

Walter Kaufmann

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It does not follow that the meaning must be given from above; that life and suffering must come neatly labeled; that nothing is worth while if the world is not governed by a purpose.

~Walter Kaufmann

Man stands alone in the universe, responsible for his condition, likely to remain in a lowly state, but free to reach above the stars.

~Walter Kaufmann

Writing is thinking in slow motion.

~Walter Kaufmann

Life ceases to be so oppressive: we are free to give our own lives meaning and purpose, free to redeem our suffering by making something of it.

~Walter Kaufmann

To try to fashion something from suffering, to relish our triumphs, and to endure defeats without resentment: all that is compatible with the faith of a heretic.

~Walter Kaufmann

Reason may not always tell us what to believe, but it can help us on what we shouldn't believe.

~Walter Kaufmann

The great artist is the man who most obviously succeeds in turning his pains to advantage, in letting suffering deepen his understanding and sensibility, in growing through his pains.

~Walter Kaufmann

Words signify man's refusal to accept the world as it is.

~Walter Kaufmann

Those who believe in God because their experience of life and the facts of nature prove his existence must have led sheltered lives and closed their hearts to the voice of their brothers' blood.

~Walter Kaufmann

For atheism and polytheism there is no special problem of suffering, nor need there be for every kind of monotheism.

~Walter Kaufmann

The problem of suffering is: why is there the suffering we know?

~Walter Kaufmann

Rabbi Zusya said that on the Day of Judgment, God would ask him, not why he had not been Moses, but why he had not been Zusya.

~Walter Kaufmann

Faith means intense, usually confident, belief that is not based on evidence sufficient to command assent from every reasonable person.

~Walter Kaufmann

Success is no proof of virtue. In the case of a book, quick acclaim is presumptive evidence of a lack of substance and originality.

~Walter Kaufmann

The doctrine of original sin claims that all men sinned in Adam; but whether they did or whether it is merely a fact that all men sin does not basically affect the problem of suffering.

~Walter Kaufmann

The first function of a book review should be, I believe, to give some idea of the contents and character of the book.

~Walter Kaufmann

No other German writer of comparable stature has been a more

extreme critic of German nationalism than Nietzsche.

~Walter Kaufmann

Paul substituted faith in Christ for the Christlike life.

~Walter Kaufmann

Here an attempt is made to explain suffering: the outcaste of traditional Hinduism is held to deserve his fetched fate; it is a punishment for the wrongs he did in a previous life.

~Walter Kaufmann

Philosophy means liberation from the - routine, soaring above the well known, seeing it in new perspectives, arousing wonder and the wish to fly.

~Walter Kaufmann

The deepest difference between religions is not that between polytheism and monotheism.

~Walter Kaufmann

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