

Robert Charles Wilson

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We're as ephemeral as raindrops. We all fall, and we all land somewhere.

~Robert Charles Wilson

[There was] only one news channel, overseen by a bland and complexly multicultural board of advisors. It broadcast in fifteen languages and was, as a rule, interesting in none of them.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Nobody wants to conduct an autopsy on a dead saint.

~Robert Charles Wilson

For such people the consummate act of moral clarity was a lynching or a suicide bombing, a fatwa or a pogrom. And they were ascendant now, rising like dark stars over a terminal landscape .

~Robert Charles Wilson

It was the kind of experience, Molly said, that would grow calluses on an angel's ass.

~Robert Charles Wilson

We spent a lot of time discussing cosmology first. I think that was your father's unique way of evaluating people. You can tell a lot about a person, he once said, by the way they look at the stars.

~Robert Charles Wilson

To capture the pawn, threaten the queen.

~Robert Charles Wilson

We're all born strangers to ourselves and each other, and we're seldom formally introduced.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Goddamn you," Jacob said. "There's no damnation, Jacob. No Heaven

but the forest and no God but the hive.

~Robert Charles Wilson

I don't believe money is evil, but it can be terribly corrosive.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Everybody falls, and we all land somewhere.

~Robert Charles Wilson

You must not make the mistake of thinking that because nothing lasts, nothing matters.

~Robert Charles Wilson

I won't put my ignorance on an altar and call it God. It feels like idolatry, like the worst kind of idolatry.

~Robert Charles Wilson

It was possible at last to hear the silence to appreciate that there was a silence, deep and potent, out there beyond the pretension of the light.

~Robert Charles Wilson

An honest book is almost as good as a friend.

~Robert Charles Wilson

There's no point living if you can't, at least occasionally, live.

~Robert Charles Wilson

There's no drug that'll make a stupid man smart.

~Robert Charles Wilson

This would have been less annoying had it been untrue.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Promises were like bad checks, easy to write and hard to cash.

~Robert Charles Wilson

What we cannot remember, we must rediscover.

~Robert Charles Wilson

One doesn't have to understand in order to look. One has to look, in order to understand.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Stupid people do stupid things, but people who are smart enough can do something really stupid.

~Robert Charles Wilson

It was amazing how these events lost their impact, translated through the flat gaze of a video screen.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Is there any evidence to the contrary? I don't need certainty in order to act on a well-founded suspicion.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Does it strike you, Mr. Keller, that we live every day in the science fiction of our youth?

~Robert Charles Wilson

The attacking piece displaces its victim. The vanquished piece leaves the plane of the board entirely. But it does not, in a higher sense, cease to exist.

~Robert Charles Wilson

And death? I don't fear death. I dread the absence of it.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Ecstasy hates company.

~Robert Charles Wilson

I understand so very little. But I am not afraid to look: I am a good observer at last. My eyes are open, and I am not afraid.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Personally, I don't believe in anything more supernatural than what you read about in the Bible, and I only believe that one day out of seven.

~Robert Charles Wilson

I suppose every decade gets the music it deserves.

~Robert Charles Wilson

We'll do what life always does defy expectations.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Evolution can't be predicted, Julian used to tell me; it's a scattershot business; it fires, but it doesn't aim.

~Robert Charles Wilson

You never stop being a parent, Adam, no matter how old or wise your child becomes you'll see.

~Robert Charles Wilson

John Scalzi is a fresh and appealing new voice, and *Old Man's War* is classic SF seen from a modern perspective—a fast-paced tour of a daunting, hostile universe.

~Robert Charles Wilson

I suppose the pursuit of fashion has always carried a price, monetary or otherwise.

~Robert Charles Wilson

The world is what it is and won't be bargained with.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Children wear their natures like brightly-colored clothes; that's why they lie so transparently. Adulthood is the art of deceit.

~Robert Charles Wilson

I believed there were no Hypotheticals in the sense of consciously acting agents - conscious entities. There was only the process. The needles of evolution, endlessly knitting.

~Robert Charles Wilson

When does loyalty become martyrdom?

~Robert Charles Wilson

Do you want to tell the truth, or do you want to tell a story?

~Robert Charles Wilson

Understanding is better than ignorance. Ignorance, unlike life, unlike narrative, is static. Understanding implies a forward motion, thus the possibility of change.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Some pious men may find this truth unorthodox and bitter: But Nature, Chance, and Time ensure survival of the fitter!

~Robert Charles Wilson

I loved Molly. Or at least I told myself I did. Or, if what I felt for her was not love, it was at least a plausible imitation, a convincing substitute.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Some things are taken away from you, some you leave behind and some you carry with you, world without end.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Average people seldom talked about anything interesting and often hurt each other savagely.

~Robert Charles Wilson

If I am an agnostic, Calyxa, it's because I'm also a realist.

~Robert Charles Wilson

Ah, books." Ziegler, smiling, came up behind me. "They bob like corks on an ocean. Float between worlds, messages in bottles.

~Robert Charles Wilson

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