

Richard M. Weaver

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We approach a condition in which we shall be amoral without the capacity to perceive it and degraded without the means to measure our descent.

~Richard M. Weaver

When you're on the wrong road, sometimes the most progressive man is the one who goes backwards first. As long as there are such people, hope lies in our future.

~Richard M. Weaver

The man of culture finds the whole past relevant; the bourgeois and the barbarian find relevant only what has some pressing connection with their appetite.

~Richard M. Weaver

Chivalry - ...a romantic idealism closely related to Christianity, which makes honor the guiding principle of conduct. Connected with this is the ancient concept of the gentleman.

~Richard M. Weaver

It is likely ... that human society cannot exist without some source of sacredness. Those states which have sought openly to remove it have tended in the end to assume divinity themselves.

~Richard M. Weaver

Life without prejudice, were it ever to be tried, would soon reveal itself to be a life without principle.

~Richard M. Weaver

Until the world perceives that "good" cannot be applied to a thing because it is our own, and "bad" because it is another's, there is no prospect of realizing community.

~Richard M. Weaver

Piety is a discipline of the will through respect. It admits the right to exist of things larger than the ego, of things different from the ego.

~Richard M. Weaver

The modern state does not comprehend how anyone can be guided by something other than itself. In its eyes pluralism is treason.

~Richard M. Weaver

The realization that just as no action is really indifferent, so no utterance is without its responsibility introduces, it is true, a certain strenuousness into life.

~Richard M. Weaver

The complete man, then, is the "lover" added to the scientist; the rhetorician to the dialectician.

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The issue ultimately involved is whether there is a source of truth higher than, and independent of, man; and the answer to the question is decisive for one's view of the nature and destiny of man.

~Richard M. Weaver

The hero can never be a relativist.

~Richard M. Weaver

The remark has been made that in the Civil War the North reaped the victory and the South the glory.

~Richard M. Weaver

Ideas have consequences.

~Richard M. Weaver

No society is healthy which tells its members to take no thought of the morrow because the state underwrites their future.

~Richard M. Weaver

Most [people] see education only as the means by which a person is transported from one economic plane to a higher one.

~Richard M. Weaver

Since we want not emancipation from impulse but clarification of impulse, the duty of rhetoric is to bring together action and understanding into a whole that is greater than scientific perception.

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We cannot be too energetic in reminding our nihilists and positivists that this is a world of action and history.

~Richard M. Weaver

Man is an organism, not a mechanism; and the mechanical pacing of his life does harm to his human responses, which naturally follow a kind of free rhythm.

~Richard M. Weaver

Man ... feels lost without the direction-finder provide by progress.

~Richard M. Weaver

Poetry offers the fairest hope of restoring our lost unity of mind.

~Richard M. Weaver

Where character forbids self-indulgence, transcendence still hovers around.

~Richard M. Weaver

Now, with the general decay of religious faith , it is the scientists who must speak ex cathedra, whether they wish to or not.

~Richard M. Weaver

contempt for the degradation of specialization and pedantry. Specialization develops only part of a man; a man partially developed is deformed.

~Richard M. Weaver

Before the age of adulteration it was held that behind each work there stood some conception of its perfect execution. It was this that gave zest to labor and served to measure the degree of success.

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...knowledge of material reality is the knowledge of death.

~Richard M. Weaver

No one can take culture seriously if he believes that it is only the uppermost of several layers of epiphenomena resting on a primary reality of economic activity.

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Neuter discourse is a false idol.

~Richard M. Weaver

The aristocratic mind ... is anti-analytical. It is concerned more with the status of being than with the demonstrable relationship of parts.

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The scientists have given [modern man] the impression that there is nothing he cannot know, and false propagandists have told him that there is nothing he cannot have.

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Our planet is falling victim to a rigorism, so that what is done in any remote corner affects - nay, menaces - the whole. Resiliency and tolerance are lost.

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Absorption in ease is one of the most reliable signs of present or impending decay.

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We are more successfully healed by the *vis medicatrix naturae* (healing power of nature) than by the most ingenious medical application.

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The conclusion, so vexatious to democracy, that wisdom and not popularity qualifies for rule may be forced upon us by the peril in atomic energy.

~Richard M. Weaver

The South is the region that history has happened to.

~Richard M. Weaver

The typical modern has the look of the hunted.

~Richard M. Weaver

When we affirm that philosophy begins with wonder , we are affirming in effect that sentiment is prior to reason .

~Richard M. Weaver

In proportion as man approaches the outer rim, he becomes lost in details, and the more he is preoccupied with details, the less he can understand them.

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