

Evelyn Underhill

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If God were small enough to be understood, He would not be big enough to be worshipped.

~Evelyn Underhill

God is always coming to you in the Sacrament of the Present Moment. Meet and receive Him there with gratitude in that sacrament.

~Evelyn Underhill

After all it is those who have a deep and real inner life who are best able to deal with the irritating details of outer life.

~Evelyn Underhill

For lack of attention a thousand forms of loveliness elude us every day.

~Evelyn Underhill

Love is creative. It does not flow along the easy paths, spending itself in the attractive. It cuts new channels, goes where it is needed.

~Evelyn Underhill

This is the secret of joy. We shall no longer strive for our own way; but commit ourselves, easily and simply, to God's way, acquiesce in His will, and in so doing find our peace.

~Evelyn Underhill

My growth depends on my walls coming down.

~Evelyn Underhill

On every level of life, from housework to heights of prayer, in all judgment and efforts to get things done, hurry and impatience are sure marks of the amateur.

~Evelyn Underhill

Mysticism is the art of union with Reality.

~Evelyn Underhill

Try to arrange things so that you can have a reasonable bit of quiet every day.

~Evelyn Underhill

Grace is God himself, his loving energy at work within his church and within our souls.

~Evelyn Underhill

Deliberately seek opportunities for kindness, sympathy, and patience.

~Evelyn Underhill

The primary declaration of Christianity is not "This do!" but "This happened!"

~Evelyn Underhill

I do hope your Christmas has had a little touch of Eternity in among the rush and pitter patter and all. It always seems such a mixing of this world and the next - but that after all is the idea!

~Evelyn Underhill

God is acting on your soul all the time, whether you have spiritual sensations or not.

~Evelyn Underhill

In the created world around us we see the Eternal Artist, Eternal Love at work.

~Evelyn Underhill

The direction and constancy of the will is what really matters, & intellect & feeling are only important in so far as they contribute to that.

~Evelyn Underhill

The determined fixing of our will upon God, and pressing toward him steadily and without deflection; this is the very center and the art of prayer.

~Evelyn Underhill

The will is what matters---as long as you have that, you are safe.

~Evelyn Underhill

I have just been given a very engaging Persian kitten... and his opinion is that I have been given to him.

~Evelyn Underhill

The heart outstrips the clumsy senses, and sees - perhaps for an instant, perhaps for long periods of bliss - an undistorted and more veritable world.

~Evelyn Underhill

Christian history looks glorious in retrospect; but it is made up of constant hard choices and unattractive tasks, accepted under the pressure of the Will of God.

~Evelyn Underhill

God is much in the difficult home problems as in the times of quiet and prayer.

~Evelyn Underhill

A simple rule, to be followed whether one is in the light or not, gives backbone to one's spiritual life, as nothing else can.

~Evelyn Underhill

It looks impossible until you do it, and then you find it is possible.

~Evelyn Underhill

Mysticism is the passionate longing of the soul for God.

~Evelyn Underhill

All things are perceived in the light of charity, and hence under the aspect of beauty; for beauty is simply reality seen with the eyes of love.

~Evelyn Underhill

In prayer the soul comes nearest the experience of absolute love: in belief it ascends by means of symbols towards absolute truth.

~Evelyn Underhill

It is important to increase our sense of God's richness and wonder by reading what his great lovers have said about him.

~Evelyn Underhill

The note we end on is and must be the note of inexhaustible possibility and hope.

~Evelyn Underhill

The mystic lives and looks; and speaks the disconcerting language of first-hand experience.

~Evelyn Underhill

As the social self can only be developed by contact with society, so the spiritual self can only be developed by contact with the spiritual world.

~Evelyn Underhill

All artists are of necessity in some measure contemplative.

~Evelyn Underhill

Your dreamer may do without a creed, but he always wants a ritual.

~Evelyn Underhill

Delicate humor is the crowning virtue of the saints.

~Evelyn Underhill

Adoration is caring for God above all else.

~Evelyn Underhill

Never forget that the key of the situation lies in the will & not in the imagination.

~Evelyn Underhill

We have descended into the garden and caught three hundred slugs. How I love the mixture of the beautiful and the squalid in gardening. It makes it so lifelike.

~Evelyn Underhill

We mostly spend those lives conjugating three verbs: to Want, to Have, and to Do.

~Evelyn Underhill

If we ask of the saints how they achieved spiritual effectiveness, they are only able to reply that, insofar as they did it themselves, they did it by love and prayer.

~Evelyn Underhill

There is no place in my soul, no corner of my character, where God is not.

~Evelyn Underhill

Meditation is a half-way house between thinking and contemplating.

~Evelyn Underhill

The business and method of mysticism is love.

~Evelyn Underhill

The life of prayer is so great and various there is something in it for everyone. It is like a garden which grows everything, from alpines to potatoes.

~Evelyn Underhill

Love makes the whole difference between an execution and a martyrdom.

~Evelyn Underhill

Worship is the one, total adoring response of man to the one Eternal God.

~Evelyn Underhill

The London streets are paths of loveliness; the very omnibuses look like colored archangels, their laps filled full of little trustful souls.

~Evelyn Underhill

You don't have to be peculiar to find God.

~Evelyn Underhill

Spiritual achievement costs much, though never as much as it is worth.

~Evelyn Underhill

If by losing the spirit of prayer, you mean losing the heavenly sensations of deep devotion, I am afraid that does not matter a scrap.

~Evelyn Underhill

Man's will and God's grace rise and fall together

~Evelyn Underhill

Saints are the great teachers of the loving-kindness and fascination with God.

~Evelyn Underhill

I have an idea heaven will be both absolutely happy and absolutely dark, to protect us from the blaze of God.

~Evelyn Underhill

religion, like beauty, cannot be experienced in cold blood.

~Evelyn Underhill

Spiritual reading is a regular, essential part of the life of prayer, and particularly is it the support of adoring prayer.

~Evelyn Underhill

Sometimes I think the resurrection of the body, unless much improved in construction, a mistake!

~Evelyn Underhill

No metaphysician has yet shaken the ordinary individual's belief in his own existence. The uncertainties only begin for most of us when we ask what else is.

~Evelyn Underhill

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