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# Quotes about Insects

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The mortal enemies of man are not his fellows of another continent or race; they are the aspects of the physical world which limit or challenge his control, the disease germs that attack him and his domesticated plants and animals, and the insects that carry many of these germs as well as working notable direct injury. This is not the age of man, however great his superiority in size and intelligence; it is literally the age of insects.

- Allee, W. C.

Now what sort of man or woman or monster would stroke a centipede I have ever seen?  
And here is my good big centipede! If such a man exists, I say kill him without more ado.  
He is a traitor to the human race.

- Burroughs, William S.

His Labor is a Chant -- his Idleness -- a Tune -- oh, for a Bee's experience of Clovers, and  
of Noon!

- Dickinson, Emily

Of what use, however, is a general certainty that an insect will not walk with his head  
hindmost, when what you need to know is the play of inward stimulus that sends him  
hither and thither in a network of possible paths?

- Eliot, George

Butterflies... not quite birds, as they were not quite flowers, mysterious and fascinating as are all indeterminate creatures.

- Goudge, Elizabeth

Long after the bomb falls and you and your good deeds are gone, cockroaches will still be here, prowling the streets like armored cars.

- Janowitz, Tama

That is your trick, your bit of filthy magic: invisibility, and the anaesthetic power to deaden my attention in your direction.

- Lawrence, D. H.

After the planet becomes theirs, many millions of years will have to pass before a beetle particularly loved by God, at the end of its calculations will find written on a sheet of paper in letters of fire that energy is equal to the mass multiplied by the square of the velocity of light. The new kings of the world will live tranquilly for a long time, confining themselves to devouring each other and being parasites among each other on a cottage industry scale.

- Levi, Primo

The butterfly's attractiveness derives not only from colors and symmetry: deeper motives contribute to it. We would not think them so beautiful if they did not fly, or if they flew straight and briskly like bees, or if they stung, or above all if they did not enact the perturbing mystery of metamorphosis: the latter assumes in our eyes the value of a badly

decoded message, a symbol, a sign.

- Levi, Primo

a man thinks he amounts to a great deal but to a flea or a mosquito a human being is merely something good to eat

- Marquis, Don

As a thinker and planner the ant is the equal of any savage race of men; as a self-educated specialist in several arts she is the superior of any savage race of men; and in one or two high mental qualities she is above the reach of any man, savage or civilized!

- Twain, Mark





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