

Alister E. McGrath

Quotes

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Faith is not something that goes against the evidence, it goes beyond it. The evidence is saying to us, 'There is another country. There is something beyond mere reason'.

~Alister E. McGrath

Within each of us exists the image of God, however disfigured and corrupted by sin it may presently be. God is able to recover this image through grace as we are conformed to Christ.

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The Christian faith allows us to see further and deeper, to appreciate that nature is studded with signs, radiant with reminders, and emblazoned with symbols of God, our creator and redeemer.

~Alister E. McGrath

A failure to understand something does not mean it is irrational. It may simply mean that it lies on the far side of our limited abilities to take things in and make complete sense of them.

~Alister E. McGrath

Christianity is rarely understood by those outside its bounds. In fact, this is probably one of the greatest tasks confronting the apologist-to rescue Christianity from misunderstandings.

~Alister E. McGrath

Suffering does not call into question the "big picture" of the Christian faith. It reminds us that we do not see the whole picture, and are thus unable to fit all of the pieces neatly into place.

~Alister E. McGrath

The most radical question which anyone can be asked is not how much their possessions cost, but whether they have found something of value - that is, something that makes living worthwhile.

~Alister E. McGrath

Our present world contains clues...to another world-a world which we can begin to experience now, but will only know in all its fullness at the end of things.

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Rational argument does not create belief, but it maintains a climate in which belief may flourish.

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The English experience suggested that nobody really doubted the existence of God until theologians tried to prove it.

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Our desires cannot be, and were never meant to be, satisfied by earthly pleasures alone.

~Alister E. McGrath

The true believer is not someone who disengages from this world in order to focus on heaven, but rather the one who tries to make this world more like heaven.

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We live on earth; our homeland is in heaven.

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All the important things in life lie beyond reason... and that's just the way things are.

~Alister E. McGrath

Deep down within all of us is a longing to work out what life is all about and what we're meant to be doing.

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Good does not triumph unless good people rise to the challenges

around them.

~Alister E. McGrath

The hallmark of intelligence is not whether one believes in God or not, but the quality of the processes that underlie one's beliefs.

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At Oxford University, the certainties of my atheist faith (and atheism is a faith) began to crumble

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We live in a world of competing narratives. In the end, we have to decide for ourselves which is right. And having made that decision, we then need to inhabit the story we trust.

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The idea of 'calling' was fundamentally redefined: no longer was it about being called to serve God by leaving the world; it was now about serving God in the world

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Manz, formerly one of Zwingli's closest allies, held that there was no biblical warrant for infant baptism. Refusing to recant his views, he was tied up and drowned in the River Limmat.

~Alister E. McGrath

Puzzles lead to logical answers; mysteries often force us to stretch language to its limits in an attempt to describe a reality that is just too great to take in properly.

~Alister E. McGrath

To reenchant nature is not merely to gain a new perspective for its integrity and well-being; it is to throw open the doors to a deeper level of existence.

~Alister E. McGrath

Hope is rooted in the trustworthiness of God.

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Imagination is the gatekeeper of the human soul.

~Alister E. McGrath

Surely the better way is to pursue a generous orthodoxy, seeing disagreements in the context of the greater agreements which bind us together.

~Alister E. McGrath

One of the best introductions to the history and ideas of Calvinism, packed with insight and wisdom.

~Alister E. McGrath

Hope is a settled state of mind, in which we see the world in its true light, and look forward to our final homecoming in heaven.

~Alister E. McGrath

If there is no ultimate reality, it's pointless to think about how we might get there.

~Alister E. McGrath

For Luther, it (faith) is an undeviating, trusting outlook appointment life, a constant stance of the trustworthiness of the promises of God.

~Alister E. McGrath

We must not think that religious concerns swamped all other social activities. They simply provided a focal point for them.

~Alister E. McGrath

When the old poets made some virtue their theme, they were not

teaching but adoring.

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The reading of literature opens our eyes, offering us new perspectives on things that we can evaluate and adopt.

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Clergy had a vested interest in retaining the old, ways, which made few demands of them as teachers, as spiritual guides, or as moral examples or agents.

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