

Christopher Morley

Quotes

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There is only one success - to be able to spend your life in your own way.

~Christopher Morley

All cities are mad: but the madness is gallant. All cities are beautiful: but the beauty is grim.

~Christopher Morley

Heavy hearts, like heavy clouds in the sky, are best relieved by the letting of a little water.

~Christopher Morley

No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does.

~Christopher Morley

When you sell a man a book, you don't sell him 12 ounces of paper and ink and glue - you sell him a whole new life.

~Christopher Morley

There are three ingredients in the good life: learning, earning and yearning.

~Christopher Morley

High heels were invented by a woman who had been kissed on the forehead.

~Christopher Morley

April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go.

~Christopher Morley

There is no mistaking a real book when one meets it. It is like falling in love.

~Christopher Morley

A man who has never made a woman angry is a failure in life.

~Christopher Morley

Beauty is ever to the lonely mind a shadow fleeting; she is never plain. She is a visitor who leaves behind the gift of grief, the souvenir of pain.

~Christopher Morley

The bicycle, the bicycle surely, should always be the vehicle of novelists and poets.

~Christopher Morley

Humor is perhaps a sense of intellectual perspective: an awareness that some things are really important, others not; and that the two kinds are most oddly jumbled in everyday affairs.

~Christopher Morley

Big shots are only little shots who keep shooting.

~Christopher Morley

The real purpose of books is to trap the mind into doing its own thinking.

~Christopher Morley

There is only one rule for being a good talker - learn to listen.

~Christopher Morley

The plural of spouse is spice.

~Christopher Morley

In every man's heart there is a secret nerve that answers to the vibrations of beauty.

~Christopher Morley

Act like you expect to get into the end zone.

~Christopher Morley

The enemies of the future are always the very nicest people.

~Christopher Morley

Lots of times you have to pretend to join a parade in which you're not really interested in order to get where you're going.

~Christopher Morley

A human being: an ingenious assembly of portable plumbing.

~Christopher Morley

Mr. Gilbert had the earnest mania for self-improvement which has blighted the lives of so many young men.

~Christopher Morley

The misfortunes hardest to bear are these which never came.

~Christopher Morley

Life is a foreign language; all men mispronounce it.

~Christopher Morley

Dancing is a wonderful training for girls, it's the first way you learn to guess what a man is going to do before he does it.

~Christopher Morley

New York, the nation's thyroid gland.

~Christopher Morley

Men talk of "finding God," but no wonder it is difficult; He is hidden in that darkest hiding-place, your heart. You yourself are a part of Him.

~Christopher Morley

What is the virtue and service of a book? Only to help me live less

gingerly and shabbily.

~Christopher Morley

Friendships do not grow up in any carefully tended and contemplated fashion.... They begin haphazard.

~Christopher Morley

If we discovered that we only had five minutes left to say all that we wanted to say, every telephone booth would be occupied by people calling other people to stammer that they loved them.

~Christopher Morley

It's a good thing to turn your mind upside down now and then, like an hour-glass, to let the particles run the other way.

~Christopher Morley

I had a million questions to ask God: but when I met Him, they all fled my mind; and it didn't seem to matter.

~Christopher Morley

If you have to keep reminding yourself of a thing, perhaps it isn't so.

~Christopher Morley

Animal crackers, and cocoa to drink That is the finest of suppers, I think When I'm grown up and can have what I please, I think I shall always insist upon these.

~Christopher Morley

It is unfair to blame man too fiercely for being pugnacious; he learned the habit from Nature.

~Christopher Morley

The courage of the poet is to keep ajar the door that leads into madness.

~Christopher Morley

Why do they put the Gideon Bibles only in the bedrooms, where it's usually too late...?

~Christopher Morley

The censure of a dog is something no man can stand.

~Christopher Morley

The world has been printing books for 450 years, and yet gunpowder still has a wider circulation. Never mind! Printer's ink is the greater explosive: it will win.

~Christopher Morley

There is indeed a heaven on this earth, a heaven which we inhabit when we read a good book.

~Christopher Morley

Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking.

~Christopher Morley

We've had bad luck with our kids - they've all grown up.

~Christopher Morley

The trouble with wedlock is that there's not enough wed and too much lock.

~Christopher Morley

Truth, like milk, arrives in the dark But even so, wise dogs don't bark. Only mongrels make it hard For the milkman to come up the yard.

~Christopher Morley

People like to imagine that because all our mechanical equipment

moves so much faster, that we are thinking faster, too.

~Christopher Morley

We call a child's mind 'small' simply by habit; perhaps it is larger than ours is, for it can take in almost anything without effort.

~Christopher Morley

My theology, briefly, is that the universe was dictated but not signed.

~Christopher Morley

The little Plumpuppets are fairies of beds; They have nothing to do but watch sleepyheads; They turn down the sheets and they tuck you in tight, And dance on your pillow to wish you good night!

~Christopher Morley

Poetry comes with anger, hunger and dismay; it does not often visit groups of citizens sitting down to be literary together, and would appal them if it did.

~Christopher Morley

Truth is the ricochet of a prejudice bouncing off a fact.

~Christopher Morley

God made man merely to hear some praise of what he'd done on those Five Days.

~Christopher Morley

Words are a commodity in which there is never any slump.

~Christopher Morley

When Abraham Lincoln was murdered
The one thing that interested
Matthew Arnold
Was that the assassin shouted in Latin
As he left on the stage
This convinced Matthew
There was still hope for America.

~Christopher Morley

The most interesting persons are always those who have nothing special to do: children, nurses, policemen and actors at 11 o'clock in the morning.

~Christopher Morley

One of the penalties of being a human being is other human beings.

~Christopher Morley

America is still a government of the naive, for the naive, and by the naive. He who does not know this, nor relish it, has no inkling of the nature of his country.

~Christopher Morley

A critic is a gong at a railroad crossing clanging loudly and vainly as the train goes by.

~Christopher Morley

Blessed is the satirist; and blessed the ironist; blessed the witty scoffer, and blessed the sentimentalist; for each, having seen one spoke of the wheel, thinks to have seen all, and is content.

~Christopher Morley

A mind too proud to unbend over the small ridiculosa of life is as painful as a library with no trash in it.

~Christopher Morley

Happiness is surely the best teacher of good manners: only the unhappy are churlish in deportment.

~Christopher Morley

How womanly it is to ask the unanswerable at the moment impossible.

~Christopher Morley

Never write up your diary on the day itself, for it takes longer than that

to know what happened.

~Christopher Morley

My prayer is that what we have gone through [World War One] will startle the world into some new realization of the sanctity of life, animal as well as human.

~Christopher Morley

The greatest poem ever known Is one all poets have outgrown: The poetry, innate, untold, Of being only four years old.

~Christopher Morley

There are certain people whom one feels almost inclined to urge to hurry up and die so that their letters can be published.

~Christopher Morley

There are a lot of people who must have the table laid in the usual fashion or they will not enjoy the dinner.

~Christopher Morley

The everlasting lure of round-the-corner, how fascinating it is.

~Christopher Morley

Between ourselves, there is no such thing, abstractly, as a 'good' book. A book is 'good' only when it meets some human hunger or refutes some human error.

~Christopher Morley

Man is unconquerable because he can make even his helplessness so entertaining. His motto seems to be "Even though He slay me, yet will I make fun of Him!"

~Christopher Morley

It will be a shock to men when they realize that thoughts that were fast

enough for today are not fast enough for tomorrow. But thinking tomorrow's thoughts today is one kind of future life.

~Christopher Morley

Fifty percent of the world are women, yet they always seem a novelty.

~Christopher Morley

Beware of the conversationalist who adds "in other words." He is merely starting afresh.

~Christopher Morley

The evening papers print what they do and get away with it because by afternoon the human mind is ruined anyhow.

~Christopher Morley

They go in [to the library] not because they need any certain volume but because they feel that there may be some book that needs them.

~Christopher Morley

Be prepared for truth at all hours and in the most fantastic disguises. This is the only safety.

~Christopher Morley

All students can learn.

~Christopher Morley

Only the sinner has the right to preach.

~Christopher Morley

The world, in its sheer exuberance of kindness, will try to bury the poet with warm and lovely human trivialities. It will even ask him to autograph books.

~Christopher Morley

Perhaps this is an age when men think bravely of the human spirit; for surely they have a strange lust to lay it bare.

~Christopher Morley

Being in a hurry seems so fiercely important when you yourself are the hurrier and so comically ludicrous when it is someone else.

~Christopher Morley

There is an innate decorum in man, and it is not fair to thrust Truth upon people when they don't expect it. Only the very generous are ready for Truth impromptu.

~Christopher Morley

That's what this country needs -- more books!

~Christopher Morley

Living in a bookshop is like living in a warehouse of explosives. Those shelves are ranked with the most furious combustibles in the world--the brains of men.

~Christopher Morley

Blessed is he who has never been tempted; for he knows not the frailty of his rectitude.

~Christopher Morley

Any man worth his salt has by the time he is forty-five accumulated a crown of thorns, and the problem is to learn to wear it over one ear.

~Christopher Morley

The man who never in his life Has washed the dishes with his wife Or polished up the silver plate - He still is largely celibate.

~Christopher Morley

From now until the end of time no one else will ever see life with my

eyes, and I mean to make the best of my chance.

~Christopher Morley

Man makes a great fuss about this planet which is only a ballbearing in the hub of the universe.

~Christopher Morley

The unluckiest insolvent in the world is the man whose expenditure of speech is too great for his income of ideas.

~Christopher Morley

Religion is an attempt, a noble attempt, to suggest in human terms more-than-human realities.

~Christopher Morley

We visit bookshops not so often to buy any one special book, but rather to rediscover, in the happier and more expressive words of others, our own encumbered soul.

~Christopher Morley

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