

# Robert Wright Quotes

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Equipment, Reality, Games, Optimistic, Ignorance, Moral Growth, Problem,  
Fabulous, Long, Brain*

We are built to be effective animals, not happy ones.

~Robert Wright

...human beings are a species splendid in their array of moral equipment, tragic in their propensity to misuse it, and pathetic in their ignorance of the misuse.

~Robert Wright

Like a lawyer, the human brain wants victory, not truth; and, like a lawyer, it is sometimes more admirable for skill than virtue.

~Robert Wright

Jesus is not from Georgia. Jesus does not speak English. And Jesus is not a member of the NRA.

~Robert Wright

Giving men marriage tips is a little like offering Vikings a free booklet titled How Not to Pillage.

~Robert Wright

In the great non zero sum games of history, if you're part of the problem, then you'll likely be a victim of the solution.

~Robert Wright

Religion is a feature of cultural evolution that, among other things, addresses anxieties created by cultural evolution; it helps keep social change safe from itself.

~Robert Wright

Next time you see an unblemished expanse of grass, think about the chemicals that probably got dumped in your vicinity to create it. Are you grateful for that?

~Robert Wright

Being a person's true friend means endorsing the untruths he holds dearest.

~Robert Wright

Once you see the forces that govern behavior, it's harder to blame the behavior

~Robert Wright

..various people had long had the feeling that gain through pain was nature's way

~Robert Wright

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