

Malcolm Muggeridge Quotes

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World, Happiness, Reality, Civilization, Too Late, Beautiful, Spiritual, Should
Have, Queens*

The depravity of man is at once the most empirically verifiable reality but at the same time the most intellectually resisted fact.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

We have now educated ourselves into a state of complete imbecility.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

What will finally destroy us is not communism or fascism, but man acting like God.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Never forget that only dead fish swim with the stream.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

God, stay with me, let no word cross my lips that is not your word, no thoughts enter my mind that are not your thoughts, no deed ever be done or entertained by me that is not your deed.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

People do not believe lies because they have to, but because they want to.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

In the beginning was the Lie and the Lie was made news and dwelt among us, graceless and false.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I have absolutely no doubt that there is an intense anti-Americanism in all Western Europe, and I think the reason for that is a very, very simple one.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The only ultimate disaster that can befall us is to feel ourselves at home on this earth.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Civilization - a heap of rubble scavenged by scrawny English Lit. vultures.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

On television I feel like a man playing piano in a brothel; every now and again he solaces himself by playing 'Abide with Me' in the hope of edifying both the clients and the inmates

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Education, the great mumbo jumbo and fraud of the age purports to equip us to live and is prescribed as a universal remedy for everything from juvenile delinquency to premature senility.

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When you reach your sixties, you have to decide whether you're going to be a sot or an ascetic. In other words if you want to go on working after you're sixty, some degree of asceticism is inevitable.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Few men of action have been able to make a graceful exit at the appropriate time.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

People say that the Bible is a boring book...but they don't say that about Shakespeare, because the people who teach Shakespeare are

zealous for Shakespeare.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I can say that I never knew what joy was like until I gave up pursuing happiness, or cared to live until I chose to die. For these two discoveries I am beholden to Jesus.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The only people I've met in this world who never doubt are materialists and atheists.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

It was a somber place, haunted by old jokes and lost laughter. Life, as I discovered, holds no more wretched occupation than trying to make the English laugh.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

How do I know pornography depraves and corrupts? It depraves and corrupts me

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Television was not intended to make human beings vacuous, but it is an emanation of their vacuity.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

In retrospect, all these exercises in self-gratification seem pure fantasy, what Pascal called, licking the earth.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

History will see advertising as one of the real evil things of our time. It is stimulating people constantly to want things, want this, want that.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The media have, indeed, provided the Devil with perhaps the greatest

opportunity accorded him since Adam and Eve were turned out of the Garden of Eden.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I think that the essence of a free and civilized society is that everything in it should be subject to criticism, that all forms of authority, should be treated with a certain reservation.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Bad humor is an evasion of reality; good humor is an acceptance of it.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The genius of Man in our time has gone into jet-propulsion, atom-splitting, penicillin-curing, etc. There is none left over for works of imagination; of spiritual insight or mystical enlightenment.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

All new news is old news happening to new people

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The orgasm has replaced the Cross as the focus of longing and the image of fulfillment.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The only thing that really teaches one what life's about the joy of understanding, the joy of coming in contact with what life really signifies - is suffering, affliction.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Like a prisoner awaiting his release, like a schoolboy when the end of term is near, like a migrant bird ready to fly south ... I long to be gone.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

There is no such things as darkness, only a failure to see.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I hate government. I hate power. I think that man's existence, insofar as he achieves anything, is to resist power, to minimize power, to devise systems of society in which power is the least exerted.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

This horror of pain is a rather low instinct and... if I think of human beings I've known and of my own life, such as it is, I can't recall any case of pain which didn't, on the whole, enrich life.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The pursuit of happiness, which American citizens are obliged to undertake, tends to involve them in trying to perpetuate the moods, tastes and aptitudes of youth.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

There's far more truth in the Book of Genesis than in the quantum theory.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Its avowed purpose is to excite sexual desire, which, I should have thought, is unnecessary in the case of the young, inconvenient in the case of the middle aged, and unseemly in the old.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

As Man alone, Jesus could not have saved us; As God alone, He would not; Made flesh, He could and did.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The essential feature, and necessity of life is to know reality, which means knowing God.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Sex is the ersatz or substitute religion of the 20th Century.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

In the cycle of a great civilization, the artist begins as priest, and ends as a clown or buffoon.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

A decrepit society shuns humor as a decrepit individual shuns drafts.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

He was not only a bore; he bored for England.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Sex is the mysticism of materialism and the only possible religion in a materialistic society.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

All of us admire people we don't like and like people we don't admire.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Tranquilizers to overcome angst, pep pills to wake us up, life pills to ensure blissful sterility. I will lift up my ears unto the pills whence cometh my help.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I never met a rich man who was happy, but I have only very occasionally met a poor man who did not want to become a rich man.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

American Women: How they mortify the flesh in order to make it appetizing! Their beauty is a vast industry, their enduring allure a discipline which nuns or athletes might find excessive.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Politicians get their power too late, and I think that he has inherited an impossible situation in which he is ill-equipped to deal.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Higher education is booming in the United States; the Gross National Mind is mounting along with the Gross National Product.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

For us humans, everything is permanent - until it changes, as we are immortal until we die

~Malcolm Muggeridge

One of the many pleasures of old age is giving things up.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

In politics, as in womanizing, failure is decisive. It sheds its retrospective gloom on earlier endeavor which at the time seemed full of promise.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

There's nothing in this world more instinctively abhorrent to me than finding myself in agreement with my fellow-humans.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I beg you to believe that life is not a process, it's a drama

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The skyscrapers began to rise again, frailly massive, elegantly utilitarian, images in their grace, audacity and inconclusiveness, of the whole character of the people who produces them.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

My opinion, my conviction, gains immensely in strength and sureness the minute a second mind has adopted it.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Christianity . . . sees the necessity for man to have spiritual values and it shows him how to get at those through physical sacraments.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I think it [presidency of Dwight Eisenhower] came too late and I think that he is not on the wavelength of this dreadful time through which we're living.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

One of the stupidest theories of Western life.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

An orgy looks particularly alluring seen through the mists of righteous indignation.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I accept the fact I am an unregenerate egghead.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I'm much too modest a person.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Surely the glory of journalism is its transience.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Animistic savages prostrating themselves before a painted stone have always seemed to me to be nearer the truth than any Einstein or Bertrand Russell.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Travel, of course, narrows the mind.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I think Winston Churchill is an appallingly bad politician, and always has been, that he hung onto power long after he should have done, and that his post-war administration was a disaster.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I think that Sir Winston Churchill, in the period that the Germans occupied the Channel Ports, when the whole war hung in issue, fulfilled a role, which is as great as any role in our history.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I wouldn't have said that Anthony Eden was equipped by nature to deal with the situation in the world today. I would have said that he was portentous, sincere, honest and rather stupid.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The Sputnik is just to me like a firework, a rocket, a new invention.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Sex on the brain is the wrong place to have it.

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The price you pay for being powerful and being rich is to be hated.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

It's very nearly impossible to tell the truth in television.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

It has to be admitted that we English have sex on the brain, which is a very unsatisfactory place to have it.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I don't like seeing people angry.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The truth is that a lost empire, lost power and lost wealth provide perfect circumstances for living happily and contentedly in our enchanted island.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

Humor is practically the only thing about which the English are utterly serious.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I think that any person who is commenting on public affairs is entitled to point out those dangers.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The monarchical institution in England is immensely valuable.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I have to say that I think that Anthony Eden was probably the most disastrous Prime Minister in our history, and I am not forgetting Lord North and a few people like that.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

It's a sad thing about politics that most people get power too late, in that they differ from ladies of easy virtue who get their pleasures too early.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I think that Harold MacMillan is a very intelligent man, who, as so often happens in politics, achieved supreme power too late.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I think Queen Elisabeth II is a charming woman.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The hallmark of religion is to distrust claims made for mortal men. It is in ages of great religious faith that great skepticism can find expression.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

When Dwight Eisenhower became president, I personally was delighted. I thought that that was a very good thing.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The great advantage of the sort of education I had was precisely that it made practically no mark upon those subjected to it.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

It is simply that America is very rich and very powerful and generally speaking everybody hates the rich and the powerful.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

I have had my television aerials removed. It is the moral equivalent of a prostate operation.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

The "pursuit of happiness" is responsible for a good part of the ills and miseries of the modern world.

~Malcolm Muggeridge

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