

William Jennings Bryan Quotes

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Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.

~William Jennings Bryan

Anglo-Saxon civilization has taught the individual to protect his own rights; American civilization will teach him to respect the rights of others.

~William Jennings Bryan

If the Bible had said that Jonah swallowed the whale, I would believe it.

~William Jennings Bryan

Never be afraid to stand with the minority when the minority is right, for the minority which is right will one day be the majority.

~William Jennings Bryan

All the ills from which America suffers can be traced back to the teaching of evolution. It would be better to destroy every other book ever written, and save just the first three verses of Genesis.

~William Jennings Bryan

Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country.

~William Jennings Bryan

No one can earn a million dollars honestly.

~William Jennings Bryan

Selfish interest is one of the most common obstructions to the advance of truth.

~William Jennings Bryan

The way to develop self-confidence is to do the thing you fear and get a

record of successful experiences behind you.

~William Jennings Bryan

The greatest things ever done on Earth have been done little by little.

~William Jennings Bryan

Two people in a conversation amount to four people talking. The four are what one person says, what he really wanted to say, what his listener heard, and what he thought he heard.

~William Jennings Bryan

Eloquent speech is not from lip to ear, but rather from heart to heart.

~William Jennings Bryan

One miracle is just as easy to believe as another.

~William Jennings Bryan

The speech of one who knows what he is talking about and means what he says-it is thought on fire.

~William Jennings Bryan

You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns; you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold.

~William Jennings Bryan

On Thanksgiving Day we acknowledge our dependence.

~William Jennings Bryan

If God himself was not willing to use coercion to force man to accept certain religious views, man, uninspired and liable to error, ought not to use the means that Jehovah would not employ.

~William Jennings Bryan

Evolution is not truth; it is merely a hypothesis-it is millions of guesses

strung together.

~William Jennings Bryan

Love makes money-grabbing seem contemptible; love makes class prejudice impossible; love makes selfish ambition a thing to be despised; love converts enemies into friends.

~William Jennings Bryan

Do not compute the totality of your poultry population until all the manifestations of incubation have been entirely completed.

~William Jennings Bryan

Greed is at the bottom of most of the wrong-doing with which government has to deal.

~William Jennings Bryan

The Old Testament gave us the law; the New Testament reveals the love upon which the law rests.

~William Jennings Bryan

The parents have a right to say that no teacher paid by their money shall rob their children of faith in God and send them back to their homes skeptical, or infidels, or agnostics, or atheists.

~William Jennings Bryan

The wisdom of the Bible writers is more than human; the prophecies proclaim a Supreme Ruler who, though inhabiting all space, deigns to speak through the hearts and minds and tongues of His children.

~William Jennings Bryan

Success is brought by continued labor and continued watchfulness. We must struggle on, not for one moment hesitate, nor take one backward step.

~William Jennings Bryan

Our government conceived in freedom and purchased with blood can be preserved only by constant vigilance.

~William Jennings Bryan

There can be no settlement of a great cause without discussion, and people will not discuss a cause until their attention is drawn to it.

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Behold a republic standing erect while empires all around are bowed beneath the weight of their own armaments - a republic whose flag is loved while other flags are only feared.

~William Jennings Bryan

None so little enjoy themselves, and are such burdens to themselves, as those who have nothing to do. Only the active have the true relish of life.

~William Jennings Bryan

If we desire rules to govern our spiritual development we turn back to the Sermon on the Mount.

~William Jennings Bryan

Facts mean nothing unless they are rightly understood, rightly related and rightly interpreted.

~William Jennings Bryan

Most of the temptations that come to us to sell the soul come in connection with the getting of money.

~William Jennings Bryan

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If you want criticisms, read the dissenting opinions of the Court. That will give you criticisms.

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Darwin begins by assuming life upon the earth; the Bible reveals the source of life and chronicles its creation.

~William Jennings Bryan

If it be true, as I believe it is, that morality is dependent upon religion, then religion is not only the most practical thing in the world, but the first essential.

~William Jennings Bryan

If that vital spark that we find in a grain of wheat can pass unchanged through countless deaths and resurrections, will the spirit of man be unable to pass from this body to another?

~William Jennings Bryan

If we have to give up either religion or education, we should give up education.

~William Jennings Bryan

Evolution seems to close the heart to some of the plainest spiritual truths while it opens the mind to the wildest guesses advanced in the name of science.

~William Jennings Bryan

We spend months inside them, then the rest of our lives getting babied by them.

~William Jennings Bryan

If evolution wins, Christianity goes!

~William Jennings Bryan

There is no more reason to believe that man descended from an inferior animal than there is to believe that a stately mansion has descended from a small cottage.

~William Jennings Bryan

If the Bible and the microscope do not agree, the microscope is wrong

~William Jennings Bryan

I hope the two wings of the Democratic Party may flap together.

~William Jennings Bryan

Whenever one refuses to admit such a self-evident truth, for instance, as that it is wrong to steal, don't argue with him-search him; the reason may be found in his pocket.

~William Jennings Bryan

Principles are eternal.

~William Jennings Bryan

The Rock of Ages is more important than the age of rocks.

~William Jennings Bryan

Only those who believe attempt the seemingly impossible.

~William Jennings Bryan

My place in history will depend on what I can do for the people and not on what the people can do for me.

~William Jennings Bryan

Belief in God is almost universal and the effect of this belief is so vast that one is appalled at the thought of what social conditions would be if

reverence for God were erased from every heart.

~William Jennings Bryan

The great political questions are in their final analysis great moral questions.

~William Jennings Bryan

No greater victory can be won by citizens or soldiers than to transform temporary foes into permanent friends.

~William Jennings Bryan

An orator is a man who says what he thinks and feels what he says.

~William Jennings Bryan

Atheists have just as much civil right to teach atheism as Christians have to teach Christianity; agnostics have just as much right to teach agnosticism as Christians have to teach their religion.

~William Jennings Bryan

Christ has made of death a narrow starlit strip between the companionships of yesterday and the reunions of tomorrow.

~William Jennings Bryan

A belief in God is fundamental; upon it rest the influences that control life.

~William Jennings Bryan

Real estate is the best investment for small savings. More money is made from the rise in real estate values than from all other causes combined.

~William Jennings Bryan

That is the one thing in my public career that I regret--my work to secure the enactment of the Federal Reserve Law.

~William Jennings Bryan

The large banking interests were deeply interested in the World War because of the wide opportunities for large profits.

~William Jennings Bryan

We can exterminate Ku Kluxism better by recognizing their honesty and teaching them that they are wrong.

~William Jennings Bryan

We have our thoughts, our hopes, our fears, and yet we know that in a moment a change may come over any one of us that will convert a living, breathing human being into a mass of lifeless clay.

~William Jennings Bryan

This nation is able to legislate for its own people on every question, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation on earth.

~William Jennings Bryan

Agnosticism is the natural attitude of the evolutionist. How can a brute mind comprehend spiritual things?

~William Jennings Bryan

Patriotism is a mystery-intangible, invisible, and yet eternal.

~William Jennings Bryan

If there is no God there is no hereafter. When, therefore, one drives God out of the universe he closes the door of hope upon himself.

~William Jennings Bryan

When we advocate a thing which we believe will be successful we are not compelled to raise a doubt as to our own sincerity by trying to show what we will do if we are wrong.

~William Jennings Bryan

If it weren't for the lawyers we wouldn't need them.

~William Jennings Bryan

The people of Nebraska are for free silver and I am for free silver. I will look up the arguments later.

~William Jennings Bryan

The essence of patriotism lies in a willingness to sacrifice for one's country, just as true greatness finds expression, not in blessings enjoyed, but in good bestowed.

~William Jennings Bryan

Wars are sometimes waged to extend trade-the blood of many being shed to enrich a few.

~William Jennings Bryan

When I find a man who is not willing to pay his share of the burden of the government which protects him, I find a man who is unworthy to enjoy the blessings of a government like ours.

~William Jennings Bryan

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