

Leland Ryken Quotes

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A Christian philosophy of literature begins with the same agenda of issues that any philosophy of literature addresses. Its distinctive feature is that it relates these issues to the Christian faith.

~Leland Ryken

In Puritan thinking, the Christian life was a heroic venture, requiring a full quota of energy.

~Leland Ryken

The Puritans' sense of priorities in life was one of their greatest strengths. Putting God first and valuing everything else in relation to God was a recurrent Puritan theme.

~Leland Ryken

William Perkins said, "The end of a man's calling is not to gather riches for himself but to serve God in the serving of man, and in the seeking the good of all men."

~Leland Ryken

No group of people has been more unjustly maligned in the twentieth century than the Puritans. As a result, we approach the Puritans with an enormous baggage of culturally ingrained prejudice.

~Leland Ryken

For the Puritans, the God-centered life meant making the quest for spiritual and moral holiness the great business of life.

~Leland Ryken

Stressing the God-centered life can lead to an otherworldly withdrawal from everyday earthly life.

~Leland Ryken

The secularization of Western culture was accompanied by the elevation of art to the position of a substitute religion to replace

Christianity.

~Leland Ryken

The goal of Bible translation is: be transparent to the original text - to see as clearly as possible what the biblical authors actually wrote.

~Leland Ryken

When you think about Puritanism, you must begin by getting rid of the slang term 'Puritanism' as applied to Victorian religious hypocrisy. This does not apply to seventeenth-century Puritanism.

~Leland Ryken

Literature incarnates its meanings as concretely as possible. The knowledge that literature gives of a subject is the kind of knowledge that is obtained by (vicariously) living through an experience.

~Leland Ryken

Since God is the one who calls people to their work, the worker becomes a steward who serves God.

~Leland Ryken

The Puritans were obsessed with the dangers of wealth.

~Leland Ryken

The Bible is obviously a mixed book. Literary and nonliterary (expository, explanatory) writing exist side by side within the covers of this unique book.

~Leland Ryken

Puritanism was a youthful, vigorous movement.

~Leland Ryken

The Puritans removed organs and paintings from churches, but bought them for private use in their homes.

~Leland Ryken

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