

Theodore Dalrymple

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When every benefit received is a right, there is no place for good manners, let alone for gratitude.

~Theodore Dalrymple

A curious reversal in the locus of moral concern has taken place: people feel responsible for everything except for what they do.

~Theodore Dalrymple

Where a reputation for intolerance is more feared than a reputation for vice itself, all manner of evil may be expected to flourish.

~Theodore Dalrymple

Feeling good about yourself is not the same thing as doing good. Good policy is more important than good feelings.

~Theodore Dalrymple

If the history of the 20th Century proved anything, it proved that however bad things were, human ingenuity could usually find a way to make them worse.

~Theodore Dalrymple

Equality of Ugliness: If we can't all live in a beautiful place we must all live in an ugly place.

~Theodore Dalrymple

Do I grow cleverer with age, or does the world grow more stupid?

~Theodore Dalrymple

There is nothing that an intellectual less likes to change than his mind, or a politician his policy.

~Theodore Dalrymple

To regret religion is to regret Western civilization.

~Theodore Dalrymple

The aim of untold millions is to be free to do exactly as they choose and for someone else to pay when things go wrong.

~Theodore Dalrymple

It is only by having desire thwarted, and thereby learning to control it â€” in other words, by becoming civilized â€” that men become fully human.

~Theodore Dalrymple

How many people does each of us know who claim to seek happiness but freely choose paths inevitably leading to misery?

~Theodore Dalrymple

Orders can be benign or malign, but the habit of obeying them can become ingrained.

~Theodore Dalrymple

Life is a biography, not a series of disconnected moments, more or less pleasurable but increasingly tedious and unsatisfying unless one imposes a purposive pattern upon them.

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