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Quotes about AIDS

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Both the Moral Majority, who are recycling medieval language to explain AIDS, and those ultra-leftists who attribute AIDS to some sort of conspiracy, have a clearly political analysis of the epidemic. But even if one attributes its cause to a microorganism rather than the wrath of God, or the workings of the CIA, it is clear that the way in which AIDS has been perceived, conceptualized, imagined, researched and financed makes this the most political of diseases.

- Altman, Dennis

Everywhere I go I see increasing evidence of people swirling about in a human cesspit of their own making.

- Anderton, James

High aims form high characters, and great objects bring out great minds.

- Edwards, Tryon

From the point of view of the pharmaceutical industry, the AIDS problem has already been solved. After all, we already have a drug which can be sold at the incredible price of \$8,000 an annual dose, and which has the added virtue of not diminishing the market by actually curing anyone.

- Ehrenreich, Barbara

We are all HIV-positive.

- Galas, Diamanda

My thoughts are crowded with death and it draws so oddly on the sexual that I am confused to be attracted by, in effect, my own annihilation.

- Gunn, Thom

Aim at the sun, and you may not reach it; but your arrow will fly far higher than if aimed at an object on a level with yourself.

- Hawes, Joel

Sometimes I have a terrible feeling that I am dying not from the virus, but from being untouchable.

- Heggs, Amanda

It could be said that the AIDS pandemic is a classic own-goal scored by the human race against itself.

- Ireland, Princess Anne

The slow-witted approach to the HIV epidemic was the result of a thousand years of Christian malpractice and the childlike approach of the church to sexuality. If any single man was responsible, it was Augustine of Hippo who murdered his way to sainthood

spouting on about the sins located in his genitals.

- Jarman, Derek

We're all going to go crazy, living this epidemic every minute, while the rest of the world goes on out there, all around us, as if nothing is happening, going on with their own lives and not knowing what it's like, what we're going through. We're living through war, but where they're living it's peacetime, and we're all in the same country.

- Kramer, Larry

I have learned more about love, selflessness and human understanding in this great adventure in the world of AIDS than I ever did in the cut-throat, competitive world in which I spent my life.

- Perkins, Anthony

AIDS occupies such a large part in our awareness because of what it has been taken to represent. It seems the very model of all the catastrophes privileged populations feel await them.

- Sontag, Susan

AIDS obliges people to think of sex as having, possibly, the direst consequences: suicide. Or murder.

- Sontag, Susan

The moral immune system of this country has been weakened and attacked, and the

AIDS virus is the perfect metaphor for it. The malignant neglect of the last twelve years has led to breakdown of our country's immune system, environmentally, culturally, politically, spiritually and physically.

- Streisand, Barbara

The AIDS epidemic has rolled back a big rotting log and revealed all the squirming life underneath it, since it involves, all at once, the main themes of our existence: sex, death, power, money, love, hate, disease and panic. No American phenomenon has been so compelling since the Vietnam War.

- White, Edmund



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