

Nikolai Berdyaev

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Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Every single human soul has more meaning and value than the whole of history.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Every moral act of love, of mercy, and of sacrifice brings to pass the end of the world where hatred, cruelty, and selfishness reign supreme.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Perhaps the saddest thing to admit is that those who rejected the Cross have to carry it, while those who welcomed it are so often engaged in crucifying others.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Victory over fear is the first spiritual duty of man.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

The creation of the world is not only a process which moves from God to humanity. God demands newness from humanity; God awaits the works of human freedom.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

The enslaving of the other is also the enslaving of the self.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Utopias now appear much more realizable than one used to think. We are now faced with a different new worry: How to prevent their realization.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

The meaning of conservatism is not that it impedes movement forward

and upward, but that it impedes movement backwards and downwardsâ€”to chaotic darkness and the return to a primitive state.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

There is a tragic clash between Truth and the world. Pure undistorted truth burns up the world.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Freedom is the power to create out of nothing, the power of the spirit to create out of itself.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Death, that final evil, is one of the paths to eternity. Endless life in the conditions of our existence would be a nightmare.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

The overwhelming majority of people, including Christians, are materialists. They do not believe in the power of spirit. They believe only in material power.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Creativity is the supreme mystery of life, the mystery of the appearance of something new, hitherto unknown, derived from nothing, proceeding from nothing, born of nothing other.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Objectification is above all exteriorization, the alienation of spirit from itself.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

In sex we have the source of man's true connection with the cosmos and of his servile dependence. The categories of sex, male and female, are cosmic categories, not merely anthropological categories.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Creativity is the mystery of freedom.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Creative experience foreshadows a new Heaven and a new Earth.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

True life is creativity, not development: it is the freedom for creative acts, for creative fire, rather than necessity and the heaviness of congealing self-perfection.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Conscience is the spiritual, supernatural principle in man, and it is not of social origin at all. It is rather the perversion and confusion of conscience that is of social origin.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Self-realization is a process of permanent auto-creation, an elaboration of the new man at the expense of the old.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

The question of bread for myself is a material question; but the question of bread for my neighbour, for everybody, is a spiritual and a religious question.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

The will to originality is not the will to be peculiar and unlike anybody else; it means the desire to derive one's consciousness from its primary source.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

The Church is simply the path of history, and not the actual kingdom of God.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

The physical union of the sexes ... only intensifies man's sense of solitude.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

I do not think discursively. It is not so much that I arrive at truth as that I take my start from it.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Time is the product of changing realities, beings, existences.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

God is a reality of spirit He cannot be conceived as an object, not even as the very highest object. God is not to be found in the world of objects.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

The bourgeois takes economic power very seriously, and often worships it quite unselfishly.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

But man as a person, the same man, gains mastery over egocentric self-confinement by disclosing a universe in himself...Personality is a universe, it is filled with universal content.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Dostoevsky - is not a realist as an artist, he is an experimentator, a creator of an experimental metaphysics of human nature.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Philosophy... is the creative perception by the spirit of the meaning of human existence.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

We are standing on the threshold of a world-epoch of religious

creativity, on a cosmic divide.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

It is beyond dispute that the state exercises very great power over human life and it always shows a tendency to go beyond the limits laid down for it.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

...in the third epoch the divinity of man's creative nature is finally revealed and divine power becomes human power.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

The Russian yearning for the meaning of life is the major theme of our literature, and this is the real point of our intelligentsia's existence.

~Nikolai Berdyaev

Denial of Russia in the name of humanity it is - robbing humanity

~Nikolai Berdyaev

In every artistic activity a new world is created, the cosmos, a world enlightened and free.

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