babylonians, many clever Egyptians, many clever men at the end of Rome. Can you tell me, in a world that is

flagrant with the failures of civilisation, what there is particularly immortal about yours?

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Worthless people love only to eat and drink; people of worth eat and drink only to live.

- Socrates

Be slow to fall into friendship; but when thou art in, continue firm and constant.

- Socrates

The nearest way to glory is to strive to be what you wish to be thought to be.

- Socrates

No man undertakes a trade he has not learned, even the meanest; yet everyone thinks himself sufficiently qualified for the hardest of all trades, that of government.

- Socrates

From the deepest desires often come the deadliest hate.

- Socrates

The comic and the tragic lie inseparably close, like light and shadow.

- Socrates

Let him that would move the world, first move himself.

- Socrates

One thing only I know, and that is that I know nothing.

- Socrates

By all means marry. If you get a good wife you will become happy, and if you get a bad one you will become a philosopher.

- Socrates

A system of morality which is based on relative emotional values is a mere illusion, a thoroughly vulgar conception which has nothing sound in it and nothing true.

- Socrates

I was really too honest a man to be a politician and live.

- Socrates

How many are the things I can do without!

- Socrates

Our prayers should be for blessings in general, for God knows best what is good for us.

- Socrates

He who is not contented with what he has, would not be contented with what he would like

to have.

- Socrates

Know thyself.

- Socrates

Slanderers do not hurt me because they do not hit me.

- Socrates

Remember, no human condition is ever permanent. Then you will not be overjoyed in good fortune nor too scornful in misfortune.

- Socrates

I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.

- Socrates

To find yourself, think for yourself.

- Socrates

The beginning of wisdom is a definition of terms.

- Socrates

True wisdom comes to each of us when we realize how little we understand about life,

ourselves, and the world around us.

- Socrates

Well I am certainly wiser than this man. It is only too likely that neither of us has any knowledge to boast of; but he thinks that he knows something which he does not know, whereas I am quite conscious of my ignorance. At any rate it seems that I am wiser than he is to this small extent, that I do not think that I know what I do not know.

- Socrates

Contentment is natural wealth, luxury is artificial poverty.

- Socrates

Do not be angry with me if I tell you the truth

- Socrates

The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.

- Socrates

You have endured worse things; God will grant an end even to these.

- Virgil

Evil is nourished and grows by concealment.

- Virgil

Our fate, whatever it is to be, will be overcome by patience under it.

- Virgil

The gates of Hell are open night and day; smooth the descent, and easy is the way: but, to return, and view the cheerful skies; in this, the task and mighty labor lies.

- Virgil

Love conquers all; let us surrender to Love.

- Virgil

A man may imagine things that are false, but he can only understand things that are true, for if the things be false, the apprehension of them is not understanding.

- Newton, Sir Isaac

Every body continues in its state of rest, or of uniform motion in a right line, unless it is compelled to change that state by forces impressed upon it.

- Newton, Sir Isaac

If I have made any valuable discoveries, it has been owing more to patient attention than to any other talent.

- Newton, Sir Isaac

The Christian ministry is the worst of all trades, but the best of all professions.

- Newton, Sir Isaac

I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.

- Newton, Sir Isaac

Yet one thing secures us what ever betide, the scriptures assures us the Lord will provide.

- Newton, Sir Isaac

If I have seen further... it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants.

- Newton, Sir Isaac

If I am anything, which I highly doubt, I have made myself so by hard work.

- Newton, Sir Isaac

This most beautiful system [The Universe] could only proceed from the dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being.

- Newton, Sir Isaac

The irrationality of a thing is no argument against its existence, rather a condition of it.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The devil is a better theologian than any of us and is a devil still.

- Tozer, A. W.

Faith, as Paul saw it, was a living, flaming thing leading to surrender and obedience to the commandments of Christ.

- Tozer, A. W.

If God gives you a watch, are you honoring Him more by asking Him what time it is or by simply consulting the watch?

- Tozer, A. W.

An infinite God can give all of Himself to each of His children. He does not distribute Himself that each may have a part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as fully as if there were no others.

- Tozer, A. W.

What I believe about God is the most important thing about me.

- Tozer, A. W.

Salvation is from our side a choice, from the divine side it is a seizing upon, an apprehending, a conquest by the Most High God. Our accepting and willing are reactions rather than actions. The right of determination must always remain with God.

- Tozer, A. W.

No man should desire to be happy who is not at the same time holy. He should spend his efforts in seeking to know and do the will of God, leaving to Christ the matter of how happy he should be.

- Tozer, A. W.

The vague and tenuous hope that God is too kind to punish the ungodly has become a deadly opiate for the consciences of millions.

- Tozer, A. W.

To be right with God has often meant to be in trouble with men.

- Tozer, A. W.

Adversities do not make a man frail. They show what sort of man he is.

- Kempis, Thomas

Don't flatter the rich, or appear to willing before the great.

- Kempis, Thomas

Set me free from evil passions, and heal my heart of all inordinate affections; that being inwardly cured and thoroughly cleansed, I may be made fit to love, courageous to suffer, steady to persevere.

- Kempis, Thomas

Man proposes, but God disposes.

- Kempis, Thomas

Don't think so much about who is for or against you, rather give all your care, that God be with you in everything you do.

- Kempis, Thomas

If your heart were sincere and upright, every creature would be unto you a looking-glass of life and a book of holy doctrine.

- Kempis, Thomas

Be not angry that you cannot make another what you wish them to be; since you cannot make yourself what you wish to be.

- Kempis, Thomas

Remember, your prerogative is to govern, and not to serve the things of this world.

- Kempis, Thomas

It is much safer to obey, than to govern.

- Kempis, Thomas

The highest in God's esteem are the lowest in their own.

- Kempis, Thomas

The better you understand yourself the less cause you will find to love yourself.

- Kempis, Thomas

Many deceive themselves, imagining they'll find happiness in change.

- Kempis, Thomas

We usually know what we can do, but temptation shows us who we are.

- Kempis, Thomas

You are a man, not God; you are human, not an angel. How can you expect to remain always in a constant state of virtue, when this was not possible even for an angel of Heaven, nor for the first man in the Garden?

- Kempis, Thomas

The acknowledgment of our weakness is the first step in repairing our loss.

- Kempis, Thomas

Anyone who thinks hard work will never hurt you has never had to pay to have it done.

Jesus now has many lovers of his Heavenly Kingdom, but few bearers of his cross.

- Kempis, Thomas

No one is qualified to converse in public except those contented to do without such conversation.

- Kempis, Thomas

Bear the Cross cheerfully and it will bear you.

- Kempis, Thomas

We do not exist for ourselves...

- Merton, Thomas

Complete abstinence is easier than perfect moderation.

- Augustine, St.

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

- Augustine, St.

Thou must be emptied of that wherewith thou art full, that thou mayest be filled with that whereof thou art empty.

- Augustine, St.

He that is kind is free, though he is a slave; he that is evil is a slave, though he be a king.

- Augustine, St.

If two friends ask you to judge a dispute, don't accept, because you will lose one friend; on the other hand, if two strangers come with the same request, accept because you will gain one friend.

- Augustine, St.

I found thee not, O Lord, without, because I erred in seeking thee without that wert within.

- Augustine, St.

Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity.

- Augustine, St.

It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.

- Augustine, St.

Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.

- Augustine, St.

If we live good lives, the times are also good. As we are, such are the times.

- Augustine, St.

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

- Augustine, St.

Love, and do what you like.

- Augustine, St.

Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.

- Augustine, St.

Punishment is justice for the unjust.

- Augustine, St.

Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.

- Augustine, St.

To abstain from sin when one can no longer sin is to be forsaken by sin, not to forsake it.

- Augustine, St.

If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.

- Augustine, St.

I have read in Plato and Cicero sayings that are wise and very beautiful; but I have never read in either of them: Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden.

- Augustine, St.

Seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand.

- Augustine, St.

The people who remained victorious were less like conquerors than conquered.

- Augustine, St.

God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.

- Augustine, St.

The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works.

- Augustine, St.

Jesus whom I know as my Redeemer cannot be less than God.

- Athanasius, St.

To reach something good it is very useful to have gone astray, and thus acquire experience.

- Teresa of Avila, St.

Answered prayers cause more tears than those that remain unanswered.

- Teresa of Avila, St.

We can only learn to know ourselves and do what we can -- namely, surrender our will and fulfill God's will in us.

- Teresa of Avila, St.

Though I am always in haste, I am never in a hurry.

- Wesley, John

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

- Wesley, John

Passion and prejudice govern the world; only under the name of reason.

- Wesley, John

Beware you be not swallowed up in books! An ounce of love is worth a pound of knowledge.

- Wesley, John

The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion.

- Wesley, John

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

- Luther, Martin

An earthly kingdom cannot exist without inequality of persons. Some must be free, some serfs, some rulers, some subjects.

- Luther, Martin

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

- Luther, Martin

Faith must trample under foot all reason, sense, and understanding.

- Luther, Martin

Be a sinner and sin strongly, but more strongly have faith and rejoice in Christ.

- Luther, Martin

Forgiveness is God's command.

- Luther, Martin

Mankind has a free will; but it is free to milk cows and to build houses, nothing more.

- Luther, Martin

The God of this world is riches, pleasure and pride.

- Luther, Martin

Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave.

- Luther, Martin

The Lord commonly gives riches to foolish people, to whom he gives nothing else.

- Luther, Martin

How soon not now, becomes never.

- Luther, Martin

A good servant is a real godsend, but truly this is a rare bird in the land.

- Luther, Martin

The fewer the words, the better the prayer.

- Luther, Martin

Peace if possible, but truth at any rate.

- Luther, Martin

Superstition, idolatry and hypocrisy have ample wages, but the truth goes begging.

- Luther, Martin

Christians are rare people on earth.

- Luther, Martin

Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing and his own dying.

- Luther, Martin

Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn.

- Wesley, John

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

- Bunyan, John

One leak will sink a ship: and one sin will destroy a sinner.

- Bunyan, John

Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires; but what foundation did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded an empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

The Lord has turned all our sunsets into sunrise.

- Clement of Alexandria

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Jesus says, I love you just the way you are. And I love you too much to let you stay the way you are.

- Lyons, Chris

I believe in person to person. Every person is Christ for me, and since there is only one Jesus, that person is the one person in the world at that moment.

- Mother Teresa

Jesus is the God whom we can approach without pride and before whom we can humble ourselves without despair.

- Pascal, Blaise

The struggle alone pleases us, not the victory.

- Pascal, Blaise

Evil is easy, and has infinite forms.

- Pascal, Blaise

Faith embraces many truths which seem to contradict each other.

- Pascal, Blaise

Faith certainly tells us what the senses do not, but not the contrary of what they see; it is above, not against them.

- Pascal, Blaise

It is not good to be too free. It is not good to have everything one wants.

- Pascal, Blaise

If all men knew what each said of the other, there would not be four friends in the world.

- Pascal, Blaise

The heart has its reasons of which reason knows nothing: we know this in countless ways.

- Pascal, Blaise

If you would have people speak well of you, then do not speak well of yourself.

- Pascal, Blaise

Law, without force, is impotent.

- Pascal, Blaise

The more intelligent one is, the more men of originality one finds. Ordinary people find no difference between men.

- Pascal, Blaise

There are only three types of people; those who have found God and serve him; those who have not found God and seek him, and those who live not seeking, or finding him. The first are rational and happy; the second unhappy and rational, and the third foolish and unhappy.

- Pascal, Blaise

To have no time for philosophy is to be a true philosopher.

- Pascal, Blaise

To find recreation in amusement is not happiness.

- Pascal, Blaise

The property of power is to protect.

- Pascal, Blaise

Men despise religion. They hate it and are afraid it may be true.

- Pascal, Blaise

Nothing gives rest but the sincere search for truth.

- Pascal, Blaise

Our nature consist in motion; complete rest is death.

- Pascal, Blaise

There are only two kinds of men: the righteous who think they are sinners and the sinners who think they are righteous.

- Pascal, Blaise

Belief is a wise wager. Granted that faith cannot be proved, what harm will come to you if you gamble on its truth and it proves false? If you gain, you gain all; if you lose, you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation, that He exists.

- Pascal, Blaise

If we let ourselves believe that man began with divine grace, that he forfeited this by sin, and that he can be redeemed only by divine grace through the crucified Christ, then we shall find peace of mind never granted to philosophers. He who cannot believe is cursed, for he reveals by his unbelief that God has not chosen to give him grace.

- Pascal, Blaise

I have made this letter a rather long one, only because I didn't have the leisure to make it shorter.

- Pascal, Blaise

Contradiction is not a sign of falsity, nor the lack of contradiction a sign of truth.

- Pascal, Blaise

It is great wisdom to know how to be silent and to look at neither the remarks, nor the deeds, nor the lives of others.

- John of the Cross, St.

In tribulation immediately draw near to God with confidence, and you will receive strength, enlightenment, and instruction.

- John of the Cross, St.

Doubt is the father of invention.

- Galilei, Galileo

Not all who wander are lost

- Tolkien, J. R.

That best portion of a good man's life; His little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

- Wordsworth, William

When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate now knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares.

- Nouwen, Henri

Much violence is based on the illusion that life is a property to be defended and not to be shared.

- Nouwen, Henri

Activate yourself to duty by remembering your position, who you are, and what you have obliged yourself to be.

- Kempis, Thomas

Whatever you do, do it with intelligence, and keep the end in view.

- Kempis, Thomas

It is vanity to desire a long life and to take no heed of a good life.

- Kempis, Thomas

The loftier the building the deeper the foundation must be.

- Kempis, Thomas

Love seeks no cause beyond itself and no fruit; it is its own fruit, its own enjoyment. I love because I love; I love in order that I may love.

- Bernard, St.

Repeticio est mater studiorum.

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

- Acquinas, Saint Thomas

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

For it is in giving that we receive.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible and suddenly you are doing the

impossible.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

'Tis better to understand, than to be understood.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be loved as to love.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

No man is so foolish but he may sometimes give another good counsel, and no man so wise that he may not easily err if he takes no other counsel than his own. He that is taught only by himself has a fool for a master.

- Johnson, Ben

Force works on servile natures, not the free.

- Johnson, Ben

There is no greater hell than to be a prisoner of fear.

- Johnson, Ben

The covetous man never has money. The prodigal will have none shortly.

- Johnson, Ben

Having been poor is no shame, but being ashamed of it, is.

- Franklin, Benjamin

I'm tired of hearing sin called sickness and alcoholism a disease. It is the only disease I know of that we're spending hundreds of millions of dollars a year to spread.

- Havner, Vance

The devil will let a preacher prepare a sermon if it will keep him from preparing himself.

- Havner, Vance

The church is so subnormal that if it ever got back to the New Testament normal it would seem to people to be abnormal.

- Havner, Vance

If prosperity is regarded as the reward of virtue it will be regarded as the symptom of virtue.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

When we really worship anything, we love not only its clearness but its obscurity. We exult in its very invisibility.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Riches are a good hand maiden, but a poor mistress.

- Bacon, Francis

He that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. [Proverbs 28:20]

- Bible

In Giving, a man receives more than he gives; and the more is in proportion to the worth of the thing given.

- Mcdonald, George

Nothing more clearly shows how little God esteems his gift to men of wealth, money, position and other worldly goods, than the way he distributes these, and the sort of men who are most amply provided with them.

- Bruyere, Jean De La

If your riches are yours, why don't you take them with to the other world?

- Franklin, Benjamin

He who multiplies riches, multiplies cares.

- Franklin, Benjamin

One cause, which is not always observed, of the insufficiency of riches, is that they very seldom make their owner rich.

- Johnson, Samuel

A certain kind of rich man afflicted with the symptoms of moral dandyism sooner or later comes to the conclusion that it isn't enough merely to make money. He feels obliged to hold views, to espouse causes and elect Presidents, to explain to a trembling world how and why the world went wrong. The spectacle is nearly always comic.

- Lapham, Lewis H.

So our Lord God commonly gave riches to those gross asses to whom he vouchsafed nothing else.

- Luther, Martin

In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love

- Mother Teresa

I try to give to the poor people for love what the rich could get for money. No, I wouldn't touch a leper for a thousand pounds; yet I willingly cure him for the love of God.

- Mother Teresa

I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love.

- Mother Teresa

I have discovered that all human evil comes from this, man's being unable to sit still and quiet in a room alone.

- Pascal, Blaise

Faith is different from proof; the latter is human, the former is a Gift from God.

- Pascal, Blaise

Faith has to do with things that are not seen, and hope with things that are not in hand.

- Acquinas, Saint Thomas

May it not be that, just as we have to have faith in Him, God has to have faith in us and, considering the history of the human race so far, may it not be that faith is even more difficult for Him than it is for us?

- Auden, W. H.

In order to be a realist you must believe in miracles.

- Bailey, Henry Christopher

Faith is a higher faculty than reason.

- Bailey, Henry Christopher

The class distinctions proper to a democratic society are not those of rank or money, still

less, as is apt to happen when these are abandoned, of race, but of age.

- Auden, W. H.

In a land which is fully settled, most men must accept their local environment or try to change it by political means; only the exceptionally gifted or adventurous can leave to seek his fortune elsewhere. In America, on the other hand, to move on and make a fresh start somewhere else is still the normal reaction to dissatisfaction and failure.

- Auden, W. H.

My face looks like a wedding-cake left out in the rain.

- Auden, W. H.

Geniuses are the luckiest of mortals because what they must do is the same as what they most want to do.

- Auden, W. H.

God is Love, we are taught as children to believe. But when we first begin to get some inkling of how He loves us, we are repelled; it seems so cold, indeed, not love at all as we understand the word.

- Auden, W. H.

It is already possible to imagine a society in which the majority of the population, that is to say, its laborers, will have almost as much leisure as in earlier times was enjoyed by the aristocracy. When one recalls how aristocracies in the past actually behaved, the prospect

is not cheerful.

- Auden, W. H.

We must love one another or die.

- Auden, W. H.

We are not commanded (or forbidden) to love our mates, our children, our friends, our country because such affections come naturally to us and are good in themselves, although we may corrupt them. We are commanded to love our neighbor because our natural attitude toward the other is one of either indifference or hostility.

- Auden, W. H.

Left to itself the masculine imagination has very little appreciation for the here and now; it prefers to dwell on what is absent, on what has been or may be. If men are more punctual than women, it is because they know that, without the external discipline of clock time, they would never get anything done.

- Auden, W. H.

No good opera plot can be sensible, for people do not sing when they are feeling sensible.

- Auden, W. H.

Perhaps there is only one cardinal sin: impatience. Because of impatience we were driven out of Paradise, because of impatience we cannot return.

- Auden, W. H.

It is a sad fact about our culture that a poet can earn much more money writing or talking about his art than he can by practicing it.

- Auden, W. H.

The belief that politics can be scientific must inevitably produce tyrannies. Politics cannot be a science, because in politics theory and practice cannot be separated, and the sciences depend upon their separation. Empirical politics must be kept in bounds by democratic institutions, which leave it up to the subjects of the experiment to say whether it shall be tried, and to stop it if they dislike it, because, in politics, there is a distinction, unknown to science, between Truth and Justice.

- Auden, W. H.

To pray is to pay attention to something or someone other than oneself. Whenever a man so concentrates his attention -- on a landscape, a poem, a geometrical problem, an idol, or the True God -- that he completely forgets his own ego and desires, he is praying. The primary task of the schoolteacher is to teach children, in a secular context, the technique of prayer.

- Auden, W. H.

We are here on earth to do good to others. What the others are here for, I don't know.

- Auden, W. H.

All sins tend to be addictive, and the terminal point of addiction is damnation.

- Auden, W. H.

You have to see the sex act comically, as a child.

- Auden, W. H.

A man has his distinctive personal scent which his wife, his children and his dog can recognize. A crowd has a generalized stink. The public is odorless.

- Auden, W. H.

Of course, behaviorism works. So does torture. Give me a no-nonsense, down-to-earth behaviorist, a few drugs, and simple electrical appliances, and in six months I will have him reciting the Athanasian Creed in public.

- Auden, W. H.

A real book is not one that we read, but one that reads us.

- Auden, W. H.

Some books are undeservedly forgotten; none are undeservedly remembered.

- Auden, W. H.

A professor is one who talks in someone else's sleep.

- Auden, W. H.

Drama is based on the Mistake. I think someone is my friend when he really is my enemy, that I am free to marry a woman when in fact she is my mother, that this person is a chambermaid when it is a young nobleman in disguise, that this well-dressed young man is rich when he is really a penniless adventurer, or that if I do this such and such a result will follow when in fact it results in something very different. All good drama has two movements, first the making of the mistake, then the discovery that it was a mistake.

- Auden, W. H.

A tremendous number of people in America work very hard at something that bores them. Even a rich man thinks he has to go down to the office everyday. Not because he likes it but because he can't think of anything else to do.

- Auden, W. H.

No poet or novelist wishes he were the only one who ever lived, but most of them wish they were the only one alive, and quite a number fondly believe their wish has been granted.

- Auden, W. H.

Some writers confuse authenticity, which they ought always to aim at, with originality, which they should never bother about.

- Auden, W. H.

Narcissus does not fall in love with his reflection because it is beautiful, but because it is

his. If it were his beauty that enthralled him, he would be set free in a few years by its fading.

- Auden, W. H.

Healing, Papa would tell me, is not a science, but the intuitive art of wooing nature.

- Auden, W. H.

Criticism should be a casual conversation.

- Auden, W. H.

We only consult the ear because the heart is wanting.

- Pascal, Blaise

I believe though I do not comprehend, and I hold by faith what I cannot grasp with the mind.

- Bernard, St.

All things are possible to him who believes. [Mark 9:23]

- Bible

According to your faith; be it done unto you.

- Bible

If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. [Mark 9:23]

- Bible

If there was no faith there would be no living in this world. We could not even eat hash with any safety.

- Billings, Josh

To believe only possibilities is not faith, but mere philosophy.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

What is faith but a kind of betting or speculation after all? It should be, I bet that my Redeemer liveth.

- Butler, Samuel

You can do very little with faith, but you can do nothing without it.

- Butler, Samuel

Do you know how to digest your food? Do you know how to fill your lungs with air? Do you know how to establish, regulate and direct the metabolism of your body -- the assimilation of foodstuff so that it builds muscles, bones and flesh? No, you don't know how consciously, but there is a wisdom within you that does know.

- Curtis, Donald

It could be that our faithlessness is a cowering cowardice born of our very smallness, a massive failure of imagination. If we were to judge nature by common sense or likelihood, we wouldn't believe the world existed.

- Dillard, Annie

As he that fears God hears nothing else, so, he that sees God sees every thing else.

- Donne, John

Science has sometimes been said to be opposed to faith, and inconsistent with it. But all science, in fact, rests on a basis of faith, for it assumes the permanence and uniformity of natural laws -- a thing which can never be demonstrated.

- Edwards, Tryon

Just as a small fire is extinguished by the storm whereas a large fire is enhanced by it-likewise a weak faith is weakened by predicament and catastrophes whereas a strong faith is strengthened by them.

- Frankl, Viktor E.

Faith is much better than belief. Belief is when someone else does the thinking.

- Fuller, R. Buckminster

I claim to be an average man of less than average ability. I have not the shadow of a doubt that any man or woman can achieve what I have, if he or she would make the same effort and cultivate the same hope and faith.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Attempt something so impossible that unless God is in it, it's doomed to failure.

- Haggai, John

God does not require you to follow His leadings on blind trust. Behold the evidence of an invisible intelligence pervading everything, even your own mind and body.

- Holliwell, Raymond

Faith is the highest passion in a human being. Many in every generation may not come that far, but none comes further.

- Kierkegaard, Søren

At the beginning of every act of faith, there is often a seed of fear. For great acts of faith are seldom born out of calm calculation.

- Lucado, Max L.

Back of every creation, supporting it like an arch, is faith. Enthusiasm is nothing: it comes and goes. But if one believes, then miracles occur.

- Miller, Henry

Faith makes all things possible... love makes all things easy.

- Moody, Dwight L.

If faith produce no works, I see That faith is not a living tree. Thus faith and works together grow, No separate life they never can know. They're soul and body, hand and heart, What God hath joined, let no man part.

- More, Hannah

The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.

- Mueller, George E.

Weave in faith and God will find the thread.

- Proverb

Out of suffering comes the serious mind; out of salvation, the grateful heart; out of endurance, fortitude; out of deliverance faith.

- Ruskin, John

The errors of faith are better than the best thoughts of unbelief.

- Russell, Thomas

My faith has no bed to sleep upon but omnipotence.

- Rutherford, Samuel

As the essence of courage is to stake one's life on a possibility, so the essence of faith is to believe that the possibility exists.

- Salter, William

Eternal life does not begin with death; it begins with faith.

- Shoemaker, Samuel M.

Faith is a reasoning trust, a trust which reckons thoughtfully and confidently upon the trustworthiness of God.

- Stott, John R.

Do you sometimes think, if I could just see Christ. If I could meet him. If I could talk to him personally, then this life would be easier. But you have seen him. You have met him. You have talked to him personally. This knowledge, believed in faith, can make life easier.

- Unknown, Source

Faith is not without worry or care, but faith is fear that has said a prayer.

- Unknown, Source

Faith is like electricity. You can't see it, but you can see the light.

- Unknown, Source

No Christian has ever been known to recant on his death bed.

- Ward, C. M.

Justifying faith implies, not only a divine evidence or conviction that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, but a sure trust and confidence that Christ died for my sins, that He loved me and gave Himself for me.

- Wesley, John

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Nothing is so intolerable to man as being fully at rest, without a passion, without business, without entertainment, without care.

- Pascal, Blaise

Vanity of science. Knowledge of physical science will not console me for ignorance of morality in time of affliction, but knowledge of morality will always console me for ignorance of physical science.

- Pascal, Blaise

If I had more time I would write a shorter letter.

- Pascal, Blaise

I do not admire a virtue like valour when it is pushed to excess, if I do not see at the same

time the excess of the opposite virtue, as one does in Epaminondas, who displayed extreme valour and extreme benevolence. For otherwise it is not an ascent, but a fall. We do not display our greatness by placing ourselves at one extremity, but rather by being at both at the same time, and filling up the whole of the space between them.

- Pascal, Blaise

After a shooting spree, they always want to take the guns away from the people who didn't do it. I sure as hell wouldn't want to live in a society where the only people allowed guns are the police and the military.

- Burroughs, William S.

A young girl was asked: Whose preaching brought you to Christ? It wasn't anybody's preaching; it was Aunt Mary's practicing, he replied. The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.

- Mueller, George E.

Truth never damages a cause that is just.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Take me to you, imprison me, for I, except you enthrall me, never shall be free, nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.

- Donne, John

In the last analysis, the individual person is responsible for living his own life and for

finding himself. If he persists in shifting his responsibility to somebody else, he fails to find out the meaning of his own existence.

- Merton, Thomas

I cannot make the universe obey me. I cannot make other people conform to my own whims and fancies. I cannot make even my own body obey me.

- Merton, Thomas

It is easy enough to tell the poor to accept their poverty as Gods will when you yourself have warm clothes and plenty of food and medical care and a roof over your head and no worry about the rent. But if you want them to believe youtry to share some of their poverty and see if you can accept it as Gods will yourself!

- Merton, Thomas

Solitude is a way to defend the spirit against the 'murderous din of our materialism'.

- Merton, Thomas

The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not twist them to fit our own image. Otherwise we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them.

- Merton, Thomas

Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.

- Merton, Thomas

Holiness, not happiness, is the chief end of man.

- Chambers, Oswald

Character in a saint means the disposition of Jesus Christ persistently manifested.

- Chambers, Oswald

The masculine imagination lives in a state of perpetual revolt against the limitations of human life. In theological terms, one might say that all men, left to themselves, become gnostics. They may swagger like peacocks, but in their heart of hearts they all think sex an indignity and wish they could beget themselves on themselves. Hence the aggressive hostility toward women so manifest in most club-car stories.

- Auden, W. H.

The things a man has to have are hope and confidence in himself against odds, and sometimes he needs somebody, his pal or his mother or his wife or God, to give him that confidence. He's got to have some inner standards worth fighting for or there won't be any way to bring him into conflict. And he must be ready to choose death before dishonor without making too much song and dance about it. That's all there is to it.

- Gable, Clark

I mean to make myself a man, and if I succeed in that, I shall succeed in everything else.

- Garfield, James A.

The test of man is how well he is able to feel about what he thinks. The test of a woman is how well she is able to think about what she feels.

- Mcdowell, Mary

The true man wants two things: danger and play. For that reason he wants woman, as the most dangerous plaything.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A woman simply is, but a man must become. Masculinity is risky and elusive. It is achieved by a revolt from woman, and it is confirmed only by other men. Manhood coerced into sensitivity is no manhood at all.

- Paglia, Camille

There are three classes of men; lovers of wisdom, lovers of honor, and lovers of gain.

- Plato

Man is the only animal of which I am thoroughly and cravenly afraid of.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Not only is it harder to be a man, it is also harder to become one.

- Stassinopoulos, Arianna

What God wants are men great enough to be small enough to be used.

- Unknown, Source

Unlike femininity, relaxed masculinity is at bottom empty, a limp nullity. While the female body is full of internal potentiality, the male is internally barren. Manhood at the most basic level can be validated and expressed only in action.

- Gilder, George

As vivacity is the gift of women, gravity is that of men.

- Addison, Joseph

So it is naturally with the male and the female; the one is superior, the other inferior; the one governs, the other is governed; and the same rule must necessarily hold good with respect to all mankind.

- Aristotle

What a strange thing man is; and what a stranger thing woman.

- Byron, Lord

I don't know why women want any of the things men have when one the things that women have is men.

- Chanel, Coco

To be completely woman you need a master, and in him a compass for your life. You need a man you can look up to and respect. If you dethrone him it's no wonder that you are discontented, and discontented women are not loved for long.

- Dietrich, Marlene

What I am defending is the real rights of women. A woman should have the right to be in the home as a wife and mother.

- Schlafly, Phyllis

Feminism is doomed to failure because it is based on an attempt to repeal and restructure human nature.

- Schlafly, Phyllis

A daydream is a meal at which images are eaten. Some of us are gourmets, some gourmands, and a good many take their images precooked out of a can and swallow them down whole, absent-mindedly and with little relish.

- Auden, W. H.

Evil is unspectacular and always human, and shares our bed and eats at our own table.

- Auden, W. H.

He was of the faith chiefly in the sense that the church he currently did not attend was Catholic.

- Amis, Kingsley

I have no objections to churches so long as they do not interfere with God's work.

- Atkinson, Brooks

Variability is one of the virtues of a woman. It avoids the crude requirement of polygamy. So long as you have one good wife you are sure to have a spiritual harem.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The church exists to train its member through the practice of the presence of God to be servants of others, to the end that Christlikeness may become common property.

- Brown, William Adams

Many come to bring their clothes to church rather than themselves.

- Fuller, Thomas

Churchgoers are like coals in a fire. When they cling together, they keep the flame aglow; when they separate, they die out.

- Graham, Billy

It is one of the ironies of the ministry that the very man who works in God's name is often hardest put to find time for God. The parents of Jesus lost Him at church, and they were not the last ones to lose Him there.

- Havner, Vance

It's about time we quit playing church in these services that start at eleven o clock sharp and end at twelve o clock dull.

- Havner, Vance

But a priest's life is not supposed to be well-rounded; it is supposed to be one-pointed -- a compass, not a weathercock.

- Huxley, Aldous

The Church has always been willing to swap off treasures in heaven for cash down.

- Ingersoll, Robert Green

This merriment of parsons is mighty offensive.

- Johnson, Samuel

Where God builds a church the devil builds a chapel.

- Luther, Martin

A church is a place in which gentlemen who have never been to heaven brag about it to persons who will never get there.

- Mencken, H. L.

The difference between listening to a radio sermon and going to church...is almost like the

difference between calling your girl on the phone and spending an evening with her.

- Moody, Dwight L.

Church attendance is as vital to a disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy blood to a sick man.

- Moody, Dwight L.

The Christian church is a society of sinners. It is the only society in the world, membership in which is based upon the single qualification that the candidate shall be unworthy of membership.

- Morrison, Charles C.

The greatest hindrances to the evangelization of the world are those within the church.

- Mott, John R.

A church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints.

- Nash, L. L.

Many are called but few are chosen. There are sayings of Christ which suggest that the Church he came to establish will always be a minority affair.

- Norman, Edward

Here, the churches seemed to shrink away into eroding corners. They seem to have

ceased to be essential parts of American life. They no longer give life. It is the huge buildings of commerce and trade which now align the people to attention. These in their massive manner of steel and stone say, Come unto me all ye who labor, and we will give you work.

- O'Casey, Sean

He who is near the Church is often far from God.

- Proverb, French

Nearly all the evils in the Church have arisen from bishops desiring power more than light. They want authority, not outlook.

- Ruskin, John

The root of almost every schism and heresy from which the Christian Church has suffered, has been because of the effort of men to earn, rather than receive their salvation; and the reason preaching is so commonly ineffective is, that it often calls on people to work for God rather than letting God work through them.

- Ruskin, John

A glorious Church is like a magnificent feast; there is all the variety that may be, but every one chooses out a dish or two that he likes, and lets the rest alone: how glorious soever the Church is, every one chooses out of it his own religion, by which he governs himself, and lets the rest alone.

- Selden, John

We sing in a church, why can we not dance there?

- Shaw, George Bernard

What is wrong with priests and popes is that instead of being apostles and saints, they are nothing but empirics who say I know instead of I am learning, and pray for credulity and inertia as wise men pray for skepticism and activity.

- Shaw, George Bernard

The problem is not that the churches are filled with empty pews, but that the pews are filled with empty people.

- Shedd, Charlie

I never saw, heard, nor read, that the clergy were beloved in any nation where Christianity was the religion of the country. Nothing can render them popular, but some degree of persecution.

- Swift, Jonathan

I think a bishop who doesn't give offence to anyone is probably not a good bishop.

- Thomson, James

One hundred religious persons knit into a unity by careful organizations do not constitute a church any more than eleven dead men make a football team. The first requisite is life,

always.

- Tozer, A. W.

A group touring Westminster Abbey in London heard the guide list the famous people buried within its walls. During a momentary silence a little old lady's voice blurted out loud and clear, Anybody been saved here lately?

- Unknown, Source

Though the church has many critics, it has no rivals.

- Unknown, Source

She say, Celie, tell the truth, have you ever found God in church? I never did. I just found a bunch of folks hoping for him to show. Any God I ever felt in church I brought in with me. And I think all the other folks did too. They come to church to share God, not find God.

- Walker, Alice

In the Church, considered as a social organism, the mysteries inevitably degenerate into beliefs.

- Weil, Simone

If they had a social gospel in the days of the prodigal son, somebody would have given him a bed and a sandwich and he never would have gone home.

- Havner, Vance

When I pastored a country church, a farmer didn't like the sermons I preached on hell. He said, Preach about the meek and lowly Jesus. I said, That's where I got my information about hell.

- Havner, Vance

Too many church services start at eleven sharp and end at twelve dull.

- Havner, Vance

Reason is a whore, the greatest enemy that faith has.

- Luther, Martin

All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired.

- Luther, Martin

Next to theology I give music the highest place of honor.

- Luther, Martin

Justice is a temporary thing that must at last come to an end; but the conscience is eternal and will never die.

- Luther, Martin

Count your blessings. Once you realize how valuable you are and how much you have going for you, the smiles will return, the sun will break out, the music will play, and you will finally be able to move forward the life that God intended for you with grace, strength, courage, and confidence.

- Mandino, Og

Success is a journey not a destination. The doing is usually more important than the outcome. Not everyone can be Number 1.

- Ashe, Arthur

One's destination is never a place, but rather a new way of looking at things.

- Miller, Henry

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it. [Proverbs 22:6]

- Bible

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