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To lose one parent may be regarded as a misfortune... to lose both seems like carelessness.

- Wilde, Oscar

Whenever a man does a thoroughly stupid thing, it is always from the noblest motives.

- Wilde, Oscar

The one person who has more illusions than the dreamer is the man of action.

- Wilde, Oscar

I sometimes think that God in creating man somewhat overestimated his ability.

- Wilde, Oscar

The brotherhood of man is not a mere poet's dream: it is a most depressing and humiliating reality.

- Wilde, Oscar

The only thing that one really knows about human nature is that it changes. Change is the one quality we can predicate of it. The systems that fail are those that rely on the permanency of human nature, and not on its growth and development. The error of Louis

XIV was that he thought human nature would always be the same. The result of his error was the French Revolution. It was an admirable result.

- Wilde, Oscar

Man is made for something better than disturbing dirt.

- Wilde, Oscar

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.

- Wilde, Oscar

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.

- Wilde, Oscar

To be good, according to the vulgar standard of goodness, is obviously quite easy. It merely requires a certain amount of sordid terror, a certain lack of imaginative thought, and a certain low passion for middle-class respectability.

- Wilde, Oscar

America had often been discovered before Columbus, but it had always been hushed up.

- Wilde, Oscar

The tragedy of old age is not that one is old, but that one is young.

- Wilde, Oscar

Always forgive your enemies -- nothing annoys them so much.

- Wilde, Oscar

I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.

- Wilde, Oscar

Society often forgives the criminal; it never forgives the dreamer.

- Wilde, Oscar

A dreamer is one who can only find his way by moonlight, and his punishment is that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world.

- Wilde, Oscar

Discontent is the first step in the progress of a man or a nation.

- Wilde, Oscar

The only thing to do with good advice is to pass it on. It is never of any use to oneself.

- Wilde, Oscar

Praying without ceasing is not ritualized, nor are there even words. It is a constant state of awareness of oneness with God.

- Pilgrim, Peace

I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a good deal about their acts.

- Mann, Horace

The other day I got out my can-opener and was opening a can of worms when I thought, What am I doing?!

- Handey, Jack

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