

Christopher Hitchens

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If religious instruction were not allowed until the child had attained the age of reason, we would be living in a quite different world.

~Christopher Hitchens

Islamophobia: a word created by fascists, and used by cowards, to manipulate morons.

~Christopher Hitchens

Religion is poison because it asks us to give up our most precious faculty, which is that of reason, and to believe things without evidence. It then asks us to respect this, which it calls faith.

~Christopher Hitchens

Never be a spectator of unfairness or stupidity. Seek out argument and disputation for their own sake; the grave will supply plenty of time for silence.

~Christopher Hitchens

Human beings are pattern-seeking animals who will prefer even a bad theory or a conspiracy theory to no theory at all.

~Christopher Hitchens

I learned that very often the most intolerant and narrow-minded people are the ones who congratulate themselves on their tolerance and open-mindedness.

~Christopher Hitchens

High moral character is not a precondition for great moral accomplishments.

~Christopher Hitchens

What can be asserted without evidence can be dismissed without evidence.

~Christopher Hitchens

Why do humans exist? A major part of the answer: because Pikaia Gracilens survived the Burgess decimation.

~Christopher Hitchens

The only real radicalism in our time will come as it always hasâ€”from people who insist on thinking for themselves and who reject party-mindedness.

~Christopher Hitchens

Mockery of religion is one of the most essential things... one of the beginnings of human emancipation is the ability to laugh at authority.

~Christopher Hitchens

I am absolutely convinced that religion is the main source of hatred in this world.

~Christopher Hitchens

The governor of Texas, who, when asked if the Bible should also be taught in Spanish, replied that 'if English was good enough for Jesus, then it's good enough for me.

~Christopher Hitchens

George Bush made a mistake when he referred to the Saddam Hussein regime as 'evil.' Every liberal and leftist knows how to titter at such black-and-white moral absolutism.

~Christopher Hitchens

Since it is obviously inconceivable that all religions can be right, the most reasonable conclusion is that they are all wrong.

~Christopher Hitchens

Endless praise and adoration, limitless abnegation and abjection of self; a celestial North Korea.

~Christopher Hitchens

Ronald Reagan used to alarm other constituencies by speaking freely about the End Times foreshadowed in the Bible.

~Christopher Hitchens

In the ordinary moral universe, the good will do the best they can, the worst will do the worst they can, but if you want to make good people do wicked things, you'll need religion.

~Christopher Hitchens

Human decency is not derived from religion. It precedes it.

~Christopher Hitchens

To 'choose' dogma and faith over doubt and experience is to throw out the ripening vintage and to reach greedily for the Kool-Aid.

~Christopher Hitchens

What is it you most dislike? Stupidity, especially in its nastiest forms of racism and superstition.

~Christopher Hitchens

How dismal it is to see present day Americans yearning for the very orthodoxy that their country was founded to escape.

~Christopher Hitchens

Religion is man-made. Even the men who made it cannot agree on what their prophets or redeemers or gurus actually said or did.

~Christopher Hitchens

Thanks to the telescope and the microscope, religion no longer offers an explanation for anything important.

~Christopher Hitchens

To terrify children with the image of hell, to consider women an inferior creation - is that good for the world?

~Christopher Hitchens

Everybody does have a book in them, but in most cases that's where it should stay.

~Christopher Hitchens

I have no time to waste on this planet being told what to do by those who think that God has given them instructions.

~Christopher Hitchens

The essence of the independent mind lies not in what it thinks, but in how it thinks.

~Christopher Hitchens

The one thing that the racist can never manage is anything like discrimination: he is indiscriminate by definition.

~Christopher Hitchens

I have always found it quaint and rather touching that there is a movement [Libertarians] in the US that thinks Americans are not yet selfish enough.

~Christopher Hitchens

Skepticism rather than credulity is the highest principle that the human intellect can use to ennoble our existence.

~Christopher Hitchens

Time spent arguing with the faithful is, oddly enough, almost never wasted.

~Christopher Hitchens

I burned the candle at both ends and it often gave a lovely light.

~Christopher Hitchens

The gods that we've made are exactly the gods you'd expect to be made by a species that's about half a chromosome away from being chimpanzee.

~Christopher Hitchens

One of the many problems with the American left has been its image as something rather too solemn, mirthless, herbivorous, dull, monochrome, righteous, and boring.

~Christopher Hitchens

The person who is certain, and who claims divine warrant for his certainty, belongs now to the infancy of our species.

~Christopher Hitchens

Ever since I discovered that my god given male member was going to give me no peace, I decided to give it no rest in return.

~Christopher Hitchens

The secular state is the guarantee of religious pluralism. This apparent paradox, again, is the simplest and most elegant of political truths.

~Christopher Hitchens

Religion makes kind people say unkind things: "I must prove my faith, so mutilate the genitals of my children." They wouldn't do that if God didn't tell them to do so.

~Christopher Hitchens

The press is still investing itself, it seems to me, in a sort of cynicism. It comes out better for them if they can predict hard times, bogging down, sniping, attrition.

~Christopher Hitchens

The concept of loneliness and exile and self-sufficiency continually bucks me up.

~Christopher Hitchens

What a country, and what a culture, when the liberals cry before they are hurt, and the reactionaries pose as brave nonconformists, while the radicals make a fetish of their own jokey irrelevance.

~Christopher Hitchens

Arguments that explain everything... explain nothing

~Christopher Hitchens

I sympathize afresh with the mighty Voltaire who, when badgered on his deathbed and urged to renounce the devil, murmured that this was no time to be making enemies.

~Christopher Hitchens

I'm an atheist. I'm not neutral about religion, I'm hostile to it. I think it is a positively bad idea, not just a false one. And I mean not just organized religion, but religious belief itself.

~Christopher Hitchens

It is only those who hope to transform human beings who end up by burning them, like the waste product of a failed experiment.

~Christopher Hitchens

I learned that to be amusing was not to be frivolous and that language - always the language - was the magic key as much to prose as to poetry.

~Christopher Hitchens

When Maimonides says that the Messiah will come but that 'he may tarry,' we see the origin of every Jewish shrug from Spinoza to Woody Allen.

~Christopher Hitchens

What do you most value in your friends? Their continued existence.

~Christopher Hitchens

Pakistan has to export a lot of uneducated people, many of whom have become infected with the most barbaric reactionary ideas.

~Christopher Hitchens

Take the risk of thinking for yourself. Much more happiness, truth, beauty and wisdom will come to you that way.

~Christopher Hitchens

Those who are determined to be 'offended' will discover a provocation somewhere. We cannot possibly adjust enough to please the fanatics, and it is degrading to make the attempt.

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Millions of people die every day. Everyone's got to go sometime.

~Christopher Hitchens

Philosophy begins where religion ends, just as by analogy chemistry begins where alchemy runs out, and astronomy takes the place of astrology.

~Christopher Hitchens

I don't think it's possible to have a sense of tragedy without having a sense of humor.

~Christopher Hitchens

The man who prays is the one who thinks that god has arranged matters all wrong, but who also thinks that he can instruct god how to put them right.

~Christopher Hitchens

To the dumb question, 'Why me?' the cosmos barely bothers to return the reply, 'Why not?'

~Christopher Hitchens

Of course we have free will because we have no choice but to have it.

~Christopher Hitchens

All of life is a wager

~Christopher Hitchens

In my life, the only certainty is to be uncertain. I'm an unbeliever who believes in skepticism. I'm only sure about being unsure.

~Christopher Hitchens

I want to urge you very strongly to travel as much as you can, and to evolve yourself as an internationalist. It's as important a part of your education as a radical as the reading of any book.

~Christopher Hitchens

Your favorite virtue? An appreciation for irony.

~Christopher Hitchens

The easiest way to establish a dictatorship is to claim you are God's representative on earth.

~Christopher Hitchens

No one has the right to tell me what to do because he has a divine warrant.

~Christopher Hitchens

No school of philosophy has ever solved this question of whether being determines consciousness or the other way around. It may be a false

antithesis.

~Christopher Hitchens

I personally want to "do" death in the active and not the passive, and to be there to look it in the eye and be doing something when it comes for me.

~Christopher Hitchens

The moment of near despair is quite often the moment that precedes courage.

~Christopher Hitchens

Reagan is doing to the country what he can no longer do to his wife.

~Christopher Hitchens

The mildest criticism of religion is also the most radical and the most devastating one. Religion is man-made.

~Christopher Hitchens

Morality comes from humanism and is stolen by religion for its own purposes.

~Christopher Hitchens

Anyone who can look me in the eye and say they prefer the story of Moses or Jesus or Mohammed to the life of Socrates is intellectually defective.

~Christopher Hitchens

The role of dissident is not, and should not be, a claim of membership in a communion of saints. In other words, the more fallible the mammal, the truer the example.

~Christopher Hitchens

The noble title of "dissident" must be earned rather than claimed; it

connotes sacrifice and risk rather than mere disagreement.

~Christopher Hitchens

Today I want to puke when I hear the word 'radical' applied so slothfully and stupidly to Islamist murderers; the most plainly reactionary people in the world.

~Christopher Hitchens

There are all kinds of stupid people that annoy me but what annoys me most is a lazy argument.

~Christopher Hitchens

Intellectuals never sound more foolish than when posing as the last civilised man.

~Christopher Hitchens

No society has gone the way of gulags or concentration camps by following the path of Spinoza and Einstein and Jefferson and Thomas Paine

~Christopher Hitchens

Its a matter of principle. If Jews born in Brooklyn have a right to a state in Palestine then Palestinians born in Jerusalem have a right to a state in Palestine.

~Christopher Hitchens

The Koran shows every sign of being thrown together by human beings, as do all the other holy books.

~Christopher Hitchens

There is an unusually high and consistent correlation between the stupidity of a given person and that person's propensity to be impressed by the measurement of IQ.

~Christopher Hitchens

Religion fosters servility and solipsism.

~Christopher Hitchens

A melancholy lesson of advancing years is the realisation that you can't make old friends.

~Christopher Hitchens

If I was told to sacrifice something to prove my devotion to God, if I was told to do what all monotheists are told to do and admire the man who said 'Yes I'll gut my kid to show my love of God.'

~Christopher Hitchens

Redemption is promised at the low price of surrender of your critical faculties.

~Christopher Hitchens

Trust is not the same as faith. A friend is someone you trust. Putting faith in anyone is a mistake.

~Christopher Hitchens

Happiness is fleeting and life is brief, but we know that, nonetheless, life can be savored and that happiness, even of the ecstatic kind, is available to us.

~Christopher Hitchens

Terrorism is the tactic of demanding the impossible, and demanding it at gunpoint.

~Christopher Hitchens

I'm not particularly a feminist, but if you get women off the animal cycle of reproduction and give them some say in how many children they'll have, immediately the floor will rise.

~Christopher Hitchens

The only position that leaves me with no cognitive dissonance is atheism.

~Christopher Hitchens

Distrust compassion; prefer dignity for yourself and others. Don't be afraid to be thought arrogant or selfish.

~Christopher Hitchens

The one unforgivable sin is to be boring.

~Christopher Hitchens

The finest fury is the most controlled.

~Christopher Hitchens

Authors who moan with praise for their editors always seem to reek slightly of the Stockholm syndrome.

~Christopher Hitchens

One of the most repellent spectacles at election times is the pretense of piety on the part of people running for office.

~Christopher Hitchens

If you gave [Jerry] Falwell an enema he could be buried in a matchbox.

~Christopher Hitchens

Everything about Christianity is contained in the pathetic image of 'the flock.'

~Christopher Hitchens

It's true that obscenity is a matter of taste and in the eye of the beholder.

~Christopher Hitchens

It's [Los Angeles] mostly full of nonsense and delusion and egomania.

They think they'll be young and beautiful forever, even though most of them aren't even young and beautiful now.

~Christopher Hitchens

Religion is not the belief there is a god. Religion is the belief god tells you what to do.

~Christopher Hitchens

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