

# Michael Novak

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Love is not a feeling of happiness. Love is a willingness to sacrifice.

~Michael Novak

Granted that I must die, how shall I live?

~Michael Novak

Practically every movie that shows the pope or even a bishop as a character, and in much of western literature of the last 300 or 400 years, these are portrayed as awful figures.

~Michael Novak

Marriage, the family unit, was the "original Department of Health, Education and Welfare."

~Michael Novak

The most critical threat to our freedom is a failure to appreciate the power of truth.

~Michael Novak

To know oneself is to disbelieve utopia.

~Michael Novak

Our Founders always wondered about how long it would last. The price of liberty is everlasting vigilance. You've got to be on your guard every minute or you will lose it.

~Michael Novak

We really feel happier when things look bleak. Hope is endurance. Hope is holding on and going on and trusting in the Lord.

~Michael Novak

To go into a competition and not strive to win is to be a dishonest competitor.

~Michael Novak

You're a sovereign as a citizen. If you're not involved in your government, you're not doing your job. In the long run that's very bad for the Republic.

~Michael Novak

Our capacity for self-deception has no known limits

~Michael Novak

Don't be afraid of anything. We've seen so much suffering and evil in the 20th century and we got through it. We can go on. God is with us. God will help us. Trust Him.

~Michael Novak

Our political institutions work remarkably well. They are designed to clang against each other. The noise is democracy at work.

~Michael Novak

Tradition lives because young people come along who catch its romance and add new glories to it.

~Michael Novak

The Lord God, the creator of Judaism and the God of Judaism and Christianity, empowered our minds and gave us the ability to question.

~Michael Novak

Atheists in our midst are proof that all consciences can be accommodated here, even those that have no ground for holding that conscience is sacred, inalienable, and prior to civil society.

~Michael Novak

Individual freedom is a Jewish idea, but it's one of the functions of Christianity to make this idea universal.

~Michael Novak

In most of history, societies have not been free. It's a very rare society that is free. The default condition of human societies is tyranny.

~Michael Novak

Even rock stars are entitled to privacy.

~Michael Novak

Christians must be Jews. The truth of what we believe depends on the truth of Judaism, depends on the first covenant.

~Michael Novak

Sports events do not really exist at all unless there is a certain order and fairness - justice in each event.

~Michael Novak

There is a bigotry rampant in America, against evangelicals. It is the last respectable bigotry.

~Michael Novak

Sports is, somehow, a religion.

~Michael Novak

Jews do not have to be Christians. Christianity is an offshoot of Judaism, but too utopian, too hopeful, too unrealistic a turn.

~Michael Novak

Command by instinct is swifter, subtler, deeper, more accurate, more in touch with reality than command by conscious mind. The discovery takes one's breath away.

~Michael Novak

It is almost inconceivable that citizens of that time were willing to support so bloody a war, by putting so high a price upon Union and Liberty.

~Michael Novak

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