

TUG OF WAR QUOTES

“Lack of originality, everywhere, all over the world, from time immemorial, has always been considered the foremost quality and the recommendation of the active, efficient and practical man.”

~ Fyodor Dostoevsky, *The Idiot*

“There must be somebody there, because somebody must have said ‘Nobody.’”

~ A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*

“Man was matter, that was Snowden's secret. Drop him out a window, and he'll fall. Set fire to him and he'll burn. Bury him and he'll rot, like other kinds of garbage. The spirit gone, man is garbage. That was Snowden's secret. Ripeness was all.”

~ Joseph Heller, *Catch-22*

“If we believe in nothing, if nothing has any meaning and if we can affirm no values whatsoever, then everything is possible and nothing has any importance.”

~ Albert Camus, *The Rebel*

“Why do we argue? Life's so fragile, a successful virus clinging to a speck of mud, suspended in endless nothing.”

~ Alan Moore, *Watchmen*

“I think we are just insects, we live a bit and then die and that’s the lot. There’s no mercy in things. There’s not even a Great Beyond. There’s nothing.”

~ John Fowles, *The Collector*

“The point is there ain't no point.”

~ Cormac McCarthy, *No Country for Old Men*

“If you live today, you breath in nihilism ... it's the gas you breathe. If I hadn't had the Church to fight it with or to tell me the necessity of fighting it, I would be the stinkingest logical positivist you ever saw right now.”

~ Flannery O'Connor, *The habit of being: Letters of Flannery O'Connor*

“Atheism, true 'existential' atheism burning with hatred of a seemingly unjust or unmerciful God, is a spiritual state; it is a real attempt to grapple with the true God.... Nietzsche, in calling himself Antichrist, proved thereby his intense hunger for Christ.”

~ Seraphim Rose, *Nihilism: The root of the revolution of the modern age*

“Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player, that struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more; it is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.”

~ William Shakespeare, *Macbeth*

“Nobody realizes that some people expend tremendous energy merely to be normal.”

~ **Albert Camus, *Notebooks, 1942-1951***

“There is no one as dangerous as he or she who has nothing to lose.”

~ **Rebecca Solnit, *Prometheus among the cannibals: A letter to Edward Snowden***

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

~ ***Ecclesiastes 1:2 NIV***

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