

Christopher Dawson

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As soon as men decide that all means are permitted to fight an evil, then their good becomes indistinguishable from the evil that they set out to destroy.

~Christopher Dawson

The modern dilemma is essentially a spiritual one, and every one of its main aspects, moral, political and scientific, brings us back to the need of a religious solution.

~Christopher Dawson

The chief safeguard of personal freedom in a democratic society is the anarchy and disorder of capitalist individualism.

~Christopher Dawson

Thus Christian humanism is as indispensable to the Christian way of life as Christian ethics and a Christian sociology.

~Christopher Dawson

The man who is fond of books is usually a man of lofty thought, and of elevated opinions.

~Christopher Dawson

It is clear that this essential Christian doctrine gives a new value to human nature, to human history and to human life which is not to be found in the other great oriental religions.

~Christopher Dawson

American literature has never been content to be just one among the many literatures of the Western World. It has always aspired to be the literature not only of a new continent but of a New World.

~Christopher Dawson

If man limits himself to a satisfied animal existence, and asks from life only what such an existence can give, the higher values of life at once

disappear.

~Christopher Dawson

The sublimated idealism of the Enlightenment, the spirit of the League of Nations and of the United Nations Charter have not proved strong enough to control the aggressive dynamism of nationalism.

~Christopher Dawson

This freedom of political discussion on the highest level is something which Western civilization has in common with that of classical antiquity, but with no other

~Christopher Dawson

The Church as a divine society possess an internal principle of life which is capable of assimilating the most diverse materials and imprinting her own image upon them.

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Man can know his world without falling back on revelation; he can live his life without feeling his utter dependence on supernatural powers.

~Christopher Dawson

Law describes the way things would work if men were angels.

~Christopher Dawson

The present age has seen a great slump in humanist values.

~Christopher Dawson

Humanism and Divinity are as complementary to one another in the order of culture, as are Nature and Grace in the order of being.

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Yet humanitarianism is not a purely Christian movement any more than it is a purely humanist one

~Christopher Dawson

But the West did not last long enough. Its folk myths and heroes became stage properties of Hollywood before the poets had begun to get to work on them.

~Christopher Dawson

No society lies nearer to the cyclonic path of the forces of world change than the United States, and few societies are more intellectually aware of the nature of the issues that have to be faced

~Christopher Dawson

It is Christian culture that has created Western man and the Western way of life.

~Christopher Dawson

The greatest obstacle to international understanding is the barrier of language

~Christopher Dawson

Man is a means and not an end, and he is a means to economic or political ends which are not really ends in themselves but means to other ends which in their turn are means and so ad infinitum

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It is true that Christianity is not bound up with any particular race or culture. It is neither of the East or of the West, but has a universal mission to the human race as a whole

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If man attempts to suppress the animal side of his nature by a sheer effort of conscious will, nature finds a hundred unexpected and unpleasant ways to take its revenge.

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Natural Theology says not only look up and look out-it also says look down and look in, and you will find the proofs of the reality of God in the depth of your own nature.

~Christopher Dawson

Reason lives on the systematization of the past, but Faith is the promise of the future.

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