

# Ellis Peters

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Every spring is the only spring, a perpetual astonishment.

~Ellis Peters

The voices of cold reason were talking, as usual, to deaf ears.

~Ellis Peters

Despair is deadly sin, but worse, it is mortal folly.

~Ellis Peters

The mountains of today are the molehills of tomorrow.

~Ellis Peters

Nothing is more pleasing and engaging than the sense of having conferred benefits. Not even the gratification of receiving them.

~Ellis Peters

There is no one who cannot be hated, against whatever odds. Nor anyone who cannot be loved, against all reason.

~Ellis Peters

Truth can be costly, but in the end it never falls short of value for the price paid.

~Ellis Peters

as roads go, the road home is as good as any.

~Ellis Peters

All the things of the wild have their proper uses. Only misuse makes them evil.

~Ellis Peters

Too much trust is folly, in an imperfect world.

~Ellis Peters

I have always known that the best of the Saracens could out-Christian many of us Christians.

~Ellis Peters

Youth is no less vulnerable, by the very quality it has of making the heart ache that beholds and has lost it.

~Ellis Peters

You cannot demand truth, and then select half and throw the inconvenient remainder away.

~Ellis Peters

They sell courage of a sort in the taverns. And another sort, though not for sale, a man can find in the confessional. Try the alehouses and the churches, Hugh. In either a man can be quiet and think.

~Ellis Peters

Truth, like the burgeoning of a bulb under the soil, however deeply sown, will make its way to the light.

~Ellis Peters

To have faith in Divine protection is good, but even better if backed by the practical assistance heaven has a right to expect from sensible mortals.

~Ellis Peters

Death, after all, is the common expectation from birth. Neither heroes nor cowards can escape it.

~Ellis Peters

You'll never get to be a saint if you deny the bit of the devil in you.

~Ellis Peters

Of all the reports that fly about the world, ill news is the surest of all to

arrive!

~Ellis Peters

I go to Prague every year if I can, value my relationships there like gold, and feel myself in a sense Czech, with all their hopes and needs. They are a people I not only love, but admire.

~Ellis Peters

Truth is a hard master, and costly to serve, but it simplifies all problems.

~Ellis Peters

A man must be prepared to face life, as well as death, there's no escape from either.

~Ellis Peters

the success of a holiday depends on what you find for yourself on the spot, not what you bring with you.

~Ellis Peters

It takes a lot to wound a man without illusions.

~Ellis Peters

Brother Cadfael knew better than to be in a hurry, where souls were concerned. There was plenty of elbow-room in eternity.

~Ellis Peters

One century's saint is the next century's heretic ... and one century's heretic is the next century's saint. It is as well to think long and calmly before affixing either name to any man.

~Ellis Peters

Only people who're positive enough to have friends have enemies. When you're as glum and morose as he was, people just give up and

go away.

~Ellis Peters

Here I begin to know that blessedness is what can be snatched out the passing day and put away to think of afterwards.

~Ellis Peters

Integrity expects integrity.

~Ellis Peters

What are wits for unless a man uses them?

~Ellis Peters

Even a saint may take pleasure, in retrospect, in having been once desired

~Ellis Peters

Beauty is a perilous gift.

~Ellis Peters

Bitter though it may be to many, Cadfael concluded, there is no substitute for truth, in this or any case.

~Ellis Peters

There is in the end no remedy but truth. It is the one course that cannot be evil.

~Ellis Peters

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