

# Walter M. Miller, Jr.

## Quotes

*Men, Speak, Father, Destiny, Night, Powerful, Suffering, Blood, Omen, Doubt,  
Law, Survival, Stones, Animal, Fall, Would Be, Littles, Thinking, Pride, Doe*

One should be embarrassed to speak of God in the third person.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

Bless me Father, I ate a lizard.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

I'm not so sure he's mad, Father. Just a little devious in his sanity.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

...to abuse the intellect for reasons of pride, vanity, or escape from responsibility, is the fruit of that same tree.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

Listen, my dear Cors, why don't you forgive God for allowing pain? If He didn't allow it, human courage, bravery, nobility, and self-sacrifice would all be meaningless things.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

But neither infinite power nor infinite wisdom could bestow godhood upon men. For that there would have to be infinite love as well.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

That's where all of us are standing now, he thought. On the fat kindling of past sins.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

Soon the sun will set'- is that prophecy? No, it's merely an assertion of faith in the consistency of events.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

Ask for an omen, then stone it when it comes -- de essentia hominum.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

Speak up, destiny, speak up! Destiny always seems decades away, but

suddenly it's not decades away; it's right now. But maybe destiny is always right now, right here, right this very instant, maybe.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

When Holy Church occasionally hinted that she still considered her authority to be supreme over all nations and superior to the authority of states, men in these times tended to snicker.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

Men must fumble awhile with error to separate it from truth, I think- as long as they don't seize the error hungrily because it has a pleasanter taste.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

Because a doubt is not a denial. Doubt is a powerful tool, and it should be applied to history.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

....Nature imposes nothing on you that Nature doesn't prepare you to bear.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

For no change comes calmly over the world.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

When you tire of living, change itself seems evil, does it not? for then any change at all disturbs the deathlike peace of the life-weary.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

It is said that water is for cattle and farmers, that milk is for children and blood for men.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

The trouble with being a priest was that you eventually had to take the

advice you gave to others.

~Walter M. Miller, Jr.

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