

R. Scott Bakker

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There was such a difference, he thought, between the beauty that illuminated, and the beauty that was illuminated.

~R. Scott Bakker

Here we find further argument for Gotagga's supposition that the world is round. How else could all men stand higher than their brothers?

~R. Scott Bakker

Any fool can see the limits of seeing, but not even the wisest know the limits of knowing. Thus is ignorance rendered invisible, and are all Men made fools.

~R. Scott Bakker

Faith is the truth of passion. Since no passion is more true than another, faith is the truth of nothing.

~R. Scott Bakker

Love is lust made meaningful. Hope is hunger made human.

~R. Scott Bakker

Though all men be equally frail before the world, the differences between them are terrifying.

~R. Scott Bakker

I wanted a literate, socially intricate, and cosmopolitan world - something I could have fun destroying.

~R. Scott Bakker

To indulge it is to breed it. To punish it is to feed it. Madness knows no bridle but the knife.

~R. Scott Bakker

History. Language. Passion. Custom. All these things determine what men say, think, and do. These are the hidden puppet-strings from

which all men hang.

~R. Scott Bakker

Where no paths exist, a man strays only when he misses his destination. There is no crime, no transgression, no sin save foolishness or incompetence, and no obscenity save the tyranny of custom.

~R. Scott Bakker

Doubt begets understanding, and understanding begets compassion. Verily, it is conviction that kills.

~R. Scott Bakker

Something ... made him feel small, not in the way of orphans or beggars or children, but in a good way. In the way of souls.

~R. Scott Bakker

Sometimes the Nonman would climb upon some wild pulpit, the mossed remains of a fallen tree, the humped back of a boulder, and paint wonders with his dark voice. Wonders and horrors both.

~R. Scott Bakker

Gods are but greater demons, the Cishaurim said, hungers across the surface of eternity, wanting only to taste the clarity of our souls. Can you not see this?

~R. Scott Bakker

Complexity begets ambiguity, which yields in all ways to prejudice and avarice. Complication does not so much defeat Men as arm them with fancy.

~R. Scott Bakker

If the world is a game whose rules are written by the God, and sorcerers are those who cheat and cheat, then who has written the

rules of sorcery?

~R. Scott Bakker

What if the choice isn't between certainties, between this faith and that, but between faith and doubt? Between renouncing the mystery and embracing it?

~R. Scott Bakker

The world is a big place and our brain is only three pounds.

~R. Scott Bakker

Darkness shields as much as it threatens.

~R. Scott Bakker

Beliefs are the foundation of actions. Those who believed without doubting, he would say, acted without thinking. And those who acted without thinking were enslaved.

~R. Scott Bakker

If soot stains your tunic, dye it black. This is vengeance.

~R. Scott Bakker

He had despised the sorcerer, thinking him one of those mewling souls who forever groaned beneath burdens of their own manufacture.

~R. Scott Bakker

Consequences lost all purchase when they became mad. And desperation, when pressed beyond anguish, became narcotic.

~R. Scott Bakker

Saying 'I could have done more,' Zin, is what marks a man as a man and not a God.

~R. Scott Bakker

Achamian tossed his hands skyward in dismay. “Foolish boy! How many faiths are there? How many competing beliefs? And you would murder another on the slender hope that yours is somehow the only one?”

~R. Scott Bakker

It is only after that we understand what has come before, then we understand nothing. Thus we shall define the soul as follows: that which precedes everything.

~R. Scott Bakker

The world has long ceased to be the author of your anguish.

~R. Scott Bakker

The world is only as deep as we can see. This is why fools think themselves profound. This is why terror is the passion of revelation.

~R. Scott Bakker

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