

Elie Wiesel

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What hurts the victim most is not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the bystander.

~Elie Wiesel

There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.

~Elie Wiesel

Take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim.

~Elie Wiesel

For the dead and the living, we must bear witness. Not only are we responsible for the memories of the dead, we are responsible for what we do with those memories

~Elie Wiesel

The opposite of love is not hate, but indifference. Indifference creates evil. Hatred is evil itself. Indifference is what allows evil to be strong, what gives it power.

~Elie Wiesel

Even in darkness it is possible to create light.

~Elie Wiesel

I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation.

~Elie Wiesel

To remain silent and indifferent is the greatest sin of all.

~Elie Wiesel

All collective judgments are wrong. Only racists make them. No human race is superior; no religious faith is inferior.

~Elie Wiesel

Because I remember, I despair. Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair.

~Elie Wiesel

Every moment is a new beginning.

~Elie Wiesel

Mankind must remember that peace is not God's gift to his creatures; peace is our gift to each other.

~Elie Wiesel

Indifference, to me, is the epitome of evil.

~Elie Wiesel

Never shall I forget these things, even if I am condemned to life as long as God himself

~Elie Wiesel

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Today, as yesterday, a nation is judged by its attitude towards refugees.

~Elie Wiesel

The philosophers are wrong: it is not words that kill, it is silence.

~Elie Wiesel

Life is not a fist. Life is an open hand waiting for some other hand to enter it.

~Elie Wiesel

In order to fly, you have to give up the ground you are standing on.

~Elie Wiesel

A destruction, an annihilation that only man can provoke, only man can prevent.

~Elie Wiesel

I marvel at the resilience of the Jewish people. Their best characteristic is their desire to remember. No other people has such an obsession with memory.

~Elie Wiesel

Why is war such an easy option? Why does peace remain such an elusive goal? We know statesmen skilled at waging war, but where are those dedicated enough to humanity to find a way to avoid war

~Elie Wiesel

One person of integrity can make a difference.

~Elie Wiesel

Ultimately, the only power to which man should aspire is that which he exercises over himself.

~Elie Wiesel

In the face of suffering, one has no right to turn away, not to see.

~Elie Wiesel

Just as man cannot live without dreams, he cannot live without hope. If dreams reflect the past, hope summons the future.

~Elie Wiesel

Will you join me in hearing the case for keeping weapons from those who preach death to Israel and America?

~Elie Wiesel

I write to understand as much as to be understood.

~Elie Wiesel

Think higher, feel deeper.

~Elie Wiesel

We are all teachers, or should be. Anyone who relays experience to another person is a teacher. Not to transmit your experience is to betray it.

~Elie Wiesel

There is much to be done, there is much that can be done... one person of integrity can make a difference.

~Elie Wiesel

Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing.

~Elie Wiesel

Our obligation is to give meaning to life and in doing so to overcome the passive, indifferent life.

~Elie Wiesel

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.

~Elie Wiesel

When a person doesn't have gratitude, something is missing in his or her humanity.

~Elie Wiesel

In the word question, there is a beautiful word - quest. I love that word.

~Elie Wiesel

Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.

~Elie Wiesel

Once upon a time refugee meant somebody who has a refuge, found a

place, a haven where he could find refuge.

~Elie Wiesel

For us it's not easy to be conformist, I cannot stand to be conformist, I don't accept what it is, I like to say no. If I see an injustice I scream.

~Elie Wiesel

Night is purer than day; it is better for thinking and loving and dreaming.

~Elie Wiesel

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An indifference to suffering makes humans inhuman

~Elie Wiesel

Emphasis must be put on learning: there is no substitute to education. It can be briefly formulated in a few words: always, whatever you do in life, think higher and feel deeper.

~Elie Wiesel

I have not lost faith in God. I have moments of anger and protest. Sometimes I've been closer to him for that reason.

~Elie Wiesel

To forget the dead would be akin to killing them a second time.

~Elie Wiesel

You're shaking â€¦ so am I. It's because of Jerusalem, isn't it? One doesn't go to Jerusalem, one returns to it. That's one of its mysteries.

~Elie Wiesel

Education is the key to preventing the cycle of violence and hatred that

marred the 20th century from repeating itself in the 21st century.

~Elie Wiesel

Every single human being is a unique human being. And, therefore, it's so criminal to do something to that human being, because he or she represents humanity.

~Elie Wiesel

Once you bring life into the world, you must protect it. We must protect it by changing the world.

~Elie Wiesel

Mankind needs peace more than ever, for our entire planet, threatened by nuclear war, is in danger of total destruction. A destruction only man can provoke, only man can prevent.

~Elie Wiesel

Peace is our gift to each other.

~Elie Wiesel

I remember, May 1944: I was 15-and-a-half, and I was thrown into a haunted universe where the story of the human adventure seemed to swing irrevocably between horror and malediction.

~Elie Wiesel

Every moment contains a spark of eternity.

~Elie Wiesel

I learned to trust the threats of enemies before the promises of friends.

~Elie Wiesel

The yellow star? Oh well, what of it? You don't die of it.

~Elie Wiesel

In the concentration camps, we discovered this whole universe where everyone had his place. The killer came to kill, and the victims came to die.

~Elie Wiesel

What does mysticism really mean? It means the way to attain knowledge. It's close to philosophy, except in philosophy you go horizontally while in mysticism you go vertically.

~Elie Wiesel

Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings.

~Elie Wiesel

Human suffering anywhere concerns men and women everywhere.

~Elie Wiesel

The Holocaust is a sacred subject. One should take off one's shoes when entering its domain, one should tremble each time one pronounces the word.

~Elie Wiesel

Bite your lips, little brother...Don't cry. Keep your anger, your hate, for another day, for later. The day will come but not now...Wait. Clench your teeth and wait.

~Elie Wiesel

A religious person answers to God, not to the elected or non-elected official.

~Elie Wiesel

I came to the conclusion that I am free to choose my own suffering. But I am not free to consent to someone else's suffering.

~Elie Wiesel

[Friedrich] Nietzsche said something marvellous, he said "Madness is not a consequence of uncertainty but of certainty", and this is fanaticism.

~Elie Wiesel

Sometimes I am asked if I know 'the response to Auschwitz; I answer that not only do I not know it, but that I don't even know if a tragedy of this magnitude has a response.

~Elie Wiesel

The opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.

~Elie Wiesel

I don't want my past to become anyone else's future.

~Elie Wiesel

To forget a Holocaust is to kill twice

~Elie Wiesel

Better that one heart be broken a thousand times in the retelling, he has decided, if it means that a thousand other hearts need not be broken at all.

~Elie Wiesel

They are committing the greatest indignity human beings can inflict on one another: telling people who have suffered excruciating pain and loss that their pain and loss were illusions. (v)

~Elie Wiesel

We have to go into the despair and go beyond it, by working and doing for somebody else, by using it for something else.

~Elie Wiesel

The opposite of faith is not heresy but indifference

~Elie Wiesel

For me, every hour is grace. And I feel gratitude in my heart each time I can meet someone and look at his or her smile.

~Elie Wiesel

Whoever survives a test, whatever it may be, must tell the story. That is his duty.

~Elie Wiesel

Because I survived, I must do everything possible to help others.

~Elie Wiesel

God means movement, and not explanation.

~Elie Wiesel

I never compared Nazis into communism, but communism was the same thing, the end justifies the means. Whatever the means.

~Elie Wiesel

Man, as long as he lives, is immortal. One minute before his death he shall be immortal. But one minute later, God wins.

~Elie Wiesel

Whatever you think in life... think higher and feel deeper.

~Elie Wiesel

Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe.

~Elie Wiesel

My faith is a wounded faith, but it's not without faith. My life is not without faith.

~Elie Wiesel

There is divine beauty in learning... To learn means to accept the postulate that life did not begin at my birth. Others have been here before me, and I walk in their footsteps.

~Elie Wiesel

Write only if you cannot live without writing. Write only what you alone can write.

~Elie Wiesel

Human beings should be held accountable. Leave God alone. He has enough problems.

~Elie Wiesel

Human beings all change. Not what they are but who they are. We have the power to change what we do with our life and turn it into our destiny.

~Elie Wiesel

My faith is a wounded faith, but my life is not without faith. I didn't divorce God, but I'm quarrelling and arguing and questioning, it's a wounded faith.

~Elie Wiesel

I had to be honest with myself and that I felt hatred then, but as children say "I hate you", it's not really hate, you know, it's anger.

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There are victories of the soul and spirit. Sometimes, even if you lose, you win.

~Elie Wiesel

Without memory, there is no culture. Without memory, there would be no civilization, no society, no future.

~Elie Wiesel

Only fanatics "in religion as well as in politics" can find a meaning in someone else's death.

~Elie Wiesel

Suffering pulls us farther away from other human beings. It builds a wall made of cries and contempt to separate us.

~Elie Wiesel

Because of indifference, one dies before one actually dies.

~Elie Wiesel

I decided to devote my life to telling the story because I felt that having survived I owe something to the dead. and anyone who does not remember betrays them again.

~Elie Wiesel

Never shall I forget those moments that murdered my God and my soul and turned my dreams to ashes.

~Elie Wiesel

The most important question a human being has to face... What is it?
The question, Why are we here?

~Elie Wiesel

There is no word in Hebrew for religion, by the way.

~Elie Wiesel

I believe in God--in spite of God! I believe in Mankind--in spite of

Mankind! I believe in the Future--in spite of the Past!

~Elie Wiesel

I do not recall a Jewish home without a book on the table.

~Elie Wiesel

He explained to me with great insistence that every question possessed a power that did not lie in the answer.

~Elie Wiesel

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