

# Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

## Quotes

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Love Is, Together, Soul, Mind, Believe, Inspirational, May, Past, Passion,  
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We are not human beings having a spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings having a human experience.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Love is the most powerful and still most unknown energy in the world.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

We are one, after all, you and I, together we suffer, together exist and forever will recreate each other.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The future belongs to those who give the next generation reason for hope.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Love alone is capable of uniting living beings in such a way as to complete and fulfill them, for it alone takes them and joins them by what is deepest in themselves.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The world is round so that friendship may encircle it.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Growing old is like being increasingly penalized for a crime you haven't committed.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The most satisfying thing in life is to have been able to give a large part of one's self to others.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

You are not a human being in search of a spiritual experience. You are a spiritual being immersed in a human experience.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The truth is, indeed, that love is the threshold of another universe.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Matter is spirit moving slowly enough to be seen.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

What paralyzes life is lack of faith and lack of audacity. The difficulty lies not in solving problems but identifying them.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The only way forward is in the direction of a common passion, for nothing in the universe can ultimately resist the cumulative ardor of the collective soul.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Truth has to appear only once, in one single mind, for it to be impossible for anything ever to prevent it from spreading universally and setting everything ablaze.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

A universal love is not only psychologically possible; it is the only complete and final way in which we are able to love.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Our duty, as men and women, is to proceed as if limits to our ability did not exist. We are collaborators in creation.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Isolation is a blind alley....Nothing on the planet grows except by convergence.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The day is not far distant when humanity will realize that biologically it is faced with a choice between suicide and adoration.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Reach beyond your grasp. Your goals should be grand enough to get the best of you.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

He that will believe only what he can fully comprehend must have a long head or a very short creed.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Love is a sacred reserve of energy; it is like the blood of spiritual evolution.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

That there is an evolution of one sort or another is now common ground among scientists. Whether or not that evolution is directed is another question.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The future is in the hands of those who can give tomorrow's generations valid reasons to live and hope.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Instead of standing on the shore and proving to ourselves that the ocean cannot carry us, let us venture on its waters just to see.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

God is not remote from us. He is at the point of my pen, my (pick)

shovel, my paint brush, my (sewing) needle - and my heart and thoughts.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Each element of the cosmos is positively woven from all the others...The universe holds together, and only one way of considering it is really possible, that is, to take it as a whole, in one piece.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Everything that rises must converge.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

And this is the best success I can dream for my life: to have spread a new vision of the world.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Love is the internal, affectively apprehended, aspect of the affinity which links and draws together the elements of the world... Love, in fact, is the expression and the agent of universal synthesis.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Do not forget that the value and interest of life is not so much to do conspicuous things...as to do ordinary things with the perception of their enormous value.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The Age of Nations is past. The task before us now, if we would not perish, is to build the Earth.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Your creatures can come into being only, like shoot from stem, as part of an endlessly renewed process of evolution.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

To see more is to become more.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

To love is to approach each other center to center.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

We are collaborators in creation.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

By means of all created things, without exception, the divine assails us, penetrates us, and molds us. We imagined it as distant and inaccessible, when in fact we live steeped in its burning layers

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The more we split and pulverise matter artificially, the more insistently it proclaims its fundamental unity.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

You have told me, O God, to believe in hell. But you have forbidden me to think...of any man as damned

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The most empowering relationships are those in which each partner lifts the other to a higher possession of their own being.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The whole life lies in the verb seeing.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The task for us now, if we are to survive, is to build the earth.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Driven by the forces of love, the fragments of the world seek each other so that the world may come to being.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Faith has need of the whole truth.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The human person is the sum total of a 15 billion year chain of unbroken evolution now thinking about itself

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The zest for life, which is the source of all passion and all insight, even divine, does not come to us from ourselves.... It is God who has to give us the impulse of wanting him.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

By virtue of Creation, and still more the Incarnation, nothing here below is profane for those who know how to see.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

When humans truly discover the power of love, it will prove more important than the harnessing of fire.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Man only progresses by slowly elaborating from age to age the essence and the totality of a universe deposited within him.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Love is the most universal, the most tremendous and the most mysterious of the cosmic forces.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

At the heart of our universe, each soul exists for God, in our Lord.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

It often happens that what stares us in the face is the most difficult to

perceive.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

You must overcome death by finding God in it.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Not everything is immediately good to those who seek God; but everything is capable of becoming good.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

God is inexhaustibly attainable in the totality of our action.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

We may, perhaps, imagine that the creation was finished long ago. But that would be quite wrong. It continues still more magnificently, and at the highest levels of the world.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

It doesn't matter if the water is cold or warm if you're going to have to wade through it anyway.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The most telling and profound way of describing the evolution of the universe would undoubtedly be to trace the evolution of love.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

In the spiritual life, as in all organic processes, everyone has their optimum and it is just as harmful to go beyond it as not to attain it.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The past has revealed to me the structure of the future.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Those who spread their sails in the right way to the winds of the earth



will always find themselves born by a current towards the open seas.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Mankind is still embryonic ... [man is] the bud from which something more complicated and more centered than man himself should emerge.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The world can no more have two summits than a circumference can have two centres.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The reality of spirit-matter is inevitably translated into and confirmed by a structure of the spirit.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The future is more beautiful than all the pasts.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Science, philosophy and religion are bound to converge as they draw nearer to the whole.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The universe as we know it is a joint product of the observer and the observed.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Our century is probably more religious than any other. How could it fail to be, with such problems to be solved? The only trouble is that it has not yet found a God it can adore.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Mankind is now caught up, as though in a train of gears, at the heart of a continually accelerating vortex of self-totalisation.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

All the communions of a life-time are one communion. All the communions of all men now living are one communion. All the communions of all men, present, past and future, are one communion.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Joy is the sheer evidence of God.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

We had thought that we were human beings making a spiritual journey; it may be truer to say that we are spiritual beings making a human journey.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The dog knows, but does not know that he knows.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

God loves everyone in the world who doesn't love himself. Does God love God?

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Each elect soul ... possesses God directly and finds in that unique possession the fulfillment of his own individuality.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

A breeze passes in the night. When did it spring up? Whence does it come? Whither is it going? No man knows.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

From an evolutionary point of view, man has stopped moving, if he ever did move.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The stars are laboratories in which the evolution of matter proceeds in the direction of large molecules.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Specialisation paralyses, ultra-specialisation kills. Palaeontology is littered with such catastrophes.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

More primordial than any idea, beauty will be manifest as the herald and generator of ideas.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

He recognized with absolute certainty the empty fragility of even the noblest theorizings as compared with the definitive plenitude of the smallest fact grasped in its total, concrete reality.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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