

# Cotton Mather Quotes

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Land, Agony, Believe, Heard, Bumps, Taught Us, Charity, Prosperity, Missing,  
Little*

That there is a Devil is a thing doubted by none but such as are under the influence of the Devil. For any to deny the being of a Devil must be from ignorance or profaneness worse than diabolical.

~Cotton Mather

Our opportunities to do good are our talents.

~Cotton Mather

Ah, children, be afraid of going prayerless to bed, lest the Devil be your bedfellow.

~Cotton Mather

Religion brought forth Prosperity, and the daughter destroyed the mother.

~Cotton Mather

The Word of God must be Read and Heard with Diligence that so you may arrive to the Knowledge that is needful for you.

~Cotton Mather

You are young and have the world before you; stoop as you go through it, and you will miss many hard bumps.

~Cotton Mather

What Must I Do to Be Saved? It is impossible to ask a more weighty Question! It is deplorable that we hear it asked with no more Frequency, with nor more Agony.

~Cotton Mather

Wilderness is a temporary condition through which we are passing to the Promised Land.

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Is this dying? Is this all? Is this what I feared when I prayed against a hard death? Oh, I can bear this! I can bear this!

~Cotton Mather

Ah! destructive Ignorance, what shall be done to chase thee out of the World!

~Cotton Mather

History is the story of events, with praise or blame.

~Cotton Mather

Ignorance is the Mother not of Devotion, but of Heresy.

~Cotton Mather

Ye monsters of the bubbling deep, Your Maker's praises spout; Up from the sands ye codlings peep, And wag your tails about.

~Cotton Mather

Families are the Nurseries of all Societies; and the First combinations of mankind.

~Cotton Mather

Charity ... is kind, it is not easily provok'd, it thinks no evil, it believes all things, hopes all things.

~Cotton Mather

Instead of exhorting you to augment your charity, I will rather utter an exhortation, or at least a supplication, that you may not abuse your charity by misapplying it.

~Cotton Mather

A Good School deserves to be call'd, the very Salt of the Town, that hath it.

~Cotton Mather

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