

Elif Safak

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Every true love and friendship is a story of unexpected transformation. If we are the same person before and after we loved, that means we haven't loved enough.

~Elif Safak

Time is just an illusion. What you need is to live this very moment. That is all that matters.

~Elif Safak

Stop running after the waves. Let the sea come to you.

~Elif Safak

Knowledge that takes you, not beyond yourself is far worse than ignorance.

~Elif Safak

Either grant me the bliss of the ignorant or give me the strength to bear the knowledge.

~Elif Safak

Moments are born and moments die. For new experiences to come to life, old ones need to wither away.

~Elif Safak

Even a speck of love should not go unappreciated, because, as Rumi said, love is the water of life.

~Elif Safak

If you want to destroy something in this life, be it an acne, a blemish or the human soul, all you need to do is to surround it with thick walls. It will dry up inside.

~Elif Safak

Love cannot be explained, yet it explains all.

~Elif Safak

I hunt everywhere for a life worth living and a knowledge worth knowing. Having roots nowhere, I have everywhere to go.

~Elif Safak

Personally, I didn't think there was anything wrong with sadness. Just the opposite - hypocrisy made people happy and truth made them sad.

~Elif Safak

How can you blame others for disrespecting you when you think of yourself as unworthy of respect?

~Elif Safak

Do not go with the flow. Be the flow.

~Elif Safak

If you want to experience eternal illumination, put the past and the future out of your mind and remain within the present moment.

~Elif Safak

Where there is love, there is bound to be heartache.

~Elif Safak

Stories cannot demolish frontiers, but they can punch holes in our mental walls, and through those holes we can get a glimpse of the other and sometimes even like what we see.

~Elif Safak

Perhaps this is why lunatics have a harder time dating, not because they are off the wall but because it is hard to find someone who is willing to date so many people in one person.

~Elif Safak

The past lives within the present, and our ancestors breathe through our children.

~Elif Safak

What is the point of roaming the world when it's the same misery everywhere?

~Elif Safak

The words that come out of our mouths do not vanish but are perpetually stored in infinite space, and they will come back to us in due time.

~Elif Safak

Love exists within each of us from the moment we are born and waits to be discovered from then on.

~Elif Safak

We cannot abandon this rabbit hole for fear of a traumatic encounter with our own culture.

~Elif Safak

Isn't connecting people to distant lands and culture one of the strengths of good literature?

~Elif Safak

Cities are erected on spiritual columns. Like giant mirrors, they reflect the hearts of their residents. If those hearts darken and lose faith, cities will lose their glamour.

~Elif Safak

Believers are each other's mirrors.

~Elif Safak

A saint belongs to all humanity.

~Elif Safak

Eternity does not mean infinite time, but simply timelessness

~Elif Safak

But let us not forget that cities are like human beings. They are born, they go through childhood and adolescence, they grow old, and eventually they die

~Elif Safak

Because time is a drop in the ocean, and you cannot measure off one drop against another to see which one is bigger, which one is smaller.

~Elif Safak

Turkey has a very young, dynamic, curious population. In Europe, Facebook and Twitter are mostly about sharing daily experiences while for Turkish people, social networks are political platforms.

~Elif Safak

The digital world is developing with such force and such a pace that you simply can't ban or control it. People want to be globally connected.

~Elif Safak

perhaps it took a stranger to make a woman like her speak her mind.

~Elif Safak

I remember a time when it was ok to make fun of politicians and powerful people. Now, it's not ok anymore. We've forgotten how to laugh.

~Elif Safak

Article Five: If you have no reason or ability to accomplish anything, then just practice the art of becoming.

~Elif Safak

I believe in optimism of the will, pessimism of the intellect. But my hope is the people, the society, which is ahead of the government.

~Elif Safak

You see, unlike in the movies, there is no THE END sign flashing at the end of books. When I've read a book, I don't feel like I've finished anything. So I start a new one.

~Elif Safak

Almost half of the Turkish population believes it is not legitimate to criticize the government. Interestingly, this correlates with the number of supporters of Erdogan's government.

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