

# A Treasury of Philosophy by Dagobert D. Runes Quotes

Faith will not waver where reason is its foundation.

Faith is not proven by the number of believers. Abraham was alone and he had the truth against a whole generation of pagans.

Faith and doubt are brothers under the skin.

The “No” of one expert outweighs the “Yes” of a thousand amateurs.

You are what you arouse in fellow man.

Those who refuse to fight oppression are theologically uninformed if they base their decision on a Gospel quote, are thoroughly indolent if they point to the ubiquity of wars in history, and plain frightened if they tremble at the possibility of having their skins cut.

Improve your hindsight and you will gain in foresight.

You may forgive your own enemy, but not the evildoers against others.

Too often are relationships founded on dislike and envy called friendships, for we are bound to those we hate almost as much as to those we love. Perhaps hatred is an even stronger tie than affection; it is more lasting, and like love, seeks out its object, yearning to dwell in its shadow.

The ancient Hebrews did not write the name of God. I often wish the Christians would follow suit, as never was a word more misused in writing and speaking than the name of the Lord.

Praising God is fallacious. If perchance He is the kind praise would please, He is not much of a God, and if— as I think— He is oblivious of it, then wherefore the praise?

A God who permits the gassing of a million children and five million unarmed adults by human hyenas may be a Teutonic deity but certainly not the God of Love.

Where is the clergy when the barricades are up? Where is the clergy when pressure hose and shot are directed against a suppressed minority? They are kneeling in prayer at the altar? They are reading the Good Book? No book is good when it keeps a man from freedom's struggle and no prayer is worth saying that keeps a man from cursing the Devil, out loud and to his face. Silence is the Devil's tongue when the world cries out.

The great massacres of Jews, from the Visigoths to Hitler and from the Crusaders to the Ukraine, can be laid directly at the feet of Christian theology about the Crucifixion.

It takes a lot of knowledge to understand how little we know.

Reincarnation: May be true, but I do hope that some who have passed away never come back again in any shape or form.

Not all religions are good, but there is good in all religions.

Repentance is a meaningless gesture often followed by repetition of the offense. The essential thing is self-improvement, not self-demeaning.

It is never too late to start on the path of righteousness, and the road to evil will always be only a step away.