Raymond Williams Quotes

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Culture is one of the two or three most complicated words in the English language.
~Raymond Williams

There are no masses; there are only ways of seeing people as masses
~Raymond Williams

To be truly radical is to make hope possible rather than despair inevitable.
~Raymond Williams

What breaks capitalism, all that will ever break capitalism, is capitalists. The faster they run the more strain on their heart.
~Raymond Williams

The human crisis is always a crisis of understanding: what we genuinely understand we can do.
~Raymond Williams

The idea of nature contains, though often unnoticed, an extraordinary amount of human history.
~Raymond Williams

Every aspect of personal life is radically affected by the quality of general life, and yet the general life is seen at its most important in completely personal terms.
~Raymond Williams

The gap between our feelings and our social observation is dangerously wide.
~Raymond Williams

It is not primarily ideas that have a history; it is societies. And then what often seem opposed ideas can in the end be seen as parts of a single

social process.

~Raymond Williams

A contrast between country and city, as fundamental ways of life, reaches back into classical times.

~Raymond Williams

If from poetry we expect a succession of signals for the release of miscellaneous private emotion we are likely to find Tears, Idle Tears valuable.

~Raymond Williams

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