

Rodney Stark

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The success of the West, including the rise of science, rested entirely on religious foundations, and the people who brought it about were devout Christians.

~Rodney Stark

Theology is in disrepute among most Western intellectuals. The word is taken to mean a passe form of religious thinking that embraces irrationality and dogmatism. So too, Scholasticism.

~Rodney Stark

Not only were science and religion compatible, they were inseparable--the rise of science was achieved by deeply religious Christian scholars.

~Rodney Stark

Many people who say they have no religion are simply saying they have no official religious affiliation. They may actually have strong personal beliefs.

~Rodney Stark

For one, thing, the media are dominated by the irreligious. So are universities.

~Rodney Stark

People value religion on the basis of cost, and they don't value the cheapest ones the most. Religions that ask nothing get nothing.

~Rodney Stark

It seems that not being religious is a form of risk-taking, consistent with other patterns of short-sighted behaviour in men.

~Rodney Stark

It has been said of many modern Christian theologians that their primary aim is to find ways to express disbelief as belief.

~Rodney Stark

America is an unusually religious nation.

~Rodney Stark

No other single innovation had so much impact on history.

~Rodney Stark

The overwhelming majority of social scientists were irreligious or even anti-religious. This led them to believe that religion was a disappearing and unimportant factor in human affairs.

~Rodney Stark

[Some men are shortsighted, so] going to prison or going to hell just doesn't matter to these men.

~Rodney Stark

It can be demonstrated that in any society there is a distribution of religious tastes and concerns.

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