

# Arnold J. Toynbee

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The supreme accomplishment is to blur the line between work and play.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Of the twenty-two civilizations that have appeared in history, nineteen of them collapsed when they reached the moral state the United States is in now.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Civilizations die from suicide, not by murder.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

The immense cities lie basking on the beaches of the continent like whales that have taken to the land.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

It is a paradoxical but profoundly true and important principle of life that the most likely way to reach a goal is to be aiming not at that goal itself but at some more ambitious goal beyond it.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Civilization is a movement and not a condition, a voyage and not a harbor.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

The aim of all education is, or should be, to teach people to educate themselves.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Sooner or later, man has always had to decide whether he worships his own power or the power of God.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Material power that is not counterbalanced by adequate spiritual power,

that is, by love and wisdom, is a curse

~Arnold J. Toynbee

The only real struggle in the history of the world ... is between the vested interest and social justice.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

The human race's prospects of survival were considerably better when we were defenceless against tigers than they are today when we have become defenceless against ourselves.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

The absolute value of love makes life worth while, and so makes Man's strange and difficult situation acceptable. Love cannot save life from death; but it can fulfill life's purpose.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Write regularly, day in and day out, at whatever times of day you find that you write best. Don't wait till you feel that you are in the mood. Write, whether you are feeling inclined to write or not.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

History is a vision of God's creation on the move.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

As human beings, we are endowed with freedom of choice, and we cannot shuffle off our responsibility upon the shoulders of God or nature. We must shoulder it ourselves. It is our responsibility.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Love's way of dealing with us is different from conscience's way. Conscience commands; love inspires. What we do out of love, we do because we want to.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

The last stage but one of every civilisation, is characterised by the forced political unification of its constituent parts, into a single greater whole.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

A city that outdistances man's walking powers is a trap for man.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

America is a large friendly dog in a small room. Every time it wags its tail it knocks over a chair.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Apathy can be overcome by enthusiasm.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

I do not believe that civilizations have to die because civilization is not an organism. It is a product of wills.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

History not used is nothing, for all intellectual life is action, like practical life, and if you don't use the stuff - well, it might as well be dead.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

So-called racial characteristics are not really racial at all but are due to the historical experiences of the communities in question.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

There is no such thing as gratitude in international politics.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

My advice to any traveler who is traveling in order to learn would be: 'Fight tooth and nail to be permitted to travel in what is technically the least efficient way.'

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Nothing fails like success when you rely on it too much.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Human dignity can be achieved only in the field of ethics, and ethical achievement is measured by the degree in which our actions are governed by compassion and love, not by greed and aggressiveness.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Adversity in the things of this world opens the door for spiritual salvation.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

We have been God-like in our planned breeding of our domesticated plants and animals, but we have been rabbit-like in our unplanned breeding of ourselves.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Man's true end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him for ever.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Angkor is perhaps the greatest of Man's essays in rectangular architecture that has yet been brought to life.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

The equation of religion with belief is rather recent.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

Anxiety and conscience are a powerful pair of dynamos. Between them, they have ensured that I shall work hard, but they cannot ensure that one shall work at anything worthwhile.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

No being can be what he is unless he is putting his essence into action in his field.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

The value of the goal lies in the goal itself; and therefore the goal cannot be attained unless it is pursued for its own sake.

~Arnold J. Toynbee

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