

Trawled Treasure

(A collection of mainly Christian quotations)



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AGE

'We do not stop playing because we are old. We grow old because we stop playing.'

HELEN HAYES

'Young people have no reverence for their parents. They are impatient of all restraint; they talk as if they alone knew everything, and what passes for wisdom with us is foolishness for them.'

PETER THE HERMIT (11th Century)

‘When I was 18, I thought my father a fool; when I was 25, I realised how wise he had become in the intervening 7 years.’

MARK TWAIN

'He (sc. Saul) thought youth was exclusively a matter of age.'

P T SMYTHE

‘Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do and the eyesight to tell the difference.’

ANON

'Middle Age is when you stop criticising the older generation and start criticising the younger one'.
LAURENCE PETER

‘We soon reach middle age when our broad mind and narrow waist change places’
Quoted from ‘Integrity’ by JONATHAN LAMB

‘No matter how rich, powerful, glamorous or influential you might be, to confront ageing is to confront the reality of your mortality’. (USA Prof of Physics) PROFESSOR KAKU

‘In Ephesians 4:13, no mention is made of old age. For in Christian progress, no place for it is found’.

JOHN CALVIN

‘Growing old is compulsory – growing up is optional’. BOB MONKHOUSE

People think maturity comes with age. No; growing old comes with age. Maturity comes with taking responsibility.

ED COLE

APOLOGETICS

The word ‘apologetics’ is the most unfortunate word, because it is not a translation, it is a transliteration. We have taken the word ‘*apologia*’ in Greek and made a word from it in English. But if we just translated the word and put your question into English, then it would be, “Do you think churches need to take the defence of the gospel more seriously?” Of course, they should. The problem is that by taking this word and making a special word from it that sounds very intellectual, we reduce ‘Apologetics’ to a subgroup of philosophy instead of ‘defending the gospel’. One of the biggest problems we face is that people say, ‘*Well I’m not into apologetics.*’ That is absurd. What, you’re not interested in defending the gospel? Are you sure you believe it? We must get away from the mindset that says apologetics is a special activity. That has been very bad and very dangerous.’ Prof. JOHN LENNOX (UKEA interview, 2013)

‘Love is the final apologetic of the gospel.’ DR FRANCIS SCHAEFFER

‘There is nothing so self-defeating as a question that has not been fully thought through before it is posed.’ C S LEWIS

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BIBLE (4/4)

"The Irrelevant Church" by ROBIN GAMBLE

(Open to Judgement, 1994) ROWAN WILLIAMS

CHARACTER (1/2)

CHARACTER (2/2)

‘Apostolic claims without apostolic character produce apostolic catastrophe.’ GEORGE MILEY

‘Sour godliness is the devil’s religion.’ JOHN WESLEY

“Transparency is not an option. Cover-ups lead to flare-ups [but] exposure leads to healing.”
(Senior Pastor of Nairobi Pentecostal Church) CALISTO ODEDE

‘When your character is in conflict with your values, you experience guilt’. DICK VAN DYKE

‘Don’t be impressed by money, followers, degrees and titles. Be impressed by kindness, integrity, humility and generosity’.

MINDFUL CHRISTIANITY

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‘Christianity was born in Palestine. They took it to Greece & they made it into a philosophy. They took it to Rome and they made it into an institution. They took it to America and they made it into a business enterprise. They took it to England and they made it into a tourist attraction.’

TONY CAMPOLO

‘I can only thank the Lord for blessing us in such a wonderful way (in this our first difficult struggle for our rights). I pray to him to let us and all others to find the right path that all may be granted new peace and happiness’.

IBID

‘A growing army of more contemporary Christians, comfortable with technology and in tune with modern culture have grown impatient with the status quo. They are making their way across the landscape, meandering between the new language and values with such consummate ease that their distinctive features may not always be easily identified at their first glance. They are comfortable in cinemas and theatres, they may even smoke and use words their parents would not approve of. They do believe the Bible, but they may not believe it like most people who call themselves evangelical. In fact, they may prefer to be called ‘post-evangelical’ if they use the label at all.

JOEL EDWARDS

‘Today with the foul miasma of evangelism rising up to engulf us from every corner of God’s poor earth, it is hard to remember that good Christian lives were once lived without words like ‘outreach’ and ‘salvation’ being dragged into general conversation. God was a dignified generous father and Christ his beautiful liquid eyed son; they loved you even when they saw you on the lavatory or caught you stealing sweets. That was Christianity, something quite unconnected to hymns, psalms, anthems & the liturgy of the church.’
(Moab is my Washpot) STEPHEN FRY

The world is trying the experiment of attempting to form a civilised but non-Christian mentality society. The experiment will fail; but we must be very patient in awaiting its collapse. Meanwhile we should redeem the time so that the Faith may be preserved alive through the dark ages before us, to renew and rebuild civilisation and save the world from suicide,'
(from an essay written in 1930) T S ELIOT

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‘Of all the strong churches I have visited in the West, I have noticed that they all have one thing in common: a strong and sacrificial commitment to missions amongst unreached nations.’

BROTHER YUN

‘An insignificant minority of old women of both sexes’ ANON

In the past, the church occupied a position at the heart of the community. It was the place people turned for guidance in the areas of ethics, education, health care and social services. But in recent years, the church has retreated from that position and the school then found itself ideally placed to fill that vacuum’.

DAVID MILLIBAND, MP (c. 2001)

‘The emerging church movement started as a way of thinking differently about church....but it has become a way of thinking differently about truth. I don’t have many sympathies with an attempt to think differently about truth’. TIM CHESTER

'The wise church, admitting new members, would give more weight to the quality of their lives than to the story of their conversion'. D A DAWSON (Thamesmead)

“Christ has no body on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet through which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless his people”.

TERESA of Avila, 16th Century Nun

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COURAGE

CONFUCIUS

RALPH EMERSON

BILLY GRAHAM

BRAVEHEART

Dr MARTIN LUTHER KING

(Man and Superman, 1903) GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

(attrib. to) DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

J K ROWLING

1) NATE SAINT

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DEATH (2/2)

‘He (John Rogers) walked to his death like a man walking to his wedding’. AMBASSADOR (FR)
1st martyr, 1555 AD, the reign of Catholic Queen Mary 1

‘Those who embark on euthanasia venture down a slippery slope along which you irrevocably slide down to the random killing of defenceless sick people’.

(geriatrician at a euthanasia clinic) DR BERT KEIZER

"Tranquil and happy, though very weak. My theology is simple. I can express it in few words, and they are enough to die by. Jesus died for me." C H SPURGEON (on the day he died)

DIFFICULTIES (2/2)

‘What we see as triumphant or successful Christian living is really no more than the calm between inevitable storms.’

STEVE CHALKE

‘If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.’
FRANK A CLARK

‘I cannot read, I cannot think, I cannot even pray but I can trust.’
(on learning of wave after wave of killings of his workers in China). HUDSON TAYLOR

‘I don’t think I’ve ever met a person who didn’t have problems, and I am no exception.’

DR BILLY GRAHAM

‘Anyone who wants to live an easy life has been born in the wrong generation’. LEO TOLSTOY

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DISCIPLINE (including 'Spiritual')

'Without the disciplined life, you'll never live for Jesus Christ.' DR BILLY GRAHAM

'The general lack of discipline in Christian circles is perhaps one of the chief causes of failure in marriages and missions. We must have it no matter what the cost.'

SIM report "Africa Now" (1965)

'Happy is he who makes daily progress.'

A W TOZER

'Refuse to be average in your Christian commitment.' IBID

'Be hard on yourself and easy on others. Carry your own cross but never lay one on the back of another.'

IBID

'I ascribe my mental powers & good health to God's blessing, through the instrumentality of early rising and plunging my head into cold water when I arise.' GEORGE MULLER

'There is therapy in hard work.'

ELIZABETH ELLIOT

‘The best discipline, maybe the only discipline that really works, is self-discipline.’
WALTER KIECHEL III

The word ‘discipline’ is not common in the vocabulary of today’s church. The mood of our age which stresses tolerance and steers clear of judgment or the allocation of blame, has so influenced us that the thought of disciplining fellow Christians seems strangely out of place today.’
Quoted from ‘Integrity’ by JONATHAN LAMB

"When I first entered upon the work of the ministry among you, I was exceedingly ignorant of the vast importance of church discipline. I thought that my great and almost only work was to pray and preach. When cases of discipline were brought before me and the elders, I regarded them with something like abhorrence. It was a duty I shrank from; and I may truly say it nearly drove me from the work of the ministry among you altogether. But it pleased God, who teaches his servants in another way than man teaches, to bless some of the cases of discipline to the manifest and undeniable conversion of the souls of those under our care; and from that hour a new light broke in upon my mind, and I saw that if preaching be an ordinance of Christ, so is church discipline. I now feel very deeply persuaded that both are of God,—that two keys are committed to us by Christ: the one the key of doctrine, by means of which we unlock the treasures of the Bible; the other the key of discipline, by which we open or shut the way to the sealing ordinances of the faith. Both are Christ's gift, and neither is to be resigned without sin."

ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE

"Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him." HUDSON TAYLOR

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DISCOURAGEMENT

'It is a splendid rule to refrain from making decisions when we are discouraged.'

A W TOZER

'Billy Graham has done more harm to the cause of Christ than any other living man.'

BOB JONES III

‘But you must never despair. Despair is a sin because it denies the sovereignty of God.’
CHUCK COLSON

The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, "O God, forgive me, or help me."

BILLY GRAHAM

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FEAR

E STANLEY JONES

SIMON PETTIT

“In the end we will not remember the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends.”
Dr MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

'Curiosity will conquer fear even more than bravery will'. JAMES STEPHENS (Irish Poet)

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GRACE

GEORGE VERWER

'It takes more grace than one can tell, to play the second fiddle well.'

F. F. BRUCE

‘Since the doctrines of grace are espoused by such an impressive list of ancient and modern divines, one is constantly surprised to find that some can believe a case that could persuade them otherwise’.

GARETH P BOLTON

‘Legalism is one way of changing a person that requires no love or relationship. It simply sets the standard and continues to condemn until there is change and conformity’. ANON

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HELL

ELIZABETH ELLIOT

BILLY GRAHAM

Email to MIKE WAKELY

DAVID INSTONE-BREWER

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HISTORY

‘History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.’

WINSTON CHURCHILL

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HUMANISM

‘Not God but man himself has life in his own hands.’ DUTCH POLITICIAN

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JESUS CHRIST (2/2)

‘Jesus alone among all religious leaders and founders rejected all forms of discrimination and insisted that all human beings be treated in exactly the same way’ CHARLES R TABER

‘He is both someone one knows and someone one scarcely knows at all, an utterly intimate friend and yet with indescribable majesty’. JUSTIN WELBY (Archbishop of Canterbury)

‘Jesus did not come to make bad men good but to make dead men alive.’ DR J L WILLIAMS

‘Jesus did not come to fulfil our agenda; He came so that we would fulfil His agenda.’ ANON

‘Jesus is not only a historical figure but our eternal contemporary.’ F F BRUCE

MIRACLES

“Elijah ate food miraculously delivered by ravens, but his water supply from a brook was completely natural. When the water dried up, the Lord could have made more spring from the ground, but He didn't. Sometimes God uses ordinary means to move us in a new direction. The curtailment of his water supply opened the door for Elijah's next "assignment." When the Lord withholds miraculous intervention and lets your brook dry up, He has something else planned for you”.

ANON

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MISSIONS (2/2)

GEORGE MILEY

‘On Sunday, June 25, 1865, unable to bear the sight of a congregation of a thousand or more Christian people rejoicing in their own security, while millions were perishing for lack of knowledge, I wandered out on the sands alone, in great spiritual agony, and there the Lord conquered my unbelief, and I surrendered myself to God for this service...I returned home with a heart enjoying rest such as it has been a stranger to for months’

HUDSON TAYLOR

PRESIDENT OF A MISSIONS ORGANISATION

PONTIAC (Ottawa Indian Chief)

HENRY MARTYN

‘Mission cannot be regarded as the hobby of a few fanatical eccentrics in the church. Mission lies at the heart of God and therefore at the very heart of the church. A church without mission is no longer a church’.

JOHN R W STOTT

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GREG KERNAGHAN (OM CDN)

HENRY MARTYN

DAVID DEVENISH (What on earth is the church for?)

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PRAYER (2/4)

- 'When we become too glib in prayer we are most surely talking to ourselves.' A W TOZER
- 'When man works, man works; when man prays, God works.' ANONYMOUS
- 'Work as though everything depended on you and pray as though everything depended on God.' HUDSON TAYLOR
- 'He did not come to answer all our prayers as we wanted'. ELIZABETH ELLIOT
- 'God's refusals are amongst His greatest gifts.' ELIZABETH ELLIOT
- 'Without God, we cannot; without us, He will not' AUGUSTINE
- 'Prayer does not prepare us for the greater work, prayer is the greater work.' OSWALD SANDERS
- 'Prayer and pains through faith in Christ Jesus will do anything' JOHN ELIOT
- 'Courage is fear that has prayed.' ERNEST HEMINGWAY
- 'But how can you pray, really pray, I mean – with one against whom you have a grudge or whom you have been discussing critically with another? Try it. You find it cannot be done.' AMY CARMICHAEL
- 'God does not have favourites but he does have intimates' FRANCOIS VOSLOO
- 'Prayer is a discipline as well as a privilege.' MIKE WAKELY
- '79% of 18-25 year olds pray regularly.' Survey result in the DAILY TELEGRAPH, 2002
- 'In magic, humans are attempting to exert control – to bend unseen forces to become their servant and bring about their desired will. *They* are in the driving seat...Essentially, it is God who is in the driving seat. In no way is he there as our servant; we are his servants co-operating with his set purposes by prayer.' REV RICHARD BEWES
- "To make intercession for men is the most powerful and practical way in which we can express our love." JOHN CALVIN
- "Prayer is the privilege of sons, the proof of sonship." SAMUEL CHADWICK
- "Prayer is where the action is. Any church without a well organised and systematic prayer programme is simply operating a religious treadmill." PAUL BILHEIMER
- "From this day on, the prayer meeting will be the barometer of our church. What happens on Tuesday night will be the gauge by which God blesses us." JIM CYMBALA

PRAYER (3/4)

“Prayer in the NT is stressed over and over again as a vital prerequisite for the release and experience of God’s power.” (Commentary on II Corinthians) by PHILIP HUGHES

“Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan.”
JOHN BUNYAN

“Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure.” D.L. MOODY

“Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers.” J. SIDLOW BAXTER

“...the power of prayer is not in the words I pray, the place I pray, the way I pray, how loud I pray, or how long I pray, but in the One to Whom I pray.” ANNE MURCHISON

“You will never be able to pray everywhere, all the time, until you have learned to pray somewhere, some of the time.” MARK WATER

“I have not prayed one prayer in 45 years without getting an answer. I always got an answer and the answer was always ‘yes’.” KENNETH HAGIN

“To pray successfully is the first lesson the preacher must learn if he is to preach fruitfully; yet prayer is the hardest thing he will ever be called upon to do and, being human, it is the one act he will be tempted to do less frequently than any other.” A W TOZER

"Guard against all ambition to excel one another in expression. Remember the most spiritual prayer is '*a groan which cannot be uttered*,' Rom. 8:26; or a cry of 'Abba, Father,' Gal. 4:6."
ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE

‘Prayerlessness is practical atheism’. GORDON FEE

‘The more helpless you are, the better you are fitted to pray, and the more answers to prayer you will experience’. OLE HALLESBY

‘In prayer, God allows us to be involved in activities that are eternally important.....the work of the kingdom is advanced’. WAYNE GRUDEM

"It is not the arithmetic of our prayers, how many they are, nor the rhetoric of our prayers, how eloquent they are; nor the geometry of our prayers, how long they be; nor the music of our prayers, how sweet our voice may be; nor the logic of our prayers, how argumentative they may be; nor the method of our prayers, how orderly they may be - which God cares for. Fervency of Spirit is that which avails much."
WILLIAM LEE

“Throughout history and in movements all around the world, every time there has been a significant movement of the Spirit, the Lord seems to first prepare the soil by prompting the prayers of His people.” RUPERT LEARY

“I have been driven many times up on my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.” ABRAHAM LINCOLN

PRAYER (4/4)

‘Believers do not pray with the view of informing God about things unknown to him, or of exciting him to do his duty, or of urging him as though he were reluctant. On the contrary, they pray in order that they may arouse themselves to seek him, that they may exercise their faith in meditating on his promises, that they may relieve themselves from their anxieties by pouring them into his bosom; in a word, that they may declare that from him alone they hope and expect, both for themselves and for others, all good things.’ JOHN CALVIN

‘By our praying ... we are instructing ourselves more than we are him’. MARTIN LUTHER

"It matters little what form of prayer we adopt or how many words we use. What matters is the faith which lays hold on God, knowing that He knows our needs before we even ask Him. That is what gives Christian prayer its boundless confidence and its joyous certainty."

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

‘I want thought, in my ignorance, that most people said their prayers, and many people prayed. I have lived to think differently. I have come to the conclusion that the great majority of Christians do not pray at all’.

J C RYLE

‘We should never give up praying for it until we get it, or until God makes it very clear and definite to us that it is not his will to give it’.

R A TORREY

PREACHING (2/9) – Quotations from Dr D M LLOYD-JONES

We must be honest with our texts; and we must always take them in their context. That is an absolute rule.

Preaching which is nothing but evangelistic is obviously inadequate.

People are not as interested in preaching as they used to be.

We are not concerned just to influence people or to move them; our desire must be that the truth should influence them and move them. The preacher is called primarily to preach the positive truth.

Natural humourists always trouble me because I feel that they tend to go too far and allow their humour to run away with them.

The man who tries to be humorous is an abomination and should never be allowed to enter a pulpit.

Ten minutes from some people seems like an age while an hour from another passes like a few minutes.

You are a man 'possessed', you are taken hold of and taken up.....and I know of nothing on earth that is comparable to this feeling that when this happens you have a feeling that you are not actually doing the preaching, you are looking on in great astonishment and enjoyment.

It is not your effort. That is what the preacher himself is aware of. Are you expecting it to be the turning point in someone's life? Are you expecting anyone to have a climactic experience?

I would say that the only man who is called to preach is the man who cannot do anything else, in the sense that he is not satisfied with anything else. This call to preach is so put upon him, and such pressure comes to bear upon him that he says, "I can do nothing else, I must preach."

What the preacher always needs is a stimulus."

The first object of preaching the gospel is not to save souls; it is to glorify God

"The supreme need of the hour is preachers, not just teachers..."

(Opening of LTS, 1977 Dr. D M LLOYD-JONES)

'I can forgive a preacher almost anything as long as he leaves me something of God.'

D M LLOYD-JONES

Method of preaching: (a) Mind (b) Conscience (c) Will (d) Emotions

D M LLOYD-JONES

PRESSURE

'Blessed are those who are flexible for they shall not break' ANON

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SALVATION

‘Though I am not what I ought to be, nor what I wish to be, nor yet what I hope to be, I can truly say that I am not what I used to...by the grace of God I am what I am.’

JOHN NEWTON

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SERVANT

'It is not the business of the servant to decide which work is great, which is small, which important or unimportant - he is not greater than his master.'

ELIZABETH ELLIOT

‘I am not in this for personal gain; I am not seeking glory; I am not trying to boost my ego or enhance my reputation. I am carrying out this ministry as your slave.’
Quoted from ‘Integrity’ by JONATHAN LAMB

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SEX

‘75% of British parents believe their children will lose their virginity at the age of 16 or younger and most allow their teenage children to have sex within their homes’.

SUNDAY TIMES (02/15)

‘One in three ten year olds has seen pornography on the Internet; 81% (more than 4 out of every five) of 14-16 year olds regularly look at explicit photographs and footage on their home computers’.

The people who say 'sex is a basic human right' also say that 'rape culture is everywhere'

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SICKNESS

'Welcome, welcome Jesus, whatsoever way Thou come, if we can get a sight of Thee. And sure I am, it is better to be sick if Christ come to the bedside and draw by the curtains and say, "Courage, I am thy salvation", than to enjoy health, being lusty and strong and never to be visited of God.'

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

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'There are reasons in the divine counsel of God for believers' sickness and believers' health'.

ALISTAIR BEGG

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SIN (1/2)

'Politics without principle; wealth without work; commerce without morality; pleasure without conscience; education without character; science without humanity; worship without sacrifice' (*Seven social sins (internal forces) that could destroy a nation*)
(Canon Frederic Donaldson or) MOHANDAS MAHATMA GANDHI

'He died for sin that we might die to sin' JONI EARECKSON TADA

'We are most like Christ when we hate sin' JONI EARECKSON TADA

'We aren't sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners.'

ANON

‘Nineteen of the past twenty-one great civilisations of the world were not destroyed from without but rather were destroyed by moral and spiritual decadence from within.’

ARNOLD TOYNBEE

‘That the scriptures are brim full of hustlers, murderers, cowards, adulterers and mercenaries used to shock me. Now it’s a source of great comfort.’ U2’s BONO

‘Sin can bring pleasure, but never happiness.’ R.C. SPROUL

‘Everything that used to be a sin is now a disease.’ BILL MAHER

“a deep-rooted tendency to selfishness which taints all and implicates us all in the web of human evil.” Doctrinal Report, quoted GEORGE CAREY

“One might almost say that Jesus introduced us to Freudianism before Freud. At least what he called the 'heart' is roughly equivalent to what Freud called the 'unconscious'. It resembles a very deep well. The thick deposit of mud at the bottom is usually unseen, and even unsuspected. But when the waters of the well are stirred by the winds of violent emotion, the most evil-looking, evil-smelling filth bubbles up from the depths and breaks the surface -- rage, hate, lust, cruelty, jealousy and revenge. In our most sensitive moments we are appalled by our potentiality for evil”.

JOHN R W STOTT

'Doors are not enough; we have to lock and bolt them. The payment of fares is not enough; tickets have to be issued, inspected and collected. Law and order are not enough; we need the police to enforce them. All this is due to man's sin. We cannot trust each other. We need protection against one another. It is a terrible indictment of human nature'. IBID

“Britney Spears is not a sinner; she’s just confused”. JOEL OSTEEN

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SIN (2/2)

“I don’t think that anything has been done in the name of Christ and under the banner of Christianity that has proven more destructive to human personality, and hence counter-productive to the evangelistic enterprise, than the unchristian, uncouth strategy of attempting to make people aware of their lost and sinful condition”.

ROBERT SCHULLER

‘Guilt is to the soul as pain is to the body’.

ADAM HEARN

'The common human sense of being lost is witness to the reality of the fall.' JOHN COLLINS

'If people could see into my heart I would almost feel shamed'. W A MOZART

'If you saw what my heart was like, you would spit in my face'. JOHN BLANCHARD

‘If only it were all so simple! If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?’

ALEKSANDR SOLZHENITSYN (1918–1956
(from the Gulag Archipelago)

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SUFFERING (1/2)

'Paul was a better man for his thorn.'

A W TOZER

'Much suffering is caused by our inability to forgive those who have hurt us.'

'No other religion deals so straightforwardly with suffering.'

ELIZABETH ELLIOT

'God may hurt us but will never harm us.' IBID

'There must be room for death, suffering and unanswered prayers in our theology.'

HOWARD NORRISH

'The blood of the martyrs is the seed (of the church).'

TERTULLIAN

‘Suffering will always reveal the core of who we are.’ JONI EARECKSON TADA

‘One of the missing elements in evangelicalism is a well thought out theology of suffering.’
ALISTER BEGG

'Lord help me never to be indifferent to pain' JACK DEERE

‘Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved.’
Dr HELEN KELLER

'The reason for Job's suffering isn't the lack of his faith, but the depth of it.'

STEVE CHALKE

‘...the minister is called to recognise the sufferings of his time on his own heart and make that recognition the starting point of his service.....his service will not be perceived as authentic unless it comes from a heart wounded by the suffering about which he speaks.’

HENRI NOUWEN

The person who never suffers is he who never experiences God's intimate presence'.
BRO YUN

"The Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying."

JOHN FLAVEL

‘What can’t be cured can be endured’. COTTON MATHER (1663-1728)

'It was the best thing that could have happened to me.' FANNY CROSBY (on blindness)

'Calamity clarifies.'

KEVIN TURNER

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SUFFERING (2/2)

‘Because God works incredible good out of unspeakable tragedies doesn’t mean he orchestrates the tragedies. Because he uses something does not mean he caused it or needs it to accomplish his purposes...that only leads to false notions about God. Grace doesn’t depend on suffering to exist but where there is suffering one can find grace in many facets and colours.’

Adapted from ‘The Shack’ by WM. PAUL YOUNG

'The issue is not why an all-powerful God chooses to allow someone to be subjected to evil, but how that person, with God's help, responds to the evil.' (Burnhams, USA Today, adapted)

'Suffering equips us to mediate God's comfort'. BETH REDMAN

'All the world is full of suffering. It is also full of overcoming'. Dr HELEN KELLER

‘Some form of suffering must result from authentic Christian living.....and it will increase in direct proportion to the measure of our faith, obedience and heavenly-mindedness’.

DON CORMACK (Killing Fields, Living Fields)

When asking 'Why?', the New Testament emphasises the response to suffering, rather than its cause.'

PHILIP YANCEY

‘A Christian has not learned his A, B, Cs in Christianity who has not learned the lesson of the cross.’

JOHN BRADFORD

‘The extreme greatness of Christianity lies in the fact that it does not seek a supernatural remedy for suffering, but a supernatural use for it’.

(‘Meditations on the Christian faith’) SIMONE WEIL

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TEMPTATION

‘Pray that opportunity and temptation will not meet you at the same time.’
LAWRENCE TONG

'Pornography is one of the most powerful weapons that Satan has ever used to enslave Christians'.
DAVID PARTINGTON

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TOLERANCE

‘To recognise and respect (others’ beliefs, practices, etc) without sharing them.’
WEBSTER’S DICTIONARY

‘Today’s doctrine of tolerance goes far beyond the dictionary’s definition...the new tolerance is defined as the view that all values, beliefs, lifestyles and truth claims are equal.’

JOSH MCDOWELL

‘(The new tolerance involves) the elevation of all values and beliefs to [a position worthy of equal] respect’ (Dean of Boston University’s School of Education) EDWIN J DELATTRE

‘Any culture with tolerance as its greatest absolute must eventually come apart at the seams.’
JOEL EDWARDS

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TRADITION

PETER LEWIS

D M LLOYD-JONES

REV DAVID WATSON

GOD'S LIVELY PEOPLE

RAY BAKKE (from a letter to Diognetus)

STEVE BRADY

A B BRUCE (1894)

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TRUTH (1/2)

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VISION

'You see things as they are and ask "why?" But I dream of things that never were and ask "why not?"

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

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‘Institutions guard their boundaries; movements are always crossing them’.

DENNIS LENNON

‘What could be worse than being born without sight? Being born with sight and no vision’

HELEN KELLER

‘Employment, vision and enjoyment = passion’ (as quoted by) ANDY HAWTHORNE (WMT)

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WARFARE

‘In the heart of every believer there is peace with God, but constant war with sin.’
ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE

‘God has appointed this whole life to be a battle. The state of rest, wherein we shall have no need of watching and fighting, is for another world.’ JONATHAN EDWARDS

‘I have never known what it is to be out of Romans 7 nor out of Romans 8 either; the whole passage has been solid truth to my experience.’ C H SPURGEON

‘Coming under attack is a constant experience in enemy occupied territory and the attack sometimes comes when you least expect it.’ IAN MAYO

‘More soldiers and civilians have been killed in wars in the twentieth century than in the previous 5000 years of recorded history combined and four times as many in the previous four centuries. Over 112 million people were killed in the century that is just behind us’

PETER KUZMIC

‘To make converts in Tibet is similar to going into a cave and trying to rob a lioness of her cubs’.

(1892) HUDSON TAYLOR

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WEAKNESS

‘(God) receives and graces human weakness...after all, human weakness is all He really has to work with.’
GEORGE MILEY

‘God’s purpose is not to bypass weakness and difficulties, but to transform them.’
Quoted from ‘Integrity’ by JONATHAN LAMB

'The weaker we feel, the harder we lean'. JAMES PACKER

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WISDOM

‘It is unwise to accept any argument, however apparently convincing, until you have heard both sides of the question’

JOHN WENHAM

‘The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook’.

WILLIAM JAMES

‘We cannot solve problems with the same thinking we used when we created them’.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

'Nearly all wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and knowledge of ourselves. (Intro to 'Christian Inst.') JOHN CALVIN

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WORSHIP (1/2)

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WORSHIP (2/2)

'Strong affections for God rooted in truth are the bone and marrow of Biblical worship. True worship comes from people who are deeply emotional and who love deep and sound doctrine.'

JOHN PIPER

‘Worship is gladly reflecting back to God the radiance of His worth’ IBID

'Giving everything you are in response to who He is' ANON

‘Worship is the submission of all of our nature to God; it is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; nourishment of mind by His truth; purifying of imagination by His beauty; opening of the heart to His love; and submission of will to His purpose. All this gathered up in adoration is the greatest of expressions of which we are capable.’

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM TEMPLE

‘Beware equally of an undevotional theology and of an untheological devotion’
(as quoted by John R W Stott) BISHOP HANDLEY MOULE

‘Worship and the Christian’s daily life of obedience are not two separate spheres, but two concentric circles of which worship is the inner and gives to the outer its content and character.’

JIM WALLIS

‘With whatever needs we come to worship, whatever the hopes or fears we bring with us, worship should lift us from the shifting sands of our ever-changing moods, to the bedrock of a faith which has nothing to do with what we are or how we feel.’

Former moderator of the church of Scotland, PROFESSOR ROBERT DAVIDSON

‘There is a danger that some worship songs are mainly human centred so that we concentrate more on how we feel than who God is’. DAVID DEVENISH (What on earth is the church for?)

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YOUTH

'If your youth group is boring and apathetic, then it is because of you.' STEVE CHALKE

‘Our youth today love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, disrespect for older people. Children nowadays are tyrants. They contradict their parents, gobble their food and tyrannise their teachers.’

SOCRATES (400BC)

‘High School students today learn visually, are drawn to experiences, desire meaningful relationships and are hugely tolerant of others.’ RICHARD P WAGER (D. Min. Project, USA)

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