

# Aldous Huxley

## Quotes

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Experience is not what happens to you; it's what you do with what happens to you.

~Aldous Huxley

People will come to love their oppression, to adore the technologies that undo their capacities to think.

~Aldous Huxley

The deepest sin against the human mind is to believe things without evidence.

~Aldous Huxley

There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.

~Aldous Huxley

Medical science has made such tremendous progress that there is hardly a healthy human left.

~Aldous Huxley

Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.

~Aldous Huxley

Most ignorance is vincible ignorance. We don't know because we don't want to know.

~Aldous Huxley

Dictators can always consolidate their tyranny by an appeal to patriotism.

~Aldous Huxley

Never have so many been manipulated so much by so few.

~Aldous Huxley

The more powerful and original a mind, the more it will incline towards the religion of solitude.

~Aldous Huxley

That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons of history.

~Aldous Huxley

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you mad.

~Aldous Huxley

The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which mean never losing your enthusiasm.

~Aldous Huxley

If most of us remain ignorant of ourselves, it is because self-knowledge is painful and we prefer the pleasures of illusion.

~Aldous Huxley

The propagandist's purpose is to make one set of people forget that certain other sets of people are human.

~Aldous Huxley

One believes things because one has been conditioned to believe them.

~Aldous Huxley

Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted.

~Aldous Huxley

Armaments, universal debt and planned obsolescence - those are the three pillars of Western prosperity.

~Aldous Huxley

Writers write to influence their readers, their preachers, their auditors, but always, at bottom, to be more themselves.

~Aldous Huxley

An intellectual is a person who's found one thing that's more interesting than sex.

~Aldous Huxley

The most valuable of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it has to be done, whether you like it or not.

~Aldous Huxley

But I don't want comfort. I want God, I want poetry, I want real danger, I want freedom, I want goodness. I want sin.

~Aldous Huxley

The charm of history and its enigmatic lesson consist in the fact that, from age to age, nothing changes and yet everything is completely different.

~Aldous Huxley

Words can be like X-rays if you use them properly -- they'll go through anything. You read and you're pierced.

~Aldous Huxley

The victim of mind-manipulation does not know that he is a victim. To him, the walls of his prison are invisible, and he believes himself to be free.

~Aldous Huxley

Orthodoxy is the diehard of the world of thought. It learns not, neither can it forget.

~Aldous Huxley

Don't try to behave as though you were essentially sane and naturally good. We're all demented sinners in the same cosmic boat - and the boat is perpetually sinking.

~Aldous Huxley

Medical science is making such remarkable progress that soon none of us will be well.

~Aldous Huxley

But the nature of the universe is such that ends can never justify means. On the contrary, the means always determine the end.

~Aldous Huxley

After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.

~Aldous Huxley

Wherever the choice has had to be made between the man of reason and the madman, the world has unhesitatingly followed the madman.

~Aldous Huxley

Single-mindedness is all very well in cows or baboons; in an animal claiming to belong to the same species as Shakespeare, it is simply disgraceful.

~Aldous Huxley

Thanks to words, we have been able to rise above the brutes; and thanks to words, we have often sunk to the level of the demons.

~Aldous Huxley

which is better - to be born stupid into an intelligent society or intelligent into an insane one?

~Aldous Huxley

The question of the next generation will not be one of how to liberate the masses, but rather, how to make them love their servitude.

~Aldous Huxley

Children are remarkable for their intelligence and ardor, for their curiosity, their intolerance of shams, the clarity and ruthlessness of their vision.

~Aldous Huxley

Beauty is worse than wine, it intoxicates both the holder and beholder.

~Aldous Huxley

Hug me till you drug me, honey; Kiss me till I'm in a coma.

~Aldous Huxley

Idealism is the noble toga that political gentlemen drape over their will to power.

~Aldous Huxley

On no account brood over your wrongdoing. Rolling in the muck is not the best way of getting clean.

~Aldous Huxley

Bondage is the life of personality, and for bondage the personal self will fight with tireless resourcefulness and the most stubborn cunning.

~Aldous Huxley

Great is truth, but still greater, from a practical point of view, is silence about truth.

~Aldous Huxley

Love casts out fear; but conversely fear casts out love. And not only love. Fear also casts out intelligence, casts out goodness, casts out all thought of beauty and truth.

~Aldous Huxley

God isn't compatible with machinery and scientific medicine and universal happiness. You must make your choice. Our civilization has chosen machinery and medicine and happiness.

~Aldous Huxley

An unexciting truth may be eclipsed by a thrilling lie.

~Aldous Huxley

So long as men worship the Caesars and Napoleons, Caesars and Napoleons will duly arise and make them miserable.

~Aldous Huxley

Good is a product of the ethical and spiritual artistry of individuals; it cannot be mass-produced.

~Aldous Huxley

Give us this day our daily Faith, but deliver us, dear God, from Belief.

~Aldous Huxley

It's a little embarrassing that after 45 years of research & study, the best advice I can give people is to be a little kinder to each other.

~Aldous Huxley

Technological progress has merely provided us with more efficient means for going backwards.

~Aldous Huxley

Beware of being too rational. In the country of the insane, the integrated man doesn't become king. He gets lynched.

~Aldous Huxley

To travel is to discover that everyone is wrong about other countries.

~Aldous Huxley

No social stability without individual stability.

~Aldous Huxley

Experience teaches only the teachable.

~Aldous Huxley

The worst enemy of life, freedom and the common decencies is total anarchy; their second worst enemy is total efficiency.

~Aldous Huxley

I wanted to change the world. But I have found that the only thing one can be sure of changing is oneself.

~Aldous Huxley

Back to culture. Yes, actually to culture. You can't consume much if you sit still and read books.

~Aldous Huxley

Consistency is contrary to nature, contrary to life. The only completely consistent people are dead.

~Aldous Huxley

We shall be permitted to live on this planet only for as long as we treat all nature with compassion and intelligence.

~Aldous Huxley

Words are good servants but bad masters.

~Aldous Huxley

I'm afraid of losing my obscurity. Genuineness only thrives in the dark. Like celery.

~Aldous Huxley



If one's different, one's bound to be lonely.

~Aldous Huxley

We live together, we act on, and react to one another; but always, and in all circumstances, we are by ourselves.

~Aldous Huxley

Which is better: to have fun with fungi or to have Idiocy with ideology, to have wars because of words, to have tomorrow's misdeeds out of yesterday's miscreeds?

~Aldous Huxley

Everyone who wants to do good to the human race always ends in universal bullying.

~Aldous Huxley

The trouble with fiction," said John Rivers, "is that it makes too much sense. Reality never makes sense.

~Aldous Huxley

There is no bad day that can't be overcome by listening to a barbershop quartet. This is just truth, plain and simple.

~Aldous Huxley

Modern man no longer regards Nature as in any sense divine and feels perfectly free to behave toward her as an overweening conqueror and tyrant.

~Aldous Huxley

My father considered a walk among the mountains as the equivalent of churchgoing.

~Aldous Huxley

Liberties are not given, they are taken.

~Aldous Huxley

To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs.

~Aldous Huxley

All gods are homemade, and it is we who pull their strings, and so, give them the power to pull ours.

~Aldous Huxley

Universal happiness keeps the wheels steadily turning, truth and beauty can't.

~Aldous Huxley

We are all geniuses up to the age of ten.

~Aldous Huxley

A man can smile and smile and be a villain.

~Aldous Huxley

Reality cannot be ignored except at a price; and the longer the ignorance is persisted in, the higher and more terrible becomes the price that must be paid.

~Aldous Huxley

The third petition of the Lord's Prayer is repeated daily by millions who have not the slightest intention of letting anyone's will be done but their own.

~Aldous Huxley

Liberty? Why it doesn't exist. There is no liberty in this world, just gilded cages.

~Aldous Huxley

life is short and information endless: nobody has time for everything

~Aldous Huxley

That we are not much sicker and much madder than we are is due exclusively to that most blessed and blessing of all natural graces, sleep.

~Aldous Huxley

All conditioning aims at that: making people like their inescapable social destiny.

~Aldous Huxley

The survival of democracy depends on the ability of large numbers of people to make realistic choices in the light of adequate information.

~Aldous Huxley

The world is an illusion, but an illusion which we must take seriously.

~Aldous Huxley

Dream in a pragmatic way.

~Aldous Huxley

When the individual feels, the community reels.

~Aldous Huxley

It isn't a matter of forgetting. What one has to learn is how to remember and yet be free of the past.

~Aldous Huxley

Cleanliness is next to fordliness.

~Aldous Huxley

But a priest's life is not supposed to be well-rounded; it is supposed to be one-pointed - a compass, not a weathercock.

~Aldous Huxley

But every one belongs to every one else

~Aldous Huxley

Happiness is not achieved by the conscious pursuit of happiness; it is generally the by-product of other activities.

~Aldous Huxley

The pleasures of ignorance are as great, in their way, as the pleasures of knowledge.

~Aldous Huxley

Higher education is not necessarily a guarantee of higher virtue.

~Aldous Huxley

All right then," said the Savage defiantly, "I'm claiming the right to be unhappy.

~Aldous Huxley

No man ever dared to manifest his boredom so insolently as does a Siamese tomcat when he yawns in the face of his amorously importunate wife.

~Aldous Huxley

We don't want to change. Every change is a menace to stability.

~Aldous Huxley

We can't allow science to undo its own good work.

~Aldous Huxley

Industrialization is the systemic exploitation of wasting assets. In all too many cases, the thing we call progress is merely an acceleration in the rate of that exploitation.

~Aldous Huxley

We cannot reason ourselves out of our basic irrationality. All we can do is to learn the art of being irrational in a reasonable way.

~Aldous Huxley

What is absurd and monstrous about war is that men who have no personal quarrel should be trained to murder one another in cold blood.

~Aldous Huxley

A majority of young people seem to develop mental arteriosclerosis forty years before they get the physical kind.

~Aldous Huxley

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