

# Aleister Crowley

## Quotes

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A man who is doing his True Will has the inertia of the Universe to assist him.

~Aleister Crowley

It is necessary that we stop, once for all, this ignorant meddling with other people's business. Each individual must be left free to follow his own path.

~Aleister Crowley

The key of joy is disobedience.

~Aleister Crowley

Intolerance is evidence of impotence.

~Aleister Crowley

Having to talk destroys the symphony of silence.

~Aleister Crowley

We must conquer life by living it to the full, and then we can go to meet death with a certain prestige.

~Aleister Crowley

Sex is the sacred song of the soul; Sex is the sanctuary of Self.

~Aleister Crowley

Balance every thought with its opposition. Because the marriage of them is the destruction of illusion.

~Aleister Crowley

If one were to take the bible seriously one would go mad. But to take the bible seriously, one must be already mad.

~Aleister Crowley

You can only accomplish your object in life by complete disregard of the

opinions of other people.

~Aleister Crowley

I was not content to believe in a personal devil and serve him, in the ordinary sense of the word. I wanted to get hold of him personally and become his chief of staff.

~Aleister Crowley

Magick is the science and art of causing change to occur in conformity with will.

~Aleister Crowley

I slept with faith and found a corpse in my arms on awakening; I drank and danced all night with doubt and found her a virgin in the morning.

~Aleister Crowley

What the eye doesn't see, the heart doesn't grieve over.

~Aleister Crowley

The customer is usually wrong, but statistics indicate that it doesn't pay to tell him so

~Aleister Crowley

I can imagine myself on my death-bed, spent utterly with lust to touch the next world, like a boy asking for his first kiss from a woman.

~Aleister Crowley

The Way of Mastery is to break all the rulesâ€”but you have to know them perfectly before you can do this; otherwise you are not in a position to transcend them.

~Aleister Crowley

The sot drinks, and is drunken: the coward drinks not, and shivers: the wise man, brave and free, drinks, and gives glory to the Most High God.

~Aleister Crowley

It is the mark of the mind untrained to take its own processes as valid for all men, and its own judgments for absolute truth.

~Aleister Crowley

There are no "standards of Right". Ethics is balderdash. Each Star must go on its own orbit. To hell with "moral principle"; there is no such thing.

~Aleister Crowley

What is necessary is not to seek after some fantastic ideal, utterly unsuited to our real needs, but to discover the true nature of those needs, to fulfill them, and rejoice therein.

~Aleister Crowley

There is only one really safe, mild, harmless beverage and you can drink as much of that as you like without running the slightest risk, and what you say when you want it is, 'Garçon! Un Pernod!'

~Aleister Crowley

The Gods are but names for the forces of Nature themselves.

~Aleister Crowley

The sin which is unpardonable is knowingly and wilfully to reject truth, to fear knowledge lest that knowledge pander not to thy prejudices.

~Aleister Crowley

Every man and every woman is a star.

~Aleister Crowley

Love is the only principle which makes life tolerable.

~Aleister Crowley

Repeal all laws which assume that mankind is a herd of cattle

~Aleister Crowley

May the New Year bring you courage to break your resolutions early!

~Aleister Crowley

Every intentional act is a magical act.

~Aleister Crowley

I did not hate God or Christ, but merely the God and Christ of the people whom I hated.

~Aleister Crowley

Paganism is wholesome because it faces the facts of life.

~Aleister Crowley

Falsehood is invariably the child of fear in one form or another.

~Aleister Crowley

Your friends will notice at once that glib vacuities fail to impress, and hate you, and tell lies about you. It's worth it.

~Aleister Crowley

Magick is the Science of understanding oneself and one's conditions. It is the Art of applying that understanding in action.

~Aleister Crowley

This serpent, SATAN, is not the enemy of Man, but He who made Gods of our race, knowing Good and Evil; He bade 'Know Thyself!' and taught Initiation.

~Aleister Crowley

I was asked to memorise what I did not understand; and, my memory being so good, it refused to be insulted in that manner.

~Aleister Crowley

The man who denounces life merely defines himself as the man who is unequal to it.

~Aleister Crowley

This Universe is a wild revel of atoms, men, and stars, each one a Soul of Light and Mirth, horsed on Eternity.

~Aleister Crowley

What is the meaning of Initiation? It is the Path to the realisation of your Self as the sole, the supreme, the absolute of all Truth, Beauty, Purity, Perfection!

~Aleister Crowley

Light, Life and Love are like three glow-worms at thy feet: the whole universe of stars, the dewdrops on the grass whereon thou walkest!

~Aleister Crowley

Anything which throws light upon the Universe, anything which reveals us to ourselves, should be welcome in this world of riddles.

~Aleister Crowley

Truth! Truth! Truth! crieth the Lord of the Abyss of Hallucinations

~Aleister Crowley

The pious pretense that evil does not exist only makes it vague, enormous and menacing.

~Aleister Crowley

Happiness lies within one's self, and the way to dig it out is cocaine.

~Aleister Crowley

Magic is real. And reality... it is magical.

~Aleister Crowley

Since all things are God, in all things thou seest just so much of God as thy capacity affordeth thee.

~Aleister Crowley

To read a newspaper is to refrain from reading something worth while. The first discipline of education must therefore be to refuse resolutely to feed the mind with canned chatter.

~Aleister Crowley

Indubitably, magic is one of the subtlest and most difficult of the sciences and arts. There is more opportunity for errors of comprehension, judgment and practice than in any other branch of physics.

~Aleister Crowley

Unspeakable is the variety of form and immeasurable the diversity of beauty, but in all is the seal of unity.

~Aleister Crowley

The Holy Guardian Angel is the spiritual Sun of the Soul of the Adept.

~Aleister Crowley

Their false compassion is called compassion and their false understanding is called understanding, for this is their most potent spell.

~Aleister Crowley

Must not understanding lie open unto wisdom as the pyramids lie open to the stars? (6:2)

~Aleister Crowley

Ordinary morality is only for ordinary people.

~Aleister Crowley

Oh, how superior is the Eye of Horus to the Mouth of Isis!

~Aleister Crowley

Tell the truth, but lead so improbable a life that the truth will never be believed.

~Aleister Crowley

The essence of independence has been to think and act according to standards from within, not without.

~Aleister Crowley

We place no reliance On virgin or pigeon; Our Method is Science, Our Aim is Religion.

~Aleister Crowley

In the absence of willpower the most complete collection of virtues and talents is wholly worthless.

~Aleister Crowley

Science is always discovering odd scraps of magical wisdom and making a tremendous fuss about its cleverness.

~Aleister Crowley

A burnt child dreads the fire.

~Aleister Crowley

I was not content to just believe in Satan. I wanted to be his chief or staff.

~Aleister Crowley

The ordinary man looking at a mountain is like an illiterate person confronted with a Greek manuscript.



~Aleister Crowley

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.

~Aleister Crowley

I am the blue-lidded daughter of Sunset; I am the naked brilliance of the voluptuous night-sky.

~Aleister Crowley

It is necessary, in this world, to be made of harder stuff than one's environment.

~Aleister Crowley

For I am divided for love's sake, for the chance of union.

~Aleister Crowley

I will interpret every phenomenon as a particular dealing of God with my soul

~Aleister Crowley

A single ego is an absurdly narrow vantage point from which to view the world.

~Aleister Crowley

Invoke often! Inflamm thyself with prayer!

~Aleister Crowley

To me a book is a message from the gods to mankind; or, if not, should never be published at all.

~Aleister Crowley

The intention of this Book of The Law is perfectly simple. Whatever your sexual predilections may be, you are free, by the Law of Thelema, to the the star you are, to go your own way rejoicing.

~Aleister Crowley

May the New Year bring you courage to break your resolutions early!  
My own plan is to swear off every kind of virtue, so that I triumph even when I fall!

~Aleister Crowley

Sanity is a compromise.

~Aleister Crowley

Every incarnation that we remember must increase our comprehension of ourselves as who we are.

~Aleister Crowley

I've often thought that there isn't any "I" at all; that we are simply the means of expression of something else; that when we think we are ourselves, we are simply the victims of a delusion.

~Aleister Crowley

Magick is the Art of Life itself.

~Aleister Crowley

Black magic is not a myth. It is a totally unscientific and emotional form of magic, but it does get results "of an extremely temporary nature.

~Aleister Crowley

I was in the death struggle with self: God and Satan fought for my soul those three long hours. God conquered "now I have only one doubt left " which of the twain was God?

~Aleister Crowley

To use legal or financial constraint to compel either abstention or submission, is entirely horrible, unnatural and absurd.

~Aleister Crowley

The average man cannot believe that an artist may be as serious and highminded an observer of life as the professed man of science.

~Aleister Crowley

When you have proved that God is merely a name for the sex instinct, it appears to me not far to the perception that the sex instinct is God.

~Aleister Crowley

It's no good trying to teach people who need to be taught.

~Aleister Crowley

The word of Sin is Restriction

~Aleister Crowley

The most delicious sensation of all is the re-birth of healthy human love. Spring coming back to Earth!

~Aleister Crowley

I am inclined to agree with the Head Master of Eton that pã!derastic passions among schoolboys 'do no harm'; further, I think them the only redeeming feature of sexual life at public schools.

~Aleister Crowley

I am certainly of opinion that genius can be acquired, or, in the alternative, that it is an almost universal possession.

~Aleister Crowley

A white male child of perfect innocence and intelligence makes the most suitable victim.

~Aleister Crowley

There is no part of me that is not of the Gods.

~Aleister Crowley

I believe in one Gnostic and Catholic Church of Light, Life, Love and Liberty, the Word of whose Law is THELEMA .

~Aleister Crowley

The best models of English writing are Shakespeare and the Old Testament.

~Aleister Crowley

I have never grown out of the infantile belief that the universe was made for me to suck.

~Aleister Crowley

Astrology has no more useful function than this, to discover the inmost nature of a man and to bring it out into his consciousness, that he may fulfil it according to the law of light.

~Aleister Crowley

Love is the law, love under will.

~Aleister Crowley

The eternal mistake of mankind is to set up an attainable ideal.

~Aleister Crowley

By the power of truth, I, while living, have conquered the universe.

~Aleister Crowley

To me, every dirty act was simply a sacrament of sin, a passionately religious protest against Christianity, which was for me the symbol of all vileness, meanness, treachery, falsehood and oppression.

~Aleister Crowley

Modern morality and manners suppress all natural instincts, keep people ignorant of the facts of nature and make them fighting drunk on bogey tales.

~Aleister Crowley

The old spelling MAGICK has been adopted throughout in order to distinguish the Science of the Magi from all its counterfeits.

~Aleister Crowley

The True Will is thus both determined by its equations, and free because those equation are simply its own name, spelt out fully.

~Aleister Crowley

Part of the public horror of sexual irregularity so-called is due to the fact that everyone knows himself essentially guilty.

~Aleister Crowley

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