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To believe something in the face of evidence and against reason - to believe something by faith - is ignoble, irresponsible and ignorant, and merits the opposite of respect.

~A.C. Grayling

A human lifespan is less than a thousand months long. You need to make some time to think how to live it.

~A.C. Grayling

To read is to fly: it is to soar to a point of vantage which gives a view over wide terrains of history, human variety, ideas, shared experience and the fruits of many inquiries.

~A.C. Grayling

Religion and science have a common ancestor - ignorance.

~A.C. Grayling

If there is anything worth fearing in the world, it is living in such a way that gives one cause for regret in the end.

~A.C. Grayling

Humanism is the philosophy that you should be a good guest at the dinner table of life.

~A.C. Grayling

Religions survive mainly because they brainwash the young.

~A.C. Grayling

Look at the blogosphere - the biggest lavatory wall in the universe, a palimpsest of graffiti and execration.

~A.C. Grayling

Try lighting your house by prayer instead of electricity and see which one works.

~A.C. Grayling

And I say, the meaning of life is what you make it. There will be as many different meaningful lives as there are people to live them.

~A.C. Grayling

I despise people who depend on these things [heroin and cocaine]. If you really want a mind-altering experience, look at a tree.

~A.C. Grayling

It takes a certain ingenuous faith - but I have it - to believe that people who read and reflect more likely than not come to judge things with liberality and truth.

~A.C. Grayling

Middle age has been defined as what happens when a person's broad mind and narrow waist change places.

~A.C. Grayling

Inculcating the various competing - competing, note - falsehoods of the major faiths into small children is a form of child abuse, and a scandal.

~A.C. Grayling

Misuse of reason might yet return the world to pre-technological night; plenty of religious zealots hunger for just such a result, and are happy to use the latest technology to effect it.

~A.C. Grayling

I am putting together a secular bible. My Genesis is when the apple falls on Newton's head.

~A.C. Grayling

Just as modern motorways have no room for ox-carts or wandering pedestrians, so modern society has little place for lives and ways that

are too eccentric.

~A.C. Grayling

It doesn't have to be the Grand Canyon, it could be a city street, it could be the face of another human being - Everything is full of wonder.

~A.C. Grayling

...mastery of the emotions is fundamental to a virtuous life.

~A.C. Grayling

Science is the outcome of being prepared to live without certainty and therefore a mark of maturity. It embraces doubt and loose ends.

~A.C. Grayling

The media no longer hesitate to whip up lurid anxieties in order to increase sales, in the process undermining social confidence and multiplying fears.

~A.C. Grayling

The wise say that our failure is to form habits: for habit is the mark of a stereotyped world.

~A.C. Grayling

When I was 14 a chaplain at school gave me a reading list. I read everything and I went back to him with a question: how can you really believe in this stuff?

~A.C. Grayling

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