

Rowan Williams

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A healthy human environment is one in which we try to make sense of our limits, of the accidents that can always befall us and the passage of time which inexorably changes us.

~Rowan Williams

The past is what the present is doing now.

~Rowan Williams

Truth makes love possible; love makes truth bearable.

~Rowan Williams

One of the most powerful defences the media can offer for controversial actions is, of course, public interest.

~Rowan Williams

Even when I was Archbishop of Wales and working with new bishops, I used to say, not realising quite how true it was, 'One of the things you will do as a bishop is disappoint people'.

~Rowan Williams

How do we live in a way that shows an understanding that we genuinely live in a shared world, not one that simply belongs to us?

~Rowan Williams

A flourishing, morally credible media is a vital component in the maintenance of genuinely public talk, argument about common good.

~Rowan Williams

Quite a lot of our contemporary culture is actually shot through with a resentment of limits and the passage of time, anger at what we can't do, fear or even disgust at growing old.

~Rowan Williams

We shall not find life by refusing to let go of our precious, protected

selves.

~Rowan Williams

Christians should emphatically be campaigning for justice for the poor - but the Church is not a campaign.

~Rowan Williams

I value unity because I believe we learn truth from each other in this process.

~Rowan Williams

The Church exists to connect people at the level of their hunger for a new world.

~Rowan Williams

If there is one thing I long for above all else, it's that the years to come may see Christianity in this country able again to capture the imagination of our culture.

~Rowan Williams

Bad human communication leaves us less room to grow.

~Rowan Williams

To be a Christian is to believe we are commanded and authorised to say certain things to the world; to say things that will make disciples of all nations.

~Rowan Williams

The planet should not be used as a warehouse of resources to serve humanity's selfishness

~Rowan Williams

In loving his own productive, generative, generous love, God loves all those ways in which that love can be realised in creation.

~Rowan Williams

Perhaps a good resolution for the new year would be to keep asking what world we want to pass on to the next generation. Indeed to ask whether we have a real and vivid sense of that next generation.

~Rowan Williams

We must support government coercion over enforcing international protocols and speed limits on motorways if we want the global economy not to collapse and millions, billions of people to die.

~Rowan Williams

Actual human discourse happens within a number of contexts, not in some sort of unified public forum.

~Rowan Williams

Economists are coming to acknowledge that measures of national wealth and poverty in terms strictly of average income tell you little that is significant of the health or viability of a society.

~Rowan Williams

So every creative act strives to attain an absolute status; it longs to create a world of beauty to triumph over chaos and convert it to order.

~Rowan Williams

Friendship is something that creates equality and mutuality, not a reward for finding equality or a way of intensifying existing mutuality.

~Rowan Williams

Well, today, the diocese is more than ever a microcosm.

~Rowan Williams

In the context of interfaith encounter, we need to bring to the surface how our actual beliefs shape what we do - not simply to agree that

kindness is better than cruelty.

~Rowan Williams

To conclude: good journalism is one of the models of good conversation and communication in the wider social context.

~Rowan Williams

I do feel that federation, loose parallel processes, are less than we've got, less than we could have and, in the very long run, less than what God wants in the Church.

~Rowan Williams

My visit this autumn is an opportunity to continue that rich tradition of visits between Canterbury and Rome.

~Rowan Williams

What can we say about a marketing culture that so openly feeds and colludes with obsession? The Disney empire has developed this to an unprecedented degree of professionalism.

~Rowan Williams

A public is a necessary fiction.

~Rowan Williams

We are called to show utter commitment to the God who is revealed in Jesus and to all those to whom His invitation is addressed.

~Rowan Williams

In a spiritually sensitive culture, then, it might well be that age is something to be admired or envied.

~Rowan Williams

Serving democracy and nourishing the common good is, for the media, something that requires not only attacking corrupt secretaries in a

society, but also defending non-corrupt communication.

~Rowan Williams

And when the world is created, it is created in such a way that those eternal objects of God's loving wisdom become actualities - interacting with one another, relating to God in the finite realm.

~Rowan Williams

The world's creation has a beginning from the world's point of view, not from God's.

~Rowan Williams

It takes the whole church to know the whole truth.

~Rowan Williams

It does not matter to the killers if their victims are Christian or Muslim, Hindu or Humanist; what matters is that they show that they can kill where they please.

~Rowan Williams

It would be a real failure if agreeing that it [abortion] was not an electoral issue provided an alibi for taking it seriously as a public issue.

~Rowan Williams

It's a moral question.

~Rowan Williams

Christian teaching about sex is not a set of isolated prohibitions; it is an integral part of what the Bible has to say about living in such a way that our lives communicate the character of God.

~Rowan Williams

I think there is a great deal of interest still in the Christian faith.

~Rowan Williams

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