

# Hilaire Belloc

## Quotes

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Long, Book, Journey, Mind, Life, Mean, Self, Cooking, Language, Wine*

Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine, There's always laughter and good red wine. At least I've always found it so. Benedicamus Domino!

~Hilaire Belloc

The control of the production of wealth is the control of human life itself.

~Hilaire Belloc

When one remembers how the Catholic Church has been governed, and by whom, one realizes that it must have been divinely inspired to have survived at all.

~Hilaire Belloc

When I am dead, I hope it may be said: His sins were scarlet, but his books were read.

~Hilaire Belloc

The Llama is a woolly sort of fleecy hairy goat, with an indolent expression and an undulating throat; like an unsuccessful literary man.

~Hilaire Belloc

I shoot the Hippopotamus with bullets made of platinum, because if I use the leaden one his hide is sure to flatten em.

~Hilaire Belloc

We wander for distraction, but we travel for fulfillment.

~Hilaire Belloc

The Church is a perpetually defeated thing that always outlives her conquerers.

~Hilaire Belloc

These are the advantages of travel, that one meets so many men whom one would otherwise never meet, and that one feeds as it were

upon the complexity of mankind

~Hilaire Belloc

I have wandered all my life, and I have also traveled; the difference between the two being this, that we wander for distraction, but we travel for fulfillment.

~Hilaire Belloc

The gentleman is generous and treats all men as his equals, especially those whom he feels to be inferior in rank and wealth.

~Hilaire Belloc

For one thing, I was no longer alone; a man is never alone with the wind-and the boat made three.

~Hilaire Belloc

Oh, my friends, be warned by me, That breakfast, dinner, lunch and tea, Are all human frame requires.

~Hilaire Belloc

I am a sundial, and I make a botch Of what is done much better by a watch.

~Hilaire Belloc

The Microbe is so very small You cannot make him out at all, But many sanguine people hope To see him through a microscope.

~Hilaire Belloc

Before the curse of statistics fell upon mankind we lived a happy, innocent life, full of merriment and go and informed by fairly good judgment.

~Hilaire Belloc

An institute run with such knavish imbecility that if it were not the work

of God it would not last a fortnight.

~Hilaire Belloc

Here richly, with ridiculous display, The Politician's corpse was laid away. While all of his acquaintance sneered and slanged I wept: for I had longed to see him hanged.

~Hilaire Belloc

Statistics are the triumph of the quantitative method, and the quantitative method is the victory of sterility and death.

~Hilaire Belloc

Physicians of the utmost fame, Were called at once; but when they came They answered, as they took their fees, 'There is no Cure for this Disease.'

~Hilaire Belloc

I'm tired of love; I'm still more tired of rhyme; but money gives me pleasure all the time.

~Hilaire Belloc

Any subject can be made interesting, and therefore any subject can be made boring.

~Hilaire Belloc

In soft deluding lies let fools delight. A shadow marks our days, which end in Night.

~Hilaire Belloc

And the men that were boys when I was a boy Shall sit and drink with me.

~Hilaire Belloc

All men have an instinct for conflict: at least, all healthy men.

~Hilaire Belloc

Ownership is not a general feature of our society, determining its character. On the contrary, dependence on a precarious wage at the will of others is the general feature of our society.

~Hilaire Belloc

Never could an increase of comfort or security be a sufficient good to be bought at the price of liberty.

~Hilaire Belloc

I always like to associate with a lot of priests because it makes me understand anti-clerical things so well.

~Hilaire Belloc

The power of the State must be invoked for restoring economic freedom just as it has been invoked for destroying economic freedom.

~Hilaire Belloc

It has long been recognized by public men of all kinds. . . that statistics come under the head of lying, and that no lie is so false or inconclusive as that which is based on statistics.

~Hilaire Belloc

The Reformation has been called in a biting epigram "a rising of the rich against the poor."

~Hilaire Belloc

The world is full of double beds  
And most delightful maidenheads,  
Which being so, there's no excuse  
For sodomy or self-abuse.

~Hilaire Belloc

The grace of God is courtesy.

~Hilaire Belloc

Write as the wind blows and command all words like an army!

~Hilaire Belloc

I am writing a book about the Crusades so dull that I can scarcely write it.

~Hilaire Belloc

If we do not restore the Institution of Property we cannot escape restoring the Institution of Slavery; there is no third course.

~Hilaire Belloc

From quiet homes and first beginning, out to the undiscovered ends, there's nothing worth the wear of winning, but laughter and the love of friends.

~Hilaire Belloc

Money gives me pleasure all the time.

~Hilaire Belloc

The sea drives truth into a man like salt.

~Hilaire Belloc

When friendship disappears then there is a space left open to that awful loneliness of the outside world which is like the cold space between the planets. It is an air in which men perish utterly.

~Hilaire Belloc

Writing itself is a bad enough trade, rightly held up to ridicule and contempt by the greater part of mankind, and especially by those who do real work, plowing, riding, sailing

~Hilaire Belloc

When you have lost your inns, drown your empty selves, for you will have lost the last of England.

~Hilaire Belloc

Child! do not throw this book about Refrain from the unholy pleasure Of cutting all the pictures out! Preserve it as your chiefest treasure.

~Hilaire Belloc

The whole art of the political speech is to put 'nothing' into it. It is much more difficult than it sounds.

~Hilaire Belloc

If antiquity be the only test of nobility, then cheese is a very noble thing ... The lineage of cheese is demonstrably beyond all record.

~Hilaire Belloc

If you can describe clearly without a diagram the proper way of making this or that knot, then you are a master of the English language.

~Hilaire Belloc

Is there no Latin word for Tea? Upon my soul, if I had known that I would have let the vulgar stuff alone.

~Hilaire Belloc

The choice lies between property on the one hand and slavery, public or private, on the other. There is no third issue.

~Hilaire Belloc

Pale Ebenezer thought it wrong to fight. But roaring Bill, who killed him, thought it right.

~Hilaire Belloc

Every major question in history is a religious question. It has more effect in molding life than nationalism or a common language.

~Hilaire Belloc

Loss and possession, death and life are one, There falls no shadow where there shines no sun.

~Hilaire Belloc

Dear Grandmamma, with what we give. We humbly pray that you may live. For many, many happy years: Although you bore us all to tears.

~Hilaire Belloc

There are few greater temptations on earth than to stay permanently at Oxford in meditation, and to read all the books in the Bodlean.

~Hilaire Belloc

Of all fatiguing, futile, empty trades, the worst, I suppose, is writing about writing.

~Hilaire Belloc

Just as there is nothing between the admirable omelet and the intolerable, so with autobiography.

~Hilaire Belloc

Oh, you should never, never doubt what nobody is sure about.

~Hilaire Belloc

I forget the name of the place; I forget the name of the girl; but the wine was Chambertin.

~Hilaire Belloc

For every time she shouted "Fire!" They only answered "Little liar!" And therefore when her aunt returned, Matilda, and the house, were burned.

~Hilaire Belloc

Be at the pains of putting down every single item of expenditure whatsoever every day which could possibly be twisted into a



professional expense and remember to lump in all the doubtfulls.

~Hilaire Belloc

[A]lways keep a-hold of Nurse For fear of finding something worse

~Hilaire Belloc

It is the best of all trades, to make songs, and the second best to sing them.

~Hilaire Belloc

Remote and ineffectual don.

~Hilaire Belloc

The accursed power which stands on privilege( and goes with women, champagne and bridge) Broke - and democracy resumed her reign ( which goes with bridge and women and champagne.

~Hilaire Belloc

I said to Heart, "How goes it?" Heart replied: "Right as a Ribstone Pippin!" But it lied.

~Hilaire Belloc

But scientists, who ought to know Assure us that it must be so. Oh, let us never, never doubt What nobody is sure about.

~Hilaire Belloc

[Heresy is] the dislocation of a complete and self-supporting scheme by the introduction of a novel denial of some essential part therein.

~Hilaire Belloc

We cannot make owners by merely giving men something to own. And, I repeat, whether there be sufficient desire for property left upon which we can work, only experience can decide.

~Hilaire Belloc

The machine does not control the mind of man, though it affects the mind of man; it is the mind of man that can and should control the machine.

~Hilaire Belloc

When people call this beast to mind, They marvel more and more At such a little tail behind, So large a trunk before.

~Hilaire Belloc

The larger unit can borrow more easily in proportion than the smaller. It can especially tap bank credit more easily and bank credit is, to-day, the chief factor in economic activity of all kinds.

~Hilaire Belloc

It is sometimes necessary to lie damnably in the interests of the nation.

~Hilaire Belloc

Whatever happens, we have got The Maxim gun, and they have not.

~Hilaire Belloc

Protest against Industrial Capitalism from one aspect or another is universal: so was the protest against the condition of European religion at the beginning of the sixteenth century.

~Hilaire Belloc

If we are to be happy, decent and secure of our souls: drink some kind of fermented liquor with one's food; go on the water from time to time; dance on occasions, and sing in a chorus.

~Hilaire Belloc

The moment a man talks to his fellows he begins to lie.

~Hilaire Belloc

Torture will give a dozen pence or more To keep a drab from bawling at

his door. The public taste is quite a different thing  
Torture is positively paid to sing.

~Hilaire Belloc

The Devil, having nothing else to do  
Went off to tempt my Lady Poltagrue.  
My Lady, tempted by a private whim,  
To his extreme annoyance, tempted him.

~Hilaire Belloc

Be content to remember that those who can make omelettes properly  
can do nothing else.

~Hilaire Belloc

How slow the shadow creeps: but when 'tis past  
How fast the shadows fall. How fast! How fast!

~Hilaire Belloc

For no one, in our long decline,  
So dusty, spiteful and divided,  
Had quite such pleasant friends as mine,  
Or loved them half as much as I did.

~Hilaire Belloc

Kings live in Palaces, and Pigs in sties,  
And youth in Expectation.  
Youth is wise.

~Hilaire Belloc

Of old when folk lay sick and sorely tried  
The doctors gave them physic,  
and they died. But here's a happier age:  
for now we know Both how to  
make men sick and keep them so.

~Hilaire Belloc

You are my cat, and I am your human.

~Hilaire Belloc

Of courtesy, it is much less Than courage of heart or holiness, Yet in my walks it seems to me That the Grace of God is in courtesy.

~Hilaire Belloc

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