

# F. L. Lucas

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May, Son, Tomorrow, Mind, Writing, Fear, Done, Atheism, Style, Liars*

Poetry had far better imply things than preach them directly... in the open pulpit her voice grows hoarse and fails.

~F. L. Lucas

The only hope I can see for the future depends on a wiser and braver use of the reason, not a panic flight from it.

~F. L. Lucas

At Munich we sold the Czechs for a few months grace, but the disgrace will last as long as history.

~F. L. Lucas

Great fear is concealed under daring.

~F. L. Lucas

And how is clarity to be achieved? Mainly by taking trouble and by writing to serve people rather than to impress them.

~F. L. Lucas

This, indeed, is one of the eternal paradoxes of both life and literature-that without passion little gets done; yet, without control of that passion, its effects are largely ill or null.

~F. L. Lucas

The two World Wars came in part, like much modern literature and art, because men, whose nature is to tire of everything in turn... tired of common sense and civilization.

~F. L. Lucas

Apart from a few simple principles, the sound and rhythm of English prose seem to me matters where both writers and readers should trust not so much to rules as to their ears.

~F. L. Lucas

The simile sets two ideas side by side; in the metaphor they become superimposed.

~F. L. Lucas

Since in the long run deception is likely to be found out, your character had better not only seem good, but be it.

~F. L. Lucas

I have a wife, I have sons; all these hostages have I given to fortune.

~F. L. Lucas

Might was the measure of right.

~F. L. Lucas

Most style is not honest enough.

~F. L. Lucas

A man can make himself put down what comes, even if it seems nauseating nonsense; tomorrow some of it may not seem wholly nonsense at all.

~F. L. Lucas

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