

Charles Darwin Quotes

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The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man.

~Charles Darwin

A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.

~Charles Darwin

The world will not be inherited by the strongest, it will be inherited by those most able to change.

~Charles Darwin

Nothing exists for itself alone, but only in relation to other forms of life

~Charles Darwin

Building a better mousetrap merely results in smarter mice.

~Charles Darwin

A mathematician is a blind man in a dark room looking for a black cat which isn't there.

~Charles Darwin

An American monkey, after getting drunk on brandy, would never touch it again, and thus is much wiser than most men.

~Charles Darwin

It is not the biggest, the brightest or the best that will survive, but those who adapt the quickest.

~Charles Darwin

We can allow satellites, planets, suns, universe, nay whole systems of universes, to be governed by laws, but the smallest insect, we wish to be created at once by special act.

~Charles Darwin

What a book a devil's chaplain might write on the clumsy, wasteful, blundering, low, and horribly cruel work of nature!

~Charles Darwin

The more one thinks, the more one feels the hopeless immensity of man's ignorance.

~Charles Darwin

There is no fundamental difference between man and animals in their ability to feel pleasure and pain, happiness, and misery.

~Charles Darwin

I have called this principle, by which each slight variation, if useful, is preserved, by the term of Natural Selection.

~Charles Darwin

Intelligence is based on how efficient a species became at doing the things they need to survive.

~Charles Darwin

If the misery of the poor be caused not by the laws of nature, but by our institutions, great is our sin.

~Charles Darwin

The highest possible stage in moral culture is when we recognize that we ought to control our thoughts.

~Charles Darwin

I cannot persuade myself that a beneficent and omnipotent God would have designedly created parasitic wasps with the express intention of their feeding within the living bodies of Caterpillars.

~Charles Darwin

It is impossible to conceive of this immense and wonderful universe as

the result of blind chance or necessity.

~Charles Darwin

In the struggle for survival, the fittest win out at the expense of their rivals because they succeed in adapting themselves best to their environment.

~Charles Darwin

Linnaeus and Cuvier have been my two gods, though in very different ways, but they were mere schoolboys to old Aristotle.

~Charles Darwin

I am not apt to follow blindly the lead of other men

~Charles Darwin

Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge.

~Charles Darwin

A moral being is one who is capable of reflecting on his past actions and their motives - of approving of some and disapproving of others.

~Charles Darwin

If I had my life to live over again, I would have made a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once every week.

~Charles Darwin

Animals, whom we have made our slaves, we do not like to consider our equal.

~Charles Darwin

Not one change of species into another is on record ... we cannot prove that a single species has been changed.

~Charles Darwin

In the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed.

~Charles Darwin

An agnostic would be the more correct description of my state of mind.

~Charles Darwin

Such simple instincts as bees making a beehive could be sufficient to overthrow my whole theory.

~Charles Darwin

A fair result can be obtained only by fully stating and balancing the facts and arguments on both sides of each question." Charles Darwin

~Charles Darwin

Man in his arrogance thinks himself a great work, worthy the interposition of a great deity. More humble and I believe true to consider him created from animals.

~Charles Darwin

Great is the power of steady misrepresentation; but the history of science shows that fortunately this power does not long endure.

~Charles Darwin

To kill an error is as good a service as, and sometimes even better than, the establishing of a new truth or fact.

~Charles Darwin

The fact of evolution is the backbone of biology, and biology is thus in the peculiar position of being a science founded on an improved theory, is it then a science or faith?

~Charles Darwin

I am sorry to have to inform you that I do not believe in the Bible as a

divine revelation, & therefore not in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

~Charles Darwin

Great is the power of steady misrepresentation

~Charles Darwin

Even people who aren't geniuses can outthink the rest of mankind if they develop certain thinking habits.

~Charles Darwin

Man is descended from a hairy, tailed quadruped, probably arboreal in its habits.

~Charles Darwin

It is always advisable to perceive clearly our ignorance.

~Charles Darwin

We must, however, acknowledge, as it seems to me, that man with all his noble qualities... still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin.

~Charles Darwin

The most powerful natural species are those that adapt to environmental change without losing their fundamental identity which gives them their competitive advantage.

~Charles Darwin

There is a grandeur in this view of life, from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful are being evolved

~Charles Darwin

we are always slow in admitting any great change of which we do not see the intermediate steps

~Charles Darwin

The expression often used by Mr. Herbert Spencer of the Survival of the Fittest is more accurate, and is sometimes equally convenient.

~Charles Darwin

...I have always maintained that, excepting fools, men did not differ much in intellect, only in zeal and hard work; and I still think there is an eminently important difference.

~Charles Darwin

Even when we are quite alone, how often do we think with pleasure or pain of what others think of us - of their imagined approbation or disapprobation.

~Charles Darwin

Free will is to mind what chance is to matter.

~Charles Darwin

To suppose that the eye could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible degree

~Charles Darwin

Natural selection acts solely by accumulating slight successive favorable variations, it can produce no great or sudden modification; it can act only by very short steps.

~Charles Darwin

I was a young man with uninformed ideas. I threw out queries, suggestions, wondering all the time over everything; and to my astonishment the ideas took like wildfire. People made a religion of them.

~Charles Darwin

Man scans with scrupulous care the character and pedigree of his horses, cattle, and dogs before he matches them; but when he comes

to his own marriage he rarely, or never, takes any such care.

~Charles Darwin

From my early youth I have had the strongest desire to understand or explain whatever I observed. ... To group all facts under some general laws.

~Charles Darwin

Often a cold shudder has run through me, and I have asked myself whether I may have not devoted myself to a fantasy.

~Charles Darwin

The mystery of the beginning of all things is insoluble by us; and I for one must be content to remain an agnostic.

~Charles Darwin

Freedom of thought is best promoted by the gradual illumination of men's minds which follows from the advance of science.

~Charles Darwin

Some call it evolution, And others call it God.

~Charles Darwin

Endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being evolved

~Charles Darwin

It seems to me absurd to doubt that a man may be an ardent Theist and an evolutionist. ... I have never been an atheist in the sense of denying the existence of a God.

~Charles Darwin

At some future period, not very distant as measured by centuries, the civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate, and replace the

savage races throughout the world.

~Charles Darwin

Besides love and sympathy, animals exhibit other qualities connected with the social instincts which in us would be called moral.

~Charles Darwin

I am almost convinced (quite contrary to opinion I started with) that species are not (it is like confessing a murder) immutable.

~Charles Darwin

Only picture to yourself a nice soft wife on a sofa with good fire, & books & music.

~Charles Darwin

The most important factor in survival is neither intelligence nor strength but adaptability.

~Charles Darwin

A scientific man ought to have no wishes, no affections, - a mere heart of stone.

~Charles Darwin

As natural selection works solely by and for the good of each being, all corporeal and mental endowments will tend to progress toward perfection.

~Charles Darwin

Formerly Milton's Paradise Lost had been my chief favourite, and in my excursions during the voyage of the Beagle, when I could take only a single small volume, I always chose Milton.

~Charles Darwin

Man himself cannot express love and humility by external signs, so

plainly as does a dog, when with drooping ears, hanging lips, flexuous body, and wagging tail, he meets his beloved master.

~Charles Darwin

Man, wonderful man, must collapse, into nature's cauldron, he is no deity, he is no exception.

~Charles Darwin

Blushing is the most peculiar and most human of all expressions.

~Charles Darwin

The question of whether there exists a Creator and Ruler of the Universe has been answered in the affirmative by some of the highest intellects that have ever existed.

~Charles Darwin

It strikes me that all our knowledge about the structure of our Earth is very much like what an old hen would know of the hundred-acre field in a corner of which she is scratching.

~Charles Darwin

Wherever the European has trod, death seems to pursue the aboriginal.

~Charles Darwin

The formation of different languages and of distinct species and the proofs that both have been developed through a gradual process, are curiously parallel.

~Charles Darwin

Only the fittest will survive.

~Charles Darwin

Not one great country can be named, from the polar regions in the

north to New Zealand in the south, in which the aborigines do not tattoo themselves.

~Charles Darwin

What wretched doings come from the ardor of fame; the love of truth alone would never make one man attack another bitterly.

~Charles Darwin

Even the humblest mammal's strong sexual, parental, and social instincts give rise to 'do unto others as yourself' and 'love thy neighbor as thyself'.

~Charles Darwin

I have tried lately to read Shakespeare, and found it so intolerably dull that it nauseated me.

~Charles Darwin

On the ordinary view of each species having been independently created, we gain no scientific explanation.

~Charles Darwin

I would give absolutely nothing for the theory of Natural Selection, if it requires miraculous additions at any one stage of descent.

~Charles Darwin

From the war of nature, from famine and death, the most exalted object which we are capable of conceiving, namely, the production of higher animals, directly follows.

~Charles Darwin

Light may be shed on man and his origins.

~Charles Darwin

...for the shield may be as important for victory, as the sword or spear.

~Charles Darwin

A man's friendships are one of the best measures of his worth.

~Charles Darwin

It's not the strongest, but the most adaptable that survive.

~Charles Darwin

He who understands baboon would do more towards metaphysics than Locke.

~Charles Darwin

Nothing before had ever made me thoroughly realise, though I had read various scientific books, that science consists in grouping facts so that general laws or conclusions may be drawn from them.

~Charles Darwin

Attention, if sudden and close, graduates into surprise; and this into astonishment; and this into stupefied amazement.

~Charles Darwin

Nothing is easier than to admit in words the truth of the universal struggle for life, or more difficult--at least I have found it so--than constantly to bear this conclusion in mind.

~Charles Darwin

Why, if species have descended from other species by insensibly fine gradations, do we not everywhere see innumerable transitional forms.

~Charles Darwin

Our descent, then, is the origin of our evil passions!! The devil under form of Baboon is our grandfather.

~Charles Darwin

A grain in the balance will determine which individual shall live and which shall die - which variety or species shall increase in number, and which shall decrease, or finally become extinct.

~Charles Darwin

...he who remains passive when over-whelmed with grief loses his best chance of recovering his elasticity of mind.

~Charles Darwin

I have at least, as I hope, done good service in aiding to overthrow the dogma of separate creations.

~Charles Darwin

... not one living species will transmit its unaltered likeness to a distant futurity.

~Charles Darwin

The most energetic workers I have encountered in my world travels are the vegetarian miners of Chile.

~Charles Darwin

Language is an art, like brewing or baking.... It certainly is not a true instinct, for every language has to be learnt.

~Charles Darwin

The very essence of instinct is that it's followed independently of reason.

~Charles Darwin

We are not here concerned with hopes or fears, only with truth as far as our reason permits us to discover it.

~Charles Darwin

Much love much trial, but what an utter desert is life without love.

~Charles Darwin

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