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Quotes about Compassion

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In necessary things, unity; in doubtful things, liberty; in all things, charity.

- Baxter, Anne

Compassion has no place in the natural order of the world which operates on the basis of necessity. Compassion opposes this order and is therefore best thought of as being in some way supernatural.

- Berger, John

I know the compassion of others is a relief at first. I don't despise it. But it can't quench pain, it slips through your soul as through a sieve. And when our suffering has been dragged from one pity to another, as from one mouth to another, we can no longer respect or love it.

- Bernanos, Georges

Out of compassion I destroy the darkness of their ignorance. From within them I light the lamp of wisdom and dispel all darkness from their lives.

- Bhagavad Gita

The dew of compassion is a tear.

- Byron, Lord

I feel the capacity to care is the thing which gives life its deepest significance.

- Casals, Pablo

The individual is capable of both great compassion and great indifference. He has it within his means to nourish the former and outgrow the latter.

- Cousins, Norman

Man may dismiss compassion from his heart, but God never will.

- Cowper, William

The mind is no match with the heart in persuasion; constitutionality is no match with compassion.

- Dirksen, Everett M.

You may call God love, you may call God goodness. But the best name for God is compassion.

- Eckhart, Meister

We hand folks over to God's mercy, and show none ourselves.

- Eliot, George

Compassion is the antitoxin of the soul: where there is compassion even the most

poisonous impulses remain relatively harmless.

- Hoffer, Eric

The wretched have no compassion, they can do good only from strong principles of duty.

- Johnson, Samuel

There is nothing heavier than compassion. Not even one's own pain weighs so heavy as the pain one feels with someone, for someone, a pain intensified by the imagination and prolonged by a hundred echoes.

- Kundera, Milan

Compassion is no substitute for justice.

- Limbaugh, Rush

When an individual fear or apathy passes by the unfortunate, life is of no account.

- Long, Haniel

Christianity demands a level of caring that transcends human inclinations.

- Lutzer, Erwin W.

Care is a state in which something does matter; it is the source of human tenderness.

- May, Rollo

The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another

- Merton, Thomas

Saving lives is not a top priority in the halls of power. Being compassionate and concerned about human life can cause a man to lose his job. It can cause a woman not to get the job to begin with.

- Miedzian, Myriam

Minerva save us from the cloying syrup of coercive compassion!

- Paglia, Camille

No deep and strong feeling, such as we may come across here and there in the world, is unmixed with compassion. The more we love, the more the object of our love seems to us to be a victim.

- Pasternak, Boris

Get it into your head once and for all, my simple and very fainthearted fellow, that what fools call humanness is nothing but a weakness born of fear and egoism; that this chimerical virtue, enslaving only weak men, is unknown to those whose character is formed by stoicism, courage, and philosophy.

- Sade, Marquis De

Biblical orthodoxy without compassion is surely the ugliest thing in the world.

- Schaeffer, Francis

Until he extends his circle of compassion to include all living things, man will not himself find peace.

- Schweitzer, Albert

Mercy but murders, pardoning those that kill.

- Shakespeare, William

The value of compassion cannot be over-emphasized. Anyone can criticize. It takes a true believer to be compassionate. No greater burden can be borne by an individual than to know no one cares or understands.

- Stainback, Arthur H.

As we mature spiritually, we exhibit a growing capacity to care for and appreciate one another in the body of Christ, regardless of our differences.

- Stowell, Joseph

Being part of an agenda beyond ourselves liberates us to complement each other rather than compete with each other.

- Stowell, Joseph

When we come into contact with the other person, our thoughts and actions should

express our mind of compassion, even if that person says and does things that are not easy to accept. We practice in this way until we see clearly that our love is not contingent upon the other person being lovable.

- Thich Nhat Hanh

In democratic ages men rarely sacrifice themselves for another, but they show a general compassion for all the human race. One never sees them inflict pointless suffering, and they are glad to relieve the sorrows of others when they can do so without much trouble to themselves. They are not disinterested, but they are gentle.

- Tocqueville, Alexis De

Compassion automatically invites you to relate with people because you no longer regard people as a drain on your energy.

- Trungpa, Chogyam

He who feels no compassion will become insane.

- Unknown, Source



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