

Francois Mauriac

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No love, no friendship, can cross the path of our destiny without leaving some mark on it forever.

~Francois Mauriac

To love someone is to see a miracle invisible to others.

~Francois Mauriac

If the flame inside you goes out, the souls that are next to you will die of cold.

~Francois Mauriac

Tell me what you read and I'll tell you who you are is true enough, but I'd know you better if you told me what you reread.

~Francois Mauriac

That is the mystery of grace: it never comes too late.

~Francois Mauriac

Where does discipline end? Where does cruelty begin? Somewhere between these, thousands of children inhabit a voiceless hell.

~Francois Mauriac

If you would tell me the heart of a man, tell me not what he reads, but what he rereads.

~Francois Mauriac

The scapegoat has always had the mysterious power of unleashing man's ferocious pleasure in torturing, corrupting, and befouling.

~Francois Mauriac

Human love is often but the encounter of two weaknesses.

~Francois Mauriac

Doubt is nothing but a trivial agitation on the surface of the soul, while

deep down there is a calm certainty.

~Francois Mauriac

A cemetery saddens us because it is the only place of the world in which we do not meet our dead again.

~Francois Mauriac

There is no accident in our choice of reading. All our sources are related.

~Francois Mauriac

A writer is essentially a man who does not resign himself to loneliness.

~Francois Mauriac

Men resemble great deserted palaces: the owner occupies only a few rooms and has closed-off wings where he never ventures.

~Francois Mauriac

What I fear is not being forgotten after my death, but, rather, not being enough forgotten. As we were saying, it is not our books that survive, but our poor lives that linger in the histories.

~Francois Mauriac

God does not answer our desperate questionings; he simply gives us himself.

~Francois Mauriac

A man's passion for the mountain is, above all, his childhood which refuses to die.

~Francois Mauriac

This God who, as the psalmist said, built His tabernacles in the sun, now establishes Himself in the very core of the flesh and the blood.

~Francois Mauriac

Every novel worthy of the name is like another planet, whether large or small, which has its own laws just as it has its own flora and fauna.

~Francois Mauriac

The grandeur of man lies in song, not in thought.

~Francois Mauriac

The temples of those who deny the Real Presence are like corpses. The Lord was taken away and we do not know where they have laid Him.

~Francois Mauriac

Being for every man the touchstone of faith and love, the Eucharist, like on the Cross, divided the minds as soon as it was announced... Nothing engages a man as much as does the Eucharist

~Francois Mauriac

We know well only what we are deprived of.

~Francois Mauriac

I believe that only poetry counts ... A great novelist is first of all a great poet.

~Francois Mauriac

Let us be wary of ready-made ideas about cowardice and courage: the same burden weighs infinitely more heavily on some shoulders than on others.

~Francois Mauriac

The arrogance of poets is only a defense; doubt gnaws the greatest among them; they need our testimony to escape despair.

~Francois Mauriac

I love Germany so much I'm glad there are two of them.

~Francois Mauriac

A good critic is the sorcerer who makes some hidden spring gush forth unexpectedly under our feet.

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