

Martha Stout

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I am sure that if the devil existed, he would want us to feel very sorry for him.

~Martha Stout

Sociopaths love power. They love winning. If you take loving kindness out of the human brain, there's not much left except the will to win.

~Martha Stout

The most reliable sign, the most universal behavior of unscrupulous people is not directed, as one might imagine, at our fearfulness. It is, perversely, an appeal to our sympathy.

~Martha Stout

Sociopaths are just like everybody else in that some of them are really brilliant, some of them are really stupid, and most of them are somewhere in between.

~Martha Stout

If courage is acting according to one's conscience despite pain or fear, then strength is the ability to keep conscience awake and in force despite the demands of authorities to do otherwise.

~Martha Stout

I saw a werewolf drinking a pina colada at Trader Vic's. His hair was perfect.

~Martha Stout

One way or another, a life without conscience is a failed life.

~Martha Stout

The ultimate manipulation is to kill someone, and sociopathy is murderous in a psychological sense - there's a kind of soul-murder going on.

~Martha Stout

Most of who we are is our deepest emotions, and someone who cannot feel those emotions in a positive way is never going to understand much about his fellow human beings.

~Martha Stout

Even famous people - are most concerned of all with what people who are close to them think. And the sociopath is generally not concerned with that at all.

~Martha Stout

Sociopathy is the inability to process emotional experience, including love and caring, except when such experience can be calculated as a coldly intellectual task.

~Martha Stout

Sociopaths are not afraid of very much, except for physical harm and dying - really primitive, basic kinds of fears. The problem with being alone for a sociopath is boredom.

~Martha Stout

I am not allowed by my profession to diagnose somebody from a distance, but one can observe certain symptoms of sociopathy in George W. Bush.

~Martha Stout

Controlling othersâ€™"winningâ€™"is more compelling than anything (or anyone) else.

~Martha Stout

We are all a little crazy.

~Martha Stout

A conscience is, for a while anyway, pretty easy to fake.

~Martha Stout

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