

Peter Kropotkin

Quotes

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Competition is the law of the jungle, but cooperation is the law of civilization

~Peter Kropotkin

The hopeless don't revolt, because revolution is an act of hope.

~Peter Kropotkin

Everywhere you will find that the wealth of the wealthy springs from the poverty of the poor.

~Peter Kropotkin

The law has no claim to human respect. It has no civilizing mission; its only purpose is to protect exploitation.

~Peter Kropotkin

Where there is authority, there is no freedom.

~Peter Kropotkin

Think about the world you want to live and work in. What do you need to know to build the world? Demand that your teachers teach you that.

~Peter Kropotkin

Have not prisons - which kill all will and force of character in man, which enclose within their walls more vices than are met with on any other spot of the globe - always been universities of crime?

~Peter Kropotkin

It is only those who do nothing who makes no mistake.

~Peter Kropotkin

In existing States a fresh law is looked upon as a remedy for evil. Instead of themselves altering what is bad, people begin by demanding a law to alter it.

~Peter Kropotkin

Poverty, the existence of the poor, was the first cause of riches.

~Peter Kropotkin

When we have but the will to do it, that very moment will Justice be done: that very instant the tyrants of the Earth shall bite the dust.

~Peter Kropotkin

I understand regicide as a means of obtaining vengeance for the ruin of our lives, but regicide as a means of obtaining political freedom I could never understand.

~Peter Kropotkin

Struggle so that all may live this rich, overflowing life. And be sure that in this struggle you will find a joy greater than anything else can give.

~Peter Kropotkin

Prisons are universities of crime, maintained by the state.

~Peter Kropotkin

The two great movements of our century -- towards Liberty of the individual and social co-operation of the whole community -- are summed up in Anarchist-Communism.

~Peter Kropotkin

As an anarchist, I cannot reconcile myself to any government.

~Peter Kropotkin

Waste of time is the leading feature of our present education. Not only are we taught a mass of rubbish, but what is not rubbish is taught so as to make us waste over it as much time as possible.

~Peter Kropotkin

Idlers do not make history: they suffer it!

~Peter Kropotkin

When one has talent, everything contributes to its development.

~Peter Kropotkin

A national movement, which does not include in its platform the demand for an economical change advantageous to the masses has no chance of success unless supported by foreign aid.

~Peter Kropotkin

You know how I always believe in the future. Without disorder, the revolution is impossible; knowing that, I did not lose hope, and I do not lose it now.

~Peter Kropotkin

The immense and ever increasing sums which the state wrings from the people are never enough for it; it mortgages the income of future generations, and steers resolutely toward bankruptcy.

~Peter Kropotkin

Revolutions, we must remember, are always made by minorities.

~Peter Kropotkin

Lenin is not comparable to any revolutionary figure in history. Revolutionaries have had ideals. Lenin has none.

~Peter Kropotkin

Sociability is as much a law of nature as mutual struggle. Mutual aid is as much a law of animal life as mutual struggle.

~Peter Kropotkin

Vladimir Ilyich [Lenin], your concrete actions are completely unworthy of the ideas you pretend to hold.

~Peter Kropotkin

You reason like the king, who, being sent across the frontier, called out,

'What will become of my poor subjects without me?'

~Peter Kropotkin

We take men for what they are worth - and that is why we hate the government of man by man, and that we work with all our might - perhaps not strong enough - to put an end to it.

~Peter Kropotkin

Of all parties I now see only one party- The Anarchist- which respects human life, and loudly insists upon the abolition of capital punishment, prison torture and punishment of man by man altogether.

~Peter Kropotkin

The moral sense is a natural faculty in us like the sense of smell or of touch.

~Peter Kropotkin

Educated men - "civilized," as Fourier used to say with disdain - tremble at the idea that society might some day be without judges, police, or gaolers.

~Peter Kropotkin

The State is only one of the forms assumed by society in the course of history. Why then make no distinction between what is permanent and what is accidental?

~Peter Kropotkin

War is the usual condition of Europe.

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War is the usual condition of Europe. A thirty years' supply of causes of war is always on hand.

~Peter Kropotkin

The future cannot be legislated. All that can be done is to anticipate its most important movements and to clear the path for them.

~Peter Kropotkin

He objected, though, to indiscriminate reading. 'One must have some question,' he wrote, 'addressed to the book one is going to read.'

~Peter Kropotkin

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