

Gilbert K. Chesterton

Quotes

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To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Against a dark sky, all flowers look like fireworks.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

There are no rules of architecture for a castle in the clouds.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

God is like the sun; you cannot look at it, but without it you cannot look at anything else.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Tolerance is the virtue of people who do not believe in anything.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

I don't need a church to tell me I'm wrong where I already know I'm wrong; I need a Church to tell me I'm wrong where I think I'm right

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it had established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

A really great person is the person who makes every person feel great.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The way to love anything is to realize that it may be lost.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs?

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

It is terrible to contemplate how few politicians are hanged.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

All architecture is great architecture after sunset; perhaps architecture is really a nocturnal art, like the art of fireworks.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

But the truth is that it is only by believing in God that we can ever criticise the Government. Once abolish the God, and the Government becomes the God.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Large organization is loose organization. Nay, it would be almost as true to say that organization is always disorganization.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Man does not live by soap alone; and hygiene, or even health, is not much good unless you can take a healthy view of it or, better still, feel a healthy indifference to it.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

When belief in God becomes difficult, the tendency is to turn away from Him; but in heaven's name to what?

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

I've searched all the parks in all the cities - and found no statues of Committees.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Do not be so open-minded that your brains fall out.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

And when it rains on your parade, look up rather than down. Without the rain, there would be no rainbow.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

If men will not be governed by the Ten Commandments, they shall be governed by the ten thousand commandments

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Fairy tales are more than true.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

One sees great things from the valley; only small things from the peak.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Only man can be absurd: for only man can be dignified.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.

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The true object of all human life is play. Earth is a task garden; heaven is a playground.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

We are all in the same boat, in a stormy sea, and we owe each other a terrible loyalty.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The problem of disbelieving in God is not that a man ends up believing nothing. Alas, it is much worse. He ends up believing anything.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Faith means believing the unbelievable.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

We do not need a censorship of the press. We have a censorship by the press... It is not we who silence the press. It is the press who silences us.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

You cannot love a thing without wanting to fight for it.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

A puritan is a person who pours righteous indignation into the wrong things.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

If there were no God, there would be no atheists.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Jesus promised his disciples three thingsâ€”that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

All my authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

A dead thing goes with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Right is Right even if nobody does it. Wrong is wrong even if everybody is wrong about it.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Let a man walk ten miles steadily on a hot summer's day along a dusty English road, and he will soon discover why beer was invented.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

A great deal of contemporary criticism reads to me like a man saying, 'Of course I do not like green cheese. I am very fond of brown sherry.'

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

It is the decisive people who have become civilised; it is the indecisive, otherwise called the higher sceptics, or the idealistic doubters, who have remained barbarians.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The sceptics, like bees, give their one sting and die.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Whenever you remove any fence, always pause long enough to ask

why it was put there in the first place.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

All men are ordinary men; the extraordinary men are those who know it.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The traveler sees what he sees, the tourist sees what he has come to see.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

What people call impartiality may simply mean indifference, and what people call partiality may simply mean mental activity.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

You'll never find the solution if you don't see the problem.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The home is not the one tame place in the world of adventure. It is the one wild place in the world of rules and set tasks.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

A thing constructed can only be loved after it is constructed; but a thing created is loved before it exists.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The only way to be sure of catching a train is to miss the one before it.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Stick to the man who looks out of the window and tries to understand the world. Keep clear of the man who looks in at the window and tries to understand you.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The word 'good' has many meanings. For example, if a man were to shoot his grandmother at a range of five hundred yards, I should call him a good shot, but not necessarily a good man.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

If I can put one touch of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

A society is in decay, final or transitional, when common sense really becomes uncommon.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Democracy means government by the uneducated, while aristocracy means government by the badly educated.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The most incredible thing about miracles is that they happen.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

We make our friends; we make our enemies; but God makes our next door neighbour.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

It is always the secure who are humble.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

We fear men so much, because we fear God so little. One fear cures another. When man's terror scares you, turn your thoughts to the wrath of God.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Nothing taken for granted; everything received with gratitude; everything passed on with grace.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

There are two ways to get enough. One is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

To be simple is the best thing in the world.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The main point of Christianity was this: that Nature is not our mother: Nature is our sister.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Thieves respect property. They merely wish the property to become their property that they may more perfectly respect it.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The beautification of the world is not a work of nature, but a work of art, then it involves an artist.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Once I planned to write a book of poems entirely about the things in my pocket. But I found it would be too long; and the age of the great epics is past.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

There is a road from the eye to the heart that does not go through the intellect.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Love means to love that which is unlovable; or it is no virtue at all.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Modern intelligence won't accept anything on authority. But it will accept anything without authority.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Impartiality is a pompous name for indifference, which is an elegant name for ignorance.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The riddles of God are more satisfying than the solutions of man.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Truth can understand error, but error cannot understand truth.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

You can never have a revolution in order to establish a democracy. You must have a democracy in order to have a revolution.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The Darwinian movement has made no difference to mankind, except that, instead of talking unphilosophically about philosophy, they now talk unscientifically about science.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Moderate strength is shown in violence, supreme strength is shown in levity.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

It [feminism] is mixed up with a muddled idea that women are free when they serve their employers but slaves when they help their husbands.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly. Never forget that the devil fell by force of gravity. He who has the faith has the fun.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Journalism is popular, but it is popular mainly as fiction. Life is one world, and life seen in the newspapers is another.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Art, like morality, consists in drawing the line somewhere.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The State did not own men so entirely, even when it could send them to the stake, as it sometimes does now where it can send them to the elementary school.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Men always talk about the most important things to perfect strangers.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

I need not pause to explain that crime is not a disease. It is criminology that is a disease.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

It isn't that they can't see the solution. It is that they can't see the problem.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

A stiff apology is a second insult... The injured party does not want to be compensated because he has been wronged; he wants to be healed because he has been hurt.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Unless a man becomes the enemy of an evil, he will not even become its slave but rather its champion.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Agnostic is the Greek word, for the Latin word, for ignorant

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Imagination does not breed insanity. Exactly what does breed insanity is reason. Poets do not go mad, but chess players do.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

To be clever enough to get all that money, one must be stupid enough to want it.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

I believe in getting into hot water; it keeps you clean.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Marriage is an adventure, like going to war.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Nobody notices postmen, yet they have passions like other men.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

The dignity of the artist lies in his duty of keeping awake the sense of wonder in the world.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Fairy tales do not tell children the dragons exist. Children already know

that dragons exist. Fairy tales tell children the dragons can be killed.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

Without education we are in a horrible and deadly danger of taking educated people seriously.

~Gilbert K. Chesterton

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