

Harvey Cox

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All human beings have an innate need to hear and tell stories and to have a story to live by. . . .

~Harvey Cox

What we are seeking so frantically elsewhere may turn out to be the horse we have been riding all along.

~Harvey Cox

Secularism is not only indifferent to alternative religious systems, but as a religious ideology it is opposed to any other religious systems. It is therefore a closed system.

~Harvey Cox

Somewhere deep down we know that in the final analysis, we do decide things and that even our decisions to let someone else decide are really our decisions, however pusillanimous.

~Harvey Cox

Not to decide is to decide.

~Harvey Cox

The political is replacing the metaphysical as the characteristic mode of grasping reality.

~Harvey Cox

God laughs, it seems, because God knows how it all turns out in the end.

~Harvey Cox

Man must now assume the responsibility for his world. He can no longer shove it off on religious power.

~Harvey Cox

The real ecumenical crisis today is not between Catholics and

Protestants but between traditional and experimental forms of church life.

~Harvey Cox

The comic, more than the tragic, because it ignites hope, leads to more, not less, participation in the struggle for a just world.

~Harvey Cox

Secular Humanism is opposed to other religions; it actively rejects, excludes, and attempts to eliminate traditional theism from meaningful participation in the American culture.

~Harvey Cox

There has never been a better raconteur than Jesus of Nazareth.

~Harvey Cox

Sermons remain one of the last forms of public discourse where it is culturally forbidden to talk back.

~Harvey Cox

It is always the task of the intellectual to "think otherwise." This is not just a perverse idiosyncrasy. It is an absolutely essential feature of a society.

~Harvey Cox

Instead of a 'Western Christianity,' we now witness a post-Christian West (in Europe) and a post-Western Christianity (in the global South). America is somewhere in between.

~Harvey Cox

Your reach should always exceed your grasp.

~Harvey Cox

I am dead against trying to keep religious conservatives out of the

political debate. The tactic of exclusion is self-defeating.

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