

# Richard Matheson

## Quotes

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Morning, Believe, Ifs, Blood, Long, Circles, Dies, Stories, Able*

Thank you...for gracing my life with your lovely presence, for adding the sweet measure of your soul to my existence.

~Richard Matheson

Full circle. A new terror born in death, a new superstition entering the unassailable fortress of forever. I am legend.

~Richard Matheson

If men only felt about death as they do about sleep, all terrors would cease. . . Men sleep contentedly, assured that they will wake the following morning. They should feel the same about their lives.

~Richard Matheson

In a world of monotonous horror there could be no salvation in wild dreaming.

~Richard Matheson

How quickly one accepts the incredible if only one sees it enough.

~Richard Matheson

To me there is nothing that goes against nature. If it seems incomprehensible, its only because we havent been able to understand it yet.

~Richard Matheson

That which you believe becomes your world

~Richard Matheson

Normalcy was a majority concept, the standard of many and not the standard of just one man.

~Richard Matheson

What would a Mohammedan vampire do if faced with a cross?

~Richard Matheson

I hope people are reading my work in the future. I hope I have done more than frightened a couple of generations. I hope I've inspired a few people one way or another.

~Richard Matheson

All of us have a path to follow and the path begins on earth.

~Richard Matheson

Now when I die, I shall only be dead.

~Richard Matheson

A man could get used to anything if he had to.

~Richard Matheson

Everyone has something to hide. And if they couldn't hide it the world would be in a lot worse mess than it is.

~Richard Matheson

How long did it take for a past to die?

~Richard Matheson

After a while, though, even the deepest sorrow faltered, even the most penetrating despair lost its scalpel edge.

~Richard Matheson

That's what was wrong with drinking too much. You became immune to drunken delights. There was no solace in liquor. Before you got happy, you collapsed.

~Richard Matheson

Because there was only one thing worse than dying. And that was knowing you were going to die. And where. And how. (â€œDeath Shipâ€•)

~Richard Matheson

As her analyst had told her: the deeper buried the distress, the further into the body it went. The digestive system was about as far as it could go to hide.

~Richard Matheson

I felt puny and absurd, a ludicrous midget. Easy enough to talk of soul and spirit and existential worth, but not when you're three feet tall.

~Richard Matheson

Heaven would never be heaven without you.

~Richard Matheson

Quiet is here and all in me. ("Dress of White Silk")

~Richard Matheson

Let the jagged edge of sobriety be now dulled.

~Richard Matheson

The vampire was real. It was only that his true story had never been told.

~Richard Matheson

I hate it when something I've had published "inspires" some nut to imitate what I've written, or some teacher gets fired for having her students read one of my stories or novels.

~Richard Matheson

No longer will you be a weird Robinson Crusoe, imprisoned on an island of night surrounded by oceans of death.

~Richard Matheson

And, before science had caught up with the legend, the legend had swallowed science and everything.

~Richard Matheson

A surfeiting of terror soon made terror a cliché.

~Richard Matheson

Failures plagued me. Things I had omitted or ignored, neglected. What I should have given and hadn't. I felt the biting pang of every unfulfillment.

~Richard Matheson

Really now, search your soul, love-is the vampire so bad? All he does is drink blood.

~Richard Matheson

It is my conviction that basic Reality is not all that perplexing. What seems difficult to assimilate are the manifold details of Reality, not its fundamental elements.

~Richard Matheson

I can get pissed off very easily.

~Richard Matheson

I had to write about realistic circumstances. That's the way my brain works. And I think that gave me a sort of place in the field.

~Richard Matheson

Our world is in profound danger. Mankind must establish a set of positive values with which to secure its own survival.

~Richard Matheson

When you sleep, your dream world is as real to you as life, isn't it?

~Richard Matheson

What condemnation could possibly be more harsh than one's own, when self-pretense is no longer possible?

~Richard Matheson

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