

Alasdair MacIntyre

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I can only answer the question 'What am I to do?' if I can answer the prior question 'Of what story or stories do I find myself a part?'

~Alasdair MacIntyre

Christians have given atheists less and less in which to disbelieve

~Alasdair MacIntyre

It is only by participation in a rational, practice-based community that one becomes rational.

~Alasdair MacIntyre

Truth has been displaced as a value and replaced by psychological effectiveness.

~Alasdair MacIntyre

At the foundation of moral thinking lie beliefs in statements the truth of which no further reason can be given.

~Alasdair MacIntyre

[M]odern society is indeed often, at least in surface appearance, nothing but a collection of strangers, each pursuing his or her own interests under minimal constraints.

~Alasdair MacIntyre

The way to bring out the best in the British people is to attack them.

~Alasdair MacIntyre

What this brings out is that modern politics cannot be a matter of genuine moral consensus. And it is not. Modern politics is civil war carried on by other means.

~Alasdair MacIntyre

Facts, like telescopes and wigs for gentlemen, were a seventeenth century invention.

~Alasdair MacIntyre

Morality which is no particular society's morality is to be found nowhere.

~Alasdair MacIntyre

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What our laws show is the extent and degree to which conflict has to be suppressed.

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Traditions, when vital, embody continuities of conflict. Indeed when a tradition becomes Burkean, it is always dying or dead.

~Alasdair MacIntyre

We are waiting not for a Godot but for another-doubtless very different-St. Benedict.

~Alasdair MacIntyre

The attempted professionalization of serious and systematic thinking has had a disastrous effect upon our culture

~Alasdair MacIntyre

Those emotive theorists who said that the function of moral utterance was to evince emotion would... have been correct if they had substituted the indefinite for the definite article.

~Alasdair MacIntyre

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