

Clarence Darrow Quotes

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When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. I'm beginning to believe it.

~Clarence Darrow

True patriotism hates injustice in its own land more than anywhere else.

~Clarence Darrow

You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom.

~Clarence Darrow

I have never killed any one, but I have read some obituary notices with great satisfaction.

~Clarence Darrow

The law does not pretend to punish everything that is dishonest. That would seriously interfere with business.

~Clarence Darrow

I don't believe in God because I don't believe in Mother Goose.

~Clarence Darrow

A criminal is someone without the capital to incorporate

~Clarence Darrow

I am not afraid of any god in the universe who would send me or any other man or woman to hell. If there were such a being, he would not be a god; he would be a devil.

~Clarence Darrow

I don't like spinach, and I'm glad I don't, because if I liked it I'd eat it, and I just hate it.

~Clarence Darrow

Lost causes are the only ones worth fighting for.

~Clarence Darrow

Calvin Coolidge was the greatest man who ever came out of Plymouth Corner, Vermont.

~Clarence Darrow

I do not consider it an insult, but rather a compliment to be called an agnostic. I do not pretend to know where many ignorant men are sure - that is all that agnosticism means.

~Clarence Darrow

As long as the world shall last there will be wrongs, and if no man objected and no man rebelled, those wrongs would last forever.

~Clarence Darrow

Justice has nothing to do with what goes on in a courtroom; Justice is what comes out of a courtroom

~Clarence Darrow

It's not bad people I fear so much as good people. When a person is sure that he is good, he is nearly hopeless; he gets cruel- he believes in punishment.

~Clarence Darrow

No other offense has ever been visited with such severe penalties as seeking to help the oppressed.

~Clarence Darrow

It must always be remembered that all laws are naturally and inevitably evolved by the strongest force in a community, and in the last analysis made for the protection of the dominant class.

~Clarence Darrow

Nothing is so loved by tyrants as obedient subjects.

~Clarence Darrow

I am an agnostic; I do not pretend to know what many ignorant men are sure of.

~Clarence Darrow

The most human thing we can do is comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

~Clarence Darrow

Anyone can spot a lie, unless he is in need of that lie.

~Clarence Darrow

History repeats itself. That's one of the things wrong with history.

~Clarence Darrow

The objector and the rebel who raises his voice against what he believes to be the injustice of the present and the wrongs of the past is the one who hunches the world along.

~Clarence Darrow

There is no such crime as a crime of thought; there are only crimes of action.

~Clarence Darrow

The first half of our lives are ruined by our parents and the second half by our children.

~Clarence Darrow

If you lose the power to laugh, you lose the power to think.

~Clarence Darrow

Some of you say religion makes people happy. So does laughing gas.

~Clarence Darrow

I have suffered from being misunderstood, but I would have suffered a hell of a lot more if I had been understood.

~Clarence Darrow

The only real lawyers are trial lawyers, and trial lawyers try cases to juries.

~Clarence Darrow

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~Clarence Darrow

The man who fights for his fellow-man is a better man than the one who fights for himself.

~Clarence Darrow

Just think of the tragedy of teaching children not to doubt.

~Clarence Darrow

The world is made up for the most part of morons and natural tyrants, sure of themselves, strong in their own opinions, never doubting anything.

~Clarence Darrow

Each child should be more intelligent than his parents.

~Clarence Darrow

An idea is a greater monument than a cathedral.

~Clarence Darrow

Chase after the truth like all hell and you'll free yourself, even though you never touch its coat tails.

~Clarence Darrow

I am always suspicious of righteous indignation. Nothing is more cruel than righteous indignation.

~Clarence Darrow

You can only be free if I am free.

~Clarence Darrow

There is no such thing as justice - in or out of court.

~Clarence Darrow

I am a friend of the working man, and I would rather be his friend, than be one.

~Clarence Darrow

It is bigotry for public schools to teach only one theory of origins.

~Clarence Darrow

The fear of God is not the beginning of wisdom. The fear of God is the death of wisdom. Skepticism and doubt lead to study and investigation, and investigation is the beginning of wisdom.

~Clarence Darrow

Someday I hope to write a book where the royalties will pay for the copies I give away.

~Clarence Darrow

The difference between the child and the man lies chiefly in the unlimited confidence and buoyancy of youth.

~Clarence Darrow

Inside every lawyer is the wreck of a poet.

~Clarence Darrow

There are two things that kill a genius - a fatal disease and

contentment.

~Clarence Darrow

Even if you do learn to speak correct English, whom are you going to speak it to?

~Clarence Darrow

Chase after the truth like all hell.

~Clarence Darrow

The purpose of life is to live it.

~Clarence Darrow

The best that we can do is to be kindly and helpful toward our friends and fellow passengers who are clinging to the same speck of dirt while we are drifting side by side to our common doom.

~Clarence Darrow

I am sure of very little, and I shouldn't be surprised if those things were wrong.

~Clarence Darrow

Never forget, almost every case has been won or lost when the jury is sworn.

~Clarence Darrow

To think is to differ.

~Clarence Darrow

Education was in danger from the source that always hampered itâ€”religious fanaticism.

~Clarence Darrow

The trouble with law is lawyers.

~Clarence Darrow

You can't get to a pleasant place to be at unless you use pleasant methods to get there. When you are dealing with a human society the means is fully as important as the end.

~Clarence Darrow

Eugene V. Debs has always been one of my heroes.

~Clarence Darrow

Chloroform unfit children. Show them the same mercy that is shown beasts that are no longer fit to live.

~Clarence Darrow

In order to have enough freedom, it is necessary to have too much.

~Clarence Darrow

Physical deformity, calls forth our charity. But the infinite misfortune of moral deformity calls forth nothing but hatred and vengeance.

~Clarence Darrow

Thirteen states with a population less than that of New York State alone can prevent repeal [of prohibition] until Halley's comet returns. One might as well talk about a summer vacation on Mars.

~Clarence Darrow

For to know all is to understand all, and this leaves no room for judgment and condemnation.

~Clarence Darrow

Laws should be like clothes. They should be made to fit the people they are meant to serve.

~Clarence Darrow

Most jury trials are contests between the rich and poor.

~Clarence Darrow

Instead of yielding to idle conversation it might profit one to cultivate silence and contemplation.

~Clarence Darrow

With all their faults, trade-unions have done more for humanity than any other organization of men that ever existed.

~Clarence Darrow

No iconoclast can possibly escape the severest criticism.

~Clarence Darrow

Different strokes for different folks.

~Clarence Darrow

Working people have alot of bad habits, but the worst of these is work.

~Clarence Darrow

I never wanted to see anybody die, but there are a few obituary notices I have read with pleasure.

~Clarence Darrow

The really intelligent are as abnormal as the defective. The great masses of men are rather mediocre, and those above and below are exceptions.

~Clarence Darrow

We're all killers at heart I have never taken anybody's life, but I have often read obituary notices with considerable satisfaction.

~Clarence Darrow

No nation can be really great that is held together by Gatling guns, and

no true loyalty can be induced and kept through fear.

~Clarence Darrow

The truth is that brains have little to do with either the making or accumulating of money.

~Clarence Darrow

The origin of the absurd idea of immortal life is easy to discover; it is kept alive by hope and fear, by childish faith, and by cowardice.

~Clarence Darrow

Justice must take account of infinite circumstances which a human being cannot understand.

~Clarence Darrow

The purpose of life is living. Men and women should get the most they can out of their lives.

~Clarence Darrow

I have always felt that doubt was the beginning of wisdom, and the fear of God was the end of wisdom.

~Clarence Darrow

My constitution was destroyed long ago; now I am living under the bylaws.

~Clarence Darrow

There is a soul of truth in error; there is a soul of good in evil.

~Clarence Darrow

Liberty is the most jealous and exacting mistress that can beguile the brain and soul of man.

~Clarence Darrow

Depressions may bring people closer to the church but so do funerals.

~Clarence Darrow

Everybody is a potential murderer. I've never killed anyone, but I frequently get satisfaction reading the obituary notices.

~Clarence Darrow

I am simply an agnostic. I haven't yet had time or opportunity to explore the universe, and I don't know what I might run on to in some nook or corner.

~Clarence Darrow

Wars always bring about a conservative reaction. They overwhelm and destroy patient and careful efforts to improve the condition of man.

~Clarence Darrow

Lawyers are natural politicians.

~Clarence Darrow

Whenever I hear people discussing birth control, I always remember that I was fifth.

~Clarence Darrow

Men have always been obliged to fight to preserve liberty. Constitutions and laws do not safeguard liberty. It can be preserved only by a tolerant people, and this means eternal conflict.

~Clarence Darrow

In spite of all the yearnings of men, no one can produce a single fact or reason to support the belief in God and in personal immortality.

~Clarence Darrow

No man is a good citizen, a good neighbor, a good friend, or a good man just because he obeys the law. The intrinsic worth is determined

mainly by the intrinsic make-up.

~Clarence Darrow

If a man is happy in America, it is considered he is doing something wrong.

~Clarence Darrow

We know life is futile. A man who considers that his life is of very wonderful importance is awfully close to a padded cell.

~Clarence Darrow

Religion is the belief in future life and in God. I don't believe in either.

~Clarence Darrow

Can any rational person believe that the Bible is anything but a human document?

~Clarence Darrow

One cannot live through a long stretch of years without forming some philosophy of life.

~Clarence Darrow

Those who enjoy the emotion of hating are much like the groups who sate their thirst for blood by hunting and hounding to death helpless animals as an outlet for their emotions.

~Clarence Darrow

Autobiography is never entirely true. No one can get the right perspective on himself. Every fact is colored by imagination and dream.

~Clarence Darrow

All men have an emotion to kill; when they strongly dislike someone they involuntarily wish he was dead. I have never killed any one, but I

have read some obituary notices with great satisfaction.

~Clarence Darrow

I feel as I always have, that the earth is the home and the only home of man, and I am convinced that whatever he is to get out of his existence he must get while he is here.

~Clarence Darrow

Everything serious that he says is a joke and everything humorous that he says is dead serious.

~Clarence Darrow

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