

# Thomas Aquinas

## Quotes

*Men, Powerful, Catholic, Christian, Philosophical, Doe, Evil, Believe, Soul, Love  
Is, Angel, Reason, Saint, Faith, Thoughtful, Perfect, Sin, Spiritual, Heart, Grace*

The things that we love tell us what we are.

~Thomas Aquinas

To pretend angels do not exist because they are invisible is to believe we never sleep because we don't see ourselves sleeping.

~Thomas Aquinas

The greatest kindness one can render to any man consists in leading him from error to truth.

~Thomas Aquinas

We must love them both, those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject, for both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in finding it.

~Thomas Aquinas

Man cannot live without joy; therefore when he is deprived of true spiritual joys it is necessary that he become addicted to carnal pleasures.

~Thomas Aquinas

For those with faith, no evidence is necessary; for those without it, no evidence will suffice.

~Thomas Aquinas

If you can live amid injustice without anger, you are immoral as well as unjust.

~Thomas Aquinas

To love is to will the good of the other.

~Thomas Aquinas

Nothing created has ever been able to fill the heart of man. God alone can fill it infinitely.

~Thomas Aquinas

How can we live in harmony? First we need to know we are all madly in love with the same God.

~Thomas Aquinas

Sorrow can be alleviated by good sleep, a bath and a glass of wine.

~Thomas Aquinas

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

~Thomas Aquinas

If, then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because He Himself is the way.

~Thomas Aquinas

To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.

~Thomas Aquinas

If the highest aim of a captain were to preserve his ship, he would keep it in port forever.

~Thomas Aquinas

The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross.

~Thomas Aquinas

Fear is such a powerful emotion for humans that when we allow it to take us over, it drives compassion right out of our hearts.

~Thomas Aquinas

It is requisite for the relaxation of the mind that we make use, from time to time, of playful deeds and jokes.

~Thomas Aquinas

The Study of philosophy is not that we may know what men have thought, but what the truth of things is.

~Thomas Aquinas

To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them.

~Thomas Aquinas

Miracles are signs not to them that believe, but to them that believe not.

~Thomas Aquinas

One aspect of neighbourly love is that we must not merely will our neighbours good, but actually work to bring it about.

~Thomas Aquinas

There is but one Church in which men find salvation, just as outside the ark of Noah it was not possible for anyone to be saved.

~Thomas Aquinas

Happiness is secured through virtue; it is a good attained by man's own will.

~Thomas Aquinas

To love God is something greater than to know Him.

~Thomas Aquinas

Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do.

~Thomas Aquinas

The light of faith makes us see what we believe.

~Thomas Aquinas

It is only God who creates. Man merely rearranges.

~Thomas Aquinas

Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand.

~Thomas Aquinas

Of all the pursuits open to men, the search for wisdom is most perfect, more sublime, more profitable, and more full of joy.

~Thomas Aquinas

Because philosophy arises from awe, a philosopher is bound in his way to be a lover of myths and poetic fables. Poets and philosophers are alike in being big with wonder.

~Thomas Aquinas

Better to illuminate than merely to shine; to deliver to others contemplated truths than merely to contemplate.

~Thomas Aquinas

When the devil is called the god of this world, it is not because he made it, but because we serve him with our worldliness.

~Thomas Aquinas

Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace.

~Thomas Aquinas

A man's heart is right when he wills what God wills.

~Thomas Aquinas

There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.

~Thomas Aquinas

Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious.

~Thomas Aquinas

Whatever a man has in superabundance is owed, of natural right, to the poor for their sustenance.

~Thomas Aquinas

There is within every soul a thirst for happiness and meaning.

~Thomas Aquinas

The Cross to me is certain salvation. The Cross is that which I ever adore. The Cross of the Lord is with me. The Cross is my refuge.

~Thomas Aquinas

God has no need for our worship. It is we who need to show our gratitude for what we have received.

~Thomas Aquinas

Obedience unites us so closely to God that it in a way transforms us into Him, so that we have no other will but His. If obedience is lacking, even prayer cannot be pleasing to God.

~Thomas Aquinas

For in order that man may do well, whether in the works of the active life, or in those of the contemplative life, he needs the fellowship of friends.

~Thomas Aquinas

Angels transcend every religion, every philosophy, every creed. In fact Angels have no religion as we know it... Their existence precedes every

religious system that has ever existed on Earth.

~Thomas Aquinas

Mary means Star of the sea, for as mariners are guided to port by the ocean star, so Christians attain to glory through Mary's maternal intercession.

~Thomas Aquinas

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To bear with patience wrongs done to oneself is a mark of perfection, but to bear with patience wrongs done to someone else is a mark of imperfection and even of actual sin.

~Thomas Aquinas

Clearly the person who accepts the Church as an infallible guide will believe whatever the Church teaches.

~Thomas Aquinas

Every judgement of conscience, be it right or wrong, be it about things evil in themselves or morally indifferent, is obligatory, in such wise that he who acts against his conscience always sins.

~Thomas Aquinas

Human salvation demands the divine disclosure of truths surpassing reason.

~Thomas Aquinas

All my words are but chaff next to the faith of a simple man.

~Thomas Aquinas

To live well is to work well, to show a good activity.

~Thomas Aquinas

Three conditions are necessary for Penance: contrition, which is sorrow for sin, together with a purpose of amendment; confession of sins without any omission; and satisfaction by means of good works.

~Thomas Aquinas

Without sanctifying grace it is not possible to refrain long from mortal sin.

~Thomas Aquinas

What does it take to become a saint? Will it.

~Thomas Aquinas

One cannot use an evil action with reference to a good intention.

~Thomas Aquinas

There can be no joy in living without joy in work.

~Thomas Aquinas

Faith will tell us Christ is present, When our human senses fail.

~Thomas Aquinas

True peace consists in not separating ourselves from the will of God.

~Thomas Aquinas

Temperance is simply a disposition of the mind which binds the passion.

~Thomas Aquinas

Not everything that is more difficult is more meritorious.

~Thomas Aquinas

Faith is God's work within us.

~Thomas Aquinas



Mercy without justice is the mother of dissolution; justice without mercy is cruelty.

~Thomas Aquinas

Love is a binding force, by which another is joined to me and cherished by myself.

~Thomas Aquinas

God himself would not permit evil in this world if good did not come of it for the benefit and harmony of the universe.

~Thomas Aquinas

No man truly has joy unless he lives in love.

~Thomas Aquinas

The theologian considers sin mainly as an offence against God; the moral philosopher as contrary to reasonableness.

~Thomas Aquinas

Sin is a spiritual illness; thus sinners are in need of salvation.

~Thomas Aquinas

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~Thomas Aquinas

The soul is like an uninhabited world that comes to life only when God lays His head against us.

~Thomas Aquinas

Love takes up where knowledge leaves off.

~Thomas Aquinas

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, It produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.

~Thomas Aquinas

The principal act of courage is to endure and withstand dangers doggedly rather than to attack them.

~Thomas Aquinas

Because we cannot know what God is, but only what He is not, we cannot consider how He is but only how He is not.

~Thomas Aquinas

God is never angry for His sake, only for ours.

~Thomas Aquinas

How is it they live in such harmony the billions of stars - when most men can barely go a minute without declaring war in their minds about someone they know.

~Thomas Aquinas

Bestow upon me, O Lord my God, understanding to know thee, diligence to seek thee, wisdom to find thee, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace thee.

~Thomas Aquinas

Peace is the work of justice indirectly, in so far as justice removes the obstacles to peace; but it is the work of charity (love) directly, since charity, according to its very notion, causes peace.

~Thomas Aquinas

Law; an ordinance of reason for the common good, made by him who has care of the community.

~Thomas Aquinas

Well-ordered self-love is right and natural.

~Thomas Aquinas

A man has free choice to the extent that he is rational.

~Thomas Aquinas

The truth of the Christian faith surpasses the capacity of reason.

~Thomas Aquinas

Wonder is the desire of knowledge.

~Thomas Aquinas

Law has the power to compel: indeed, the ability to enforce is a condition of the ability to command.

~Thomas Aquinas

The test of the artist does not lie in the will with which he goes to work, but in the excellence of the work he produces.

~Thomas Aquinas

Prostitution in the towns is like the cesspool in the palace; take away the cesspool and the palace will become an unclean and evil smelling-place.

~Thomas Aquinas

Humility is the mark of a genuine disciple.

~Thomas Aquinas

An angel can illumine the thought and mind of man by strengthening the power of vision and by bringing within his reach some truth which the angel himself contemplates.

~Thomas Aquinas

I answer that, Even, as in the blessed in heaven there will be most perfect charity, so in the damned there will be the most perfect hate.

~Thomas Aquinas

The highest perfection of human life consists in the mind of man being detached from care, for the sake of God.

~Thomas Aquinas

I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.

~Thomas Aquinas

Jesus Lord, kind Pelican, Cleanse my filth with Thy blood, One drop of which can save The whole world from all its sin

~Thomas Aquinas

Distinctions drawn by the mind are not necessarily equivalent to distinctions in reality.

~Thomas Aquinas

Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail; Lo! o'er ancient forms departing, Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.

~Thomas Aquinas

Pray thee, spare, thyself at times: for it becomes a wise man sometimes to relax the high pressure of his attention to work.

~Thomas Aquinas

The proper effect of the Eucharist is the transformation of man into God.

~Thomas Aquinas

Perfection of moral virtue does not wholly take away the passions, but regulates them.

~Thomas Aquinas

The highest manifestation of life consists in this: that a being governs

its own actions. A thing which is always subject to the direction of another is somewhat of a dead thing.

~Thomas Aquinas

Hold firmly that our faith is identical with that of the ancients. Deny this, and you dissolve the unity of the Church.

~Thomas Aquinas

In the realm of evil thoughts none induces to sin as much as do thoughts that concern the pleasure of the flesh.

~Thomas Aquinas

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