

# Charles Lindbergh

## Quotes

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If I had to choose, I would rather have birds than airplanes.

~Charles Lindbergh

Success is not measured by what a man accomplishes, but by the opposition he has encountered and the courage with which he has maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds.

~Charles Lindbergh

Life without risks is not worth living.

~Charles Lindbergh

Life is like a landscape. You live in the midst of it but can describe it only from the vantage point of distance.

~Charles Lindbergh

Isn't it strange that we talk least about the things we think about most?

~Charles Lindbergh

Sometimes, flying feels too godlike to be attained by man. Sometimes, the world from above seems too beautiful, too wonderful, too distant for human eyes to see .

~Charles Lindbergh

I would rather live one day in Maui than one month in New York.

~Charles Lindbergh

In wilderness I sense the miracle of life, and behind it our scientific accomplishments fade to trivia.

~Charles Lindbergh

If one took no chances, one would not fly at all. Safety lies in the judgment of the chances one takes.

~Charles Lindbergh

Living in dreams of yesterday, we find ourselves still dreaming of impossible future conquests.

~Charles Lindbergh

I learned that danger is relative, and the inexperience can be a magnifying glass.

~Charles Lindbergh

To a person in love, the value of the individual is intuitively known. Love needs no logic for its mission.

~Charles Lindbergh

Pilots are drawn to flying because it's a perfect combination of science, romance and adventure.

~Charles Lindbergh

Life is a culmination of the past, an awareness of the present, an indication of a future beyond knowledge, the quality that gives a touch of divinity to matter.

~Charles Lindbergh

We cannot allow the natural passions and prejudices of other peoples to lead our country to destruction.

~Charles Lindbergh

The greatest danger to this country lies in their large ownership and influence in our motion pictures, our press, our radio and our government.

~Charles Lindbergh

Man must feel the earth to know himself and recognize his values. God made life simple. It is man who complicates it.

~Charles Lindbergh

I believe the risks I take are justified by the sheer love of the life I lead.

~Charles Lindbergh

The remedy for our social evils does not consist so much in changing the system of government as it does in increasing the general intelligence of the people so that they may learn how to govern.

~Charles Lindbergh

Aviation seems almost a gift from heaven to those Western nations who were already the leaders of their era, strengthening their leadership, their confidence, their dominance over other peoples.

~Charles Lindbergh

Science intensifies religious truth by cleansing it of ignorance and superstition.

~Charles Lindbergh

But accuracy means something to me. It's vital to my sense of values. I've learned not to trust people who are inaccurate. Every aviator knows that if mechanics are inaccurate. aircraft crash.

~Charles Lindbergh

Unless science is controlled by a greater moral force, it will become the Antichrist prophesied by the early Christians.

~Charles Lindbergh

It is the greatest shot of adrenaline to be doing what you have wanted to do so badly. You almost feel like you could fly without the plane.

~Charles Lindbergh

Whether outwardly or inwardly, whether in space or time, the farther we penetrate the unknown, the vaster and more marvelous it becomes.

~Charles Lindbergh

History has recorded nothing so dramatic in design, nor so skillfully manipulated, as this attempt to create the National Reserve Association, or the Federal Reserve.

~Charles Lindbergh

What freedom lies in flying, what Godlike power it gives to men . . . I lose all consciousness in this strong unmortal space crowded with beauty, pierced with danger.

~Charles Lindbergh

[I] grew up as a disciple of science. I know its fascination. I have felt the godlike power man derives from his machines.

~Charles Lindbergh

I know there is infinity beyond ourselves. I wonder if there is infinity within.

~Charles Lindbergh

I was astonished at the effect my successful landing in France had on the nations of the world. To me, it was like a match lighting a bonfire.

~Charles Lindbergh

Flying has torn apart the relationship of space and time: it uses our old clock but with new yardsticks.

~Charles Lindbergh

In wilderness I sense the miracle of life.

~Charles Lindbergh

Science, freedom, beauty, adventure: what more could you ask of life?

~Charles Lindbergh

I owned the world that hour as I rode over it. free of the earth, free of the mountains, free of the clouds, but how inseparably I was bound to

them.

~Charles Lindbergh

Real freedom lies in wildness, not in civilization.

~Charles Lindbergh

Not long ago, when I was a student in college, just flying an airplane seemed a dream. But that dream turned into reality.

~Charles Lindbergh

Is he alone who has courage on his right hand and faith on his left hand?

~Charles Lindbergh

Time is an abstraction which, on earth, exists only for the human brain it has evolved.

~Charles Lindbergh

Democracy can only spring from within a nation itself, only from the hearts and minds of its people.

~Charles Lindbergh

In a time of war, truth is always replaced by propaganda.

~Charles Lindbergh

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~Charles Lindbergh

I have seen the science I worshiped, and the aircraft I loved, destroying the civilization I expected them to serve.

~Charles Lindbergh

Under the federal reserve act, panics are scientifically created. The present panic is the first scientifically created one, worked out as we

figured, a mathematical equation.

~Charles Lindbergh

At first you can stand the spotlight in your eyes. Then it blinds you. Others can see you, but you cannot see them.

~Charles Lindbergh

Our survival, the future of our civilization, possibly the existence of mankind, depends on American leadership

~Charles Lindbergh

I live only in the moment in this strange unmortal space, crowded with beauty, pierced with danger.

~Charles Lindbergh

I hope you either take up parachute jumping or stay out of single motored airplanes at night.

~Charles Lindbergh

Is cruelty a moral judgment if it is fundamental to forms of life? Who is man to say that the workings of nature, and therefore of the divine plan of which he himself is part, are cruel?

~Charles Lindbergh

From now on, depressions will be scientifically created.

~Charles Lindbergh

We are in the grip of a scientific materialism, caught in a vicious cycle where our security today seems to depend on regimentation and weapons which will ruin us tomorrow.

~Charles Lindbergh

We are all consumers and should all be producers.

~Charles Lindbergh

I decided that if I could fly for ten years before I was killed in a crash, it would be a worthwhile trade for an ordinary life time.

~Charles Lindbergh

All mentally well-balanced persons know that we are not governed by the true principals of social justice when we make the main aim of our social existence the gaining of money.

~Charles Lindbergh

I don't believe in taking foolish chances, but nothing can be accomplished if we don't take any chances at all.

~Charles Lindbergh

It is always easier to deal in truth and honesty and follow these to their legitimate ends, than it is to construct and adjust a false superstructure upon a false base.

~Charles Lindbergh

Life's values originate in circumstances over which the individual has no control.

~Charles Lindbergh

Air power is new to all our countries. It brings advantages to some and weakens others; it calls for readjustment everywhere.

~Charles Lindbergh

No right of preference exists in favor of person, property, or business. Personal claims and ambitions must yield in favor of whatever best serves the general welfare.

~Charles Lindbergh

I realized that if I had to choose, I would rather have birds than airplanes.

~Charles Lindbergh



What kind of man would live a life without daring? Is life so sweet that we should criticize men that seek adventure? Is there a better way to die?

~Charles Lindbergh

A great industrial nation may conquer the world in the span of a single life, but its Achilles' heel is time. Its children, what of them?

~Charles Lindbergh

What makes human power erupt like a volcano? What destroy's it? The civilizations of Rome, Greece, Egypt, China were all eruptions from a human core.

~Charles Lindbergh

Peace is a virgin who dare not show her face without Strength, her father, for protection.

~Charles Lindbergh

Individuals are custodians of the life stream -- temporal manifestations of far greater being, forming from and returning to their essence like so many dreams.

~Charles Lindbergh

The essence of life, I concluded, did not lie in the material. It penetrated, but was not bound to, the physical world of science.

~Charles Lindbergh

This is earth again, the earth where I've lived and now will live once more ... I've been to eternity and back. I know how the dead would feel to live again.

~Charles Lindbergh

If we can combine our knowledge of science with the wisdom of wildness, if we can nurture civilization through roots in the primitive,

man's potentialities appear to be unbounded.

~Charles Lindbergh

Now, all that I feared would happen has happened. We are at war all over the world, and we are unprepared for it from either a spiritual or a material standpoint.

~Charles Lindbergh

Consciousness grows independent of the ordinary senses.

~Charles Lindbergh

The individual is at the apex of his species' past, at the entrance to its future.

~Charles Lindbergh

Whatever a man imagines he can attain, if he doesn't become too arrogant and encroach on the rights of the gods.

~Charles Lindbergh

A certain amount of danger is essential to the quality of life.

~Charles Lindbergh

When I watch species other than my own, their instinct's wisdom is what most impresses and disturbs me.

~Charles Lindbergh

At the end of the first half-century of engine-driven flight, we are confronted with the stark fact that the historical significance of aircraft has been primarily military and destructive.

~Charles Lindbergh

One boy's a boy, two boys are half a boy; three boys are no boy at all.

~Charles Lindbergh

We can so reconstruct society that it will be self-perpetuating instead of as now, self-exhaustive.

~Charles Lindbergh

When the President signs this act, the invisible government by the money power will be legalized.

~Charles Lindbergh

After my death, the molecules of my being will return to the earth and sky. They came from the stars. I am of the stars.

~Charles Lindbergh

Man has risen so far above all other species that he competes in ways unique in nature. He fights by means of complicated weapons; he fights for ends remote in time.

~Charles Lindbergh

Man is a mixture of desires that extend beyond his knowledge and often result in action conflicting with rationality.

~Charles Lindbergh

Without death there would be no awareness of life, and the recurring selection and renewal that has caused life's progress would be ended.

~Charles Lindbergh

As civilization advances, man grows unconscious of the primitive elements of life; he is separated from them by his perfection of material techniques.

~Charles Lindbergh

It may be interesting to note how many statesmen there are who believe that the cost of living can be reduced by making the people of other countries help to feed and clothe us.

~Charles Lindbergh

I know myself as mortal, but this raises the question: "What is I?" Am I an individual, or am I an evolving life stream composed of countless selves?

~Charles Lindbergh

The new law will create inflation whenever the trusts want inflation. From now on depressions will be scientifically created.

~Charles Lindbergh

I grow aware of various forms of man and of myself. I am form and I am formless, I am life and I am matter, mortal and immortal. I am one and many -- myself and humanity in flux.

~Charles Lindbergh

I don't believe in taking unnecessary risks, but a life without risk isn't worth living.

~Charles Lindbergh

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