

Israel Shenker Quotes

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Desert, Vocabulary, Squares, Reality, Limits, Two, Would Be, Wise, Challenges,
Fate, Mercy*

Monotheism owes its existence not to philosophic speculation about the nature of reality or knowledge or virtue, but to acceptance of reality identified with a supreme being.

~Israel Shenker

The unlettered man who prayed to his maker would be heard; the pedant reciting a faultless invocation would be ignored.

~Israel Shenker

The [Jewish] Sabbath was not intended to be simply a desert of prohibitions, but rather an oasis for moral restoration and seemly pleasure-one was to eat, drink, even be merry.

~Israel Shenker

At Vatican Council II, one dissenting Roman Catholic theologian declared: "Yes, the Bible says "Be fruitful and multiply," but that was when the population was two per square world.

~Israel Shenker

Writing is an affair of yearning for great voyages and hauling on frayed ropes.

~Israel Shenker

In Jewish tradition, death-defying devotion to scholarship was the stuff of saintliness.

~Israel Shenker

Theology emerged not as a course of knowledge but as a feast of homily and imagination and exaggeration in which every man could find his image and his portion. And yet there were limits.

~Israel Shenker

Jews are a singular confusion â€” difficult to define, awkward to describe, impossible to understand. All the virtues, all the vices, every

pleasure, every pain â€” nothing is spared them.

~Israel Shenker

America has a way of inventing tradition each morning and erasing the past by nightfall, and the hold of ancient custom is endangered by a thousand circumstances.

~Israel Shenker

God's greatest blessing is children. The only problem is that you have to support them. It's a problem, not a disadvantage.

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It was God who dictated what man should believe and do, leaving man the freedom to accept or scoff, to obey or disregard.

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