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Remorse is regret that one waited so long to do it.

- Mencken, H. L.

The urge to save humanity is almost always only a false face for the urge to rule it.

- Mencken, H. L.

Philosophy consists very largely of one philosopher arguing that all others are jackasses. He usually proves it, and I should add that he also usually proves that he is one himself.

- Mencken, H. L.

Time is the great equalizer in the field of morals.

- Mencken, H. L.

Morality is the theory that every human act must be either right or wrong, and that 99 % of them are wrong.

- Mencken, H. L.

The lunatic fringe wags the underdog.

- Mencken, H. L.

The only cure for contempt is counter-contempt.

- Mencken, H. L.

A man who dares to waste one hour of his life has not discovered the value of life.

- Darwin, Charles R.

Puritanism: The haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy.

- Mencken, H. L.

I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart.

- Cummings, E.E. (Edward. E.)

The earth laughs in flowers.

- Cummings, E.E. (Edward. E.)

I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis, and I don't deserve that, either.

- Benny, Jack

He that jokes confesses.

- Proverb, Italian

No blame should attach to telling the truth. But it does, it does.

- Brookner, Anita

Pity. Because it was well-known local folklore that sex cleared up pimples, which are in fact the body's protest at insufficient sex or none.

- Crasta, Richard

The whole secret of existence is to have no fear. Never fear what will become of you, depend on no one. Only the moment you reject all help are you freed.

- Vivekananda, Swami

I understood that all the material of a literary work was in my past life, I understood that I had acquired it in the midst of frivolous amusements, in idleness, in tenderness and in pain, stored up by me without my divining its destination or even its survival, as the seed has in reserve all the ingredients which will nourish the plant.

- Proust, Marcel

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

- Twain, Mark

Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky.

- Tagore, Rabindranath

I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I have just lived the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it as well.

- Ackerman, Diane

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