

# Mikhail Bakunin

## Quotes

*Men, Liberty, Atheism, Humanity, People, Lying, Slavery, Heart, Two, Passion, Firsts, Principles, Rights, Ideas, Strong, God, Names, World, Atheist, Heaven*

Political Freedom without economic equality is a pretense, a fraud, a lie; and the workers want no lying.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Children do not constitute anyone's property: they are neither the property of their parents nor even of society. They belong only to their own future freedom.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Freedom, morality, and the human dignity of the individual consists precisely in this; that he does good not because he is forced to do so, but because he freely conceives it, wants it, and loves it.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Destroy or be destroyed-there is no middle way! Let us then be the destroyers!

~Mikhail Bakunin

In antiquity slaves were, in all honesty called slaves. In the middle ages, they took the name of serfs. Nowadays they are called wage earners.

~Mikhail Bakunin

People go to church for the same reasons they go to a tavern: to stupefy themselves, to forget their misery, to imagine themselves, for a few minutes anyway, free and happy.

~Mikhail Bakunin

A Boss in Heaven is the best excuse for a boss on earth, therefore If God did exist, he would have to be abolished.

~Mikhail Bakunin

From the naturalistic point of view, all men are equal. There are only two exceptions to this rule of naturalistic equality: geniuses and idiots.

~Mikhail Bakunin

In every State, the government is nothing but a permanent conspiracy on the part of the minority against the majority, which it enslaves and fleeces.

~Mikhail Bakunin

If God really existed, it would be necessary to abolish Him.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Religion is a collective insanity.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Anyone who makes plans for after the revolution is a reactionary.

~Mikhail Bakunin

The freedom of all is essential to my freedom.

~Mikhail Bakunin

All religions are cruel, all founded on blood; for all rest principally on the idea of sacrifice - that is, on the perpetual immolation of humanity to the insatiable vengeance of divinity.

~Mikhail Bakunin

When the people are being beaten with a stick, they are not much happier if it is called "the People's Stick."

~Mikhail Bakunin

The idea of God implies the abdication of human reason and justice; it is the most decisive negation of human liberty and necessarily ends in the enslavement of mankind both in theory and practice.

~Mikhail Bakunin

A person is strong only when he stands upon his own truth, when he

speaks and acts from his deepest convictions.

~Mikhail Bakunin

No theory, no ready-made system, no book that has ever been written will save the world. I cleave to no system. I am a true seeker.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Even the most wretched individual of our present society could not exist and develop without the cumulative social efforts of countless generations.

~Mikhail Bakunin

As long as we have a master in heaven, we will be slaves on earth.

~Mikhail Bakunin

By striving to do the impossible, man has always achieved what is possible. Those who have cautiously done no more than they believed possible have never taken a single step forward.

~Mikhail Bakunin

The right to unite freely and to separate freely is the first and most important of all political rights.

~Mikhail Bakunin

If there is a State, there must be domination of one class by another and, as a result, slavery; the State without slavery is unthinkable - and this is why we are the enemies of the State.

~Mikhail Bakunin

If you took the most ardent revolutionary, vested him in absolute power, within a year he would be worse than the Tsar himself.

~Mikhail Bakunin

The first revolt is against the supreme tyranny of theology, of the

phantom of God. As long as we have a master in heaven, we will be slaves on earth.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Do you want to make it impossible for anyone to oppress his fellow-man? Then make sure that no one shall possess power.

~Mikhail Bakunin

The urge to destroy is a creative urge.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Real humanity presents a mixture of all that is most sublime and beautiful with all that is vilest and most monstrous in the world.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Man is only truly free only among equally free men.

~Mikhail Bakunin

There are but three ways for the populace to escape its wretched lot. The first two are by the routes of the wine-shop or the church; the third is by that of the social revolution.

~Mikhail Bakunin

The peoples' revolution... will arrange its revolutionary organisation from the bottom up and from the periphery to the centre, in keeping with the principle of liberty.

~Mikhail Bakunin

I am sure that, on the one hand, the Rothschilds appreciate the merits of Marx, and that on the other hand, Marx feels an instinctive inclination and a great respect for the Rothschilds.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Whoever says State necessarily says domination, and, consequently,

slavery; a State without slavery, open or concealed, is inconceivable: that is why we are enemies of the State.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Anarchism is "stateless socialism."

~Mikhail Bakunin

Revolution requires extensive and widespread destruction, a fecund and renovating destruction, since in this way and only this way are new worlds born

~Mikhail Bakunin

Everything will pass, and the world will perish but the Ninth Symphony will remain.

~Mikhail Bakunin

It is the characteristic of privilege and of every privileged position to kill the mind and heart of men. The privileged man, whether practically or economically, is a man deprived in mind and heart.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Liberty means that a man is recognized as free and treated as free by those who surround him.

~Mikhail Bakunin

If there is a State, then there is domination, and in turn, there is slavery.

~Mikhail Bakunin

This contradiction lies here: they wish God, and they wish humanity. They persist in connecting two terms which, once separated, can come together again only to destroy each other.

~Mikhail Bakunin

I am conscious of my inability to grasp, in all its details and positive developments, any very large portion of human knowledge.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Does it follow that I reject all authority? Perish the thought. In the matter of boots, I defer to the authority of the boot-maker.

~Mikhail Bakunin

A divine falsehood is more powerful than any human truth.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Christianity is the complete negation of common sense and sound reason.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Intellectual slavery, of whatever nature it may be, will always have as a natural result both political and social slavery.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Idealism is the despot of thought, just as politics is the despot of will.

~Mikhail Bakunin

To my utter despair I have discovered, and discover every day anew, that there is in the masses no revolutionary idea or hope or passion.

~Mikhail Bakunin

The urge for destruction is also a creative urge!

~Mikhail Bakunin

If God is, man is a slave; now, man can and must be free; then, God does not exist. I defy anyone whomsoever to avoid this circle; now, therefore, let all choose.

~Mikhail Bakunin

We must spread our principles, not with words but with deeds, for this is the most popular, the most potent, and the most irresistible form of propaganda.

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We are convinced that liberty without socialism is privilege, injustice; and that socialism without liberty is slavery and brutality.

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He who desires to worship God must harbor no childish illusions about the matter but bravely renounce his liberty and humanity.

~Mikhail Bakunin

If God existed, only in one way could he serve the cause of human liberty-by ceasing to exist.

~Mikhail Bakunin

The star of revolution will rise high above the streets of Moscow, from a sea of blood and fire, and turn into a lodestar to lead a liberated humanity

~Mikhail Bakunin

I bow before the authority of special men because it is imposed upon me by my own reason.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Throw a theory into the fire; it only spoils life.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Where the state begins, individual liberty ceases, and vice versa.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Every people, like every person, . . . has a right to be itself.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Our first work must be the annihilation of everything as it now exists.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Powerful states can maintain themselves only by crime, little states are virtuous only by weakness.

~Mikhail Bakunin

We are materialists and atheists, and we glory in the fact.

~Mikhail Bakunin

There is only one power and one dictatorship whose organisation is salutary and feasible: it is that collective, invisible dictatorship of those who are allied in the name of our principle.

~Mikhail Bakunin

The organization of society is always and everywhere the unique cause of the crimes committed by individuals.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Theology created the fiction of Satan which represents the revolt of an infinite being against the existence of an absolute infinity, against God.

~Mikhail Bakunin

[Jehovah is] certainly the most jealous, the most vain, the most ferocious, the most unjust, the most bloodthirsty, the most despotic, and the most hostile to human dignity and liberty.

~Mikhail Bakunin

Theology is the science of the divine lie.

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The privileged man, whether he be privileged politically or economically, is a man deprived in intellect and heart.

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Everything that lives, does so under the categorical condition of decisively interfering in the life of someone else.

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Collective property and individual property, these two banners will be the standards under which, from now on, the great battles of the future will be fought.

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