

Jonathan Sacks

Quotes

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Some years ago there was a study to discover the most stressful occupation. It turned out not to be the head of a large business, football manager or prime minister, but rather: bus driver.

~Jonathan Sacks

In our interconnected world, we must learn to feel enlarged, not threatened, by difference - that is what I have argued.

~Jonathan Sacks

Make space in your life for the things that matter, for family and friends, love and generosity, fun and joy. Without this, you will burn out in mid-career and wonder where your life went.

~Jonathan Sacks

No great achiever - even those who made it seem easy - ever succeeded without hard work.

~Jonathan Sacks

When money rules, we remember the price of things and forget the value of things, and that is dangerous.

~Jonathan Sacks

In Judaism faith means wrestling with God as Jacob once wrestled with an angel.

~Jonathan Sacks

I believe faith is not certainty but the courage to live with uncertainty.

~Jonathan Sacks

Science takes things apart to see how they work. Religion puts things together to see what they mean.

~Jonathan Sacks

The supreme religious challenge is to see God's image in one who is

not in our image.

~Jonathan Sacks

A society in which there are high levels of voluntary activity will simply be a better, happier place than one where there are not.

~Jonathan Sacks

God has given us many faiths but only one world in which to co-exist. May your work help all of us to cherish our commonalities and feel enlarged by our differences.

~Jonathan Sacks

True freedom requires the rule of law and justice, and a judicial system in which the rights of some are not secured by the denial of rights to others.

~Jonathan Sacks

We need to rediscover the idea of the common good and work together to build a home.

~Jonathan Sacks

The world we build tomorrow is born in the stories we tell our children today. Politics moves the pieces. Education changes the game.

~Jonathan Sacks

Religion survives because it answers three questions that every reflective person must ask. Who am I? Why am I here? How then shall I live?

~Jonathan Sacks

Freedom is not won by merely overthrowing a tyrannical ruler or an oppressive regime. That is usually only the prelude to a new tyranny, a new oppression.

~Jonathan Sacks

Jews have deep respect for the Queen and the royal family. We say a prayer for them every Sabbath in synagogue. We recite a special blessing on seeing the Queen.

~Jonathan Sacks

Happiness is not made by what we own. It is what we share.

~Jonathan Sacks

While we can remember the past, we cannot write the future. Only our children, the future of our community, can do that.

~Jonathan Sacks

Islamophobia is a complex phenomenon.

~Jonathan Sacks

Those who believe that liberal democracy and the free market can be defended by the force of law and regulation alone, without an internalised sense of duty and morality, are tragically mistaken.

~Jonathan Sacks

The meaning of the universe lies outside the universe.

~Jonathan Sacks

Find people not to envy but to admire. Do not the profitable but the admirable deed. Live by ideals.

~Jonathan Sacks

Man was not made for the service of economies; economies were made to serve mankind; and men and women were made - so we believe - to serve one another, not just ourselves.

~Jonathan Sacks

Religion is the best antidote to the individualism of the consumer age. The idea that society can do without it flies in the face of history and,

now, evolutionary biology.

~Jonathan Sacks

Follow your passion. Nothing - not wealth, success, accolades or fame - is worth spending a lifetime doing things you don't enjoy.

~Jonathan Sacks

Freedom begins with what we teach our children. That is why Jews became a people whose passion is education, whose heroes are teachers and whose citadels are schools.

~Jonathan Sacks

The Holocaust survivors are among the most inspiring people I have had the privilege to meet.

~Jonathan Sacks

Religious ritual is a way of structuring time so that we, not employers, the market or the media, are in control. Life needs its pauses, its chapter breaks, if the soul is to have space to breathe.

~Jonathan Sacks

The market economy is very good at wealth creation but not perfect at all about wealth distribution.

~Jonathan Sacks

Values are tapes we play on the Walkman of the mind: any tune we choose so long as it does not disturb others.

~Jonathan Sacks

Hope, even more than necessity, is the mother of invention.

~Jonathan Sacks

Governments cannot make marriages or turn feckless individuals into responsible citizens. That needs another kind of change agent.

~Jonathan Sacks

The idols of today are unmistakable - self-esteem without achievement, sex without consequences, wealth without responsibility, pleasure without struggle and experience without commitment.

~Jonathan Sacks

The universe is more than mere matter in motion. It and we were brought into being by a Creator who seeks our good.

~Jonathan Sacks

Giving is what makes a nation great.

~Jonathan Sacks

There's always hope. You can lose everything else in the world, but Jews never lose hope.

~Jonathan Sacks

In virtually every Western society in the 1960s there was a moral revolution, an abandonment of its entire traditional ethic of self-restraint.

~Jonathan Sacks

Cyberspace can't compensate for real space. We benefit from chatting to people face to face.

~Jonathan Sacks

The emphasis has been on rights, not responsibilities. When it comes to piecing together the fragments of broken lives, we have tended to place the entire burden on the state and its agencies.

~Jonathan Sacks

Britain, relative to the U.S., is a highly secular society. Philanthropy alone cannot fill the gap left by government cutbacks. And the sources

of altruism go deep into our evolutionary past.

~Jonathan Sacks

Peace can be agreed around the conference table, but unless it grows in ordinary hearts and minds, it does not last. It may not even begin

~Jonathan Sacks

We have no idea where the world is going, except that it's going there very fast.

~Jonathan Sacks

I see in the rising crescendo of ethnic tensions, civilization clashes and the use of religious justification for acts of terror, a clear and present danger to humanity.

~Jonathan Sacks

If the history of the Day of Atonement has anything to say to us now it is: never relieve individuals of moral responsibility. The more we have, the more we grow.

~Jonathan Sacks

When we love and make loving commitments, we create families and communities within which people can grow and take risks, knowing that hands will be there to catch them should they fall.

~Jonathan Sacks

Technology gives us power, but it does not and cannot tell us how to use that power. Thanks to technology, we can instantly communicate across the world, but it still doesn't help us know what to say.

~Jonathan Sacks

The first of the request prayers in the daily Amidah is a fractal. It replicates in miniature the structure of the Amidah as a whole.

~Jonathan Sacks

Israel is a democratic state with an independent judiciary, a free press and a diverse population of many cultures, religions and creeds.

~Jonathan Sacks

Freedom... leads those who have more than they need to share with those who have less

~Jonathan Sacks

Parenthood involves massive sacrifice: money, attention, time and emotional energy.

~Jonathan Sacks

While everyone else is thinking about economics and politics, executive salaries and the future of the euro, do the opposite, even if it's hard. Invest in the spirit.

~Jonathan Sacks

The greatest single antidote to violence is conversation.

~Jonathan Sacks

God's forgiveness allows us to be honest with ourselves. We recognize our imperfections, admit our failures, and plead to God for clemency.

~Jonathan Sacks

If we are to cherish freedom, and to guard it, we must remember what the alternative is: the bread of affliction and the bitter herbs of slavery.

~Jonathan Sacks

In an ecology of love, people can relate in trust and face the future without fear. They do not need to play it safe. They can take uncertainty in their stride.

~Jonathan Sacks

Much can and must be done by governments, but they cannot of

themselves change lives.

~Jonathan Sacks

It is through exchange that difference becomes a blessing, not a curse.

~Jonathan Sacks

That this occurred at the launch of the report into the Labour Party's recent troubles with antisemitism shows how deep the sickness is in parts of left of British politics today.

~Jonathan Sacks

I do not want to suggest that you have to be religious to be moral.

~Jonathan Sacks

The evidence shows that religious people - defined by regular attendance at a place of worship - actually do make better neighbours.

~Jonathan Sacks

The people of Israel are entitled, as is any other nation, to live in peace and safety.

~Jonathan Sacks

Faced with destruction, the Jewish people survived.

~Jonathan Sacks

God is back and Europe as a whole still doesn't get it. It is our biggest single collective cultural and intellectual blind spot.

~Jonathan Sacks

I think our people in Britain have a normative expectation of ethical conduct.

~Jonathan Sacks

Religiosity turns out to be the best indicator of civic involvement: it's

more accurate than education, age, income, gender or race.

~Jonathan Sacks

Since the 18th century, many Western intellectuals have predicted religion's imminent demise.

~Jonathan Sacks

The royals - all of them, especially Prince Philip and Prince Charles - have done outstanding work with the faith communities.

~Jonathan Sacks

In her religious role, the Queen is head of the Church of England, but in her civic role she cares for all her subjects, and no one is better at making everyone she meets feel valued.

~Jonathan Sacks

The twenty-first century is, and will remain, the Age of Insecurity.

~Jonathan Sacks

Marriage, sanctified by the bond of fidelity, is the nearest life gets to a work of art.

~Jonathan Sacks

A survey carried out across the U.S. between 2004 and 2006 showed that frequent church- or synagogue-goers are more likely to give money to charity.

~Jonathan Sacks

Focus on the mind and the soul. Read. Study. Enrol in a course of lectures. Pray. Become a member of a religious congregation. Study the Bible or other ancient works of wisdom.

~Jonathan Sacks

A perfect storm is in the making: financial uncertainty, economic

downturn, government cuts, rising unemployment and a future that looks less clear the more we try to fathom it.

~Jonathan Sacks

A Martian would think that the English worship at supermarkets, not in churches.

~Jonathan Sacks

Dreams are where we visit the many lands and landscapes of human possibility and discover the one where we feel at home. The great religious leaders were all dreamers.

~Jonathan Sacks

As the political leaders of Europe meet to save the euro and European Union, so should religious leaders.

~Jonathan Sacks

Europe is dying. That is one of the unsayable truths of our time. We are undergoing the moral equivalent of climate change and no one is talking about it.

~Jonathan Sacks

After the destruction of the Second Temple Jews lived by an ancient and fundamental insight, that God does not live in buildings but in the human heart.

~Jonathan Sacks

Why did God create mankind? Because God likes stories.

~Jonathan Sacks

With wealth comes responsibility.

~Jonathan Sacks

We from every religion feel comfortable in Britain because there is a

host. The Church of England is a good host, it has been a major force in shaping England into such a tolerant society.

~Jonathan Sacks

To defend a country, you need an army, but to defend a civilization, you need education...

~Jonathan Sacks

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