

joint and where such flaunting anomalies assail one at every turn.

Randolph Bourne, *Youth and Life*, Constable & Co., 1913, page 84

It is strange to see how completely justice is forgotten in the presence of great international struggles. Even the great majority of the spectators are no longer capable of judging except as their own personal tastes, dislikes, fears, desires, interests, or passions may dictate, - that is to say, their judgment is not a judgment at all. How many people are capable of delivering a fair verdict on the struggle now going on? Very few! This horror of equity, this antipathy to justice, this rage against a merciful neutrality, represents a kind of eruption of animal passion in man, a blind fierce passion, which is absurd enough to call itself a reason, whereas it is nothing but a force.

Henri Frederic Amiel, *Amiel's Journal*, Macmillan & Co., 1918, page 178

1. Every child should find itself a member of a family housed with decency and dignity, so that it may grow up as a member of that basic community in a happy fellowship unspoilt by under-feeding or over-crowding, by dirty and drab surroundings or by mechanical monotony of environment.
2. Every child should have the opportunity of an education till years of maturity, so planned as to allow

for his peculiar aptitudes and make possible their full development. This education should throughout be inspired by faith in God and find its focus in worship.

3. Every citizen should be secure in possession of such income as will enable him to maintain a home and bring up children in such conditions as are described in paragraph 1 above.
4. Every citizen should have a voice in the conduct of the business or industry which is carried on by means of his labour, and the satisfaction of knowing that his labour is directed to the well-being of the community.
5. Every citizen should have sufficient daily leisure, with two days of rest in seven, and, if an employee, an annual holiday with pay, to enable him to enjoy a full personal life with such interests and activities as his tasks and talents may direct.
6. Every citizen should have assured liberty in the forms of freedom of worship, of speech, of assembly, and of association for special purposes.

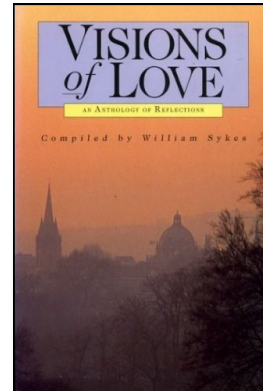
William Temple, *Christianity and Social Order*, Penguin Books, 1942, page 73



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JUSTICE

Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Deuteronomy 16:20

He has shown all you people what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 (TNIV)

Set your mind on God's kingdom and his justice before everything else, and all the rest will come to you as well.

Matthew 6:33 (NEB)

Man is unjust, but God is just; and finally justice Triumphs.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 'Evangeline', in *The Poetical Works of Longfellow*, Oxford University Press, 1913, page 149

True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.

Martin Luther King, *The Words of Martin Luther King*

selected by Coretta Scott King, William Collins Sons & Co., 1986, page 83

It is compassion rather than the principle of justice which can guard us against being unjust to our fellow men.

Eric Hoffer, *The Passionate State of Mind*, Seeker & Warburg, 1956, page 69

For no human actions ever were intended by the Maker of men to be guided by balances of expediency, but by balances of justice.

John Ruskin. *Unto This Last*, George Allen, 1906, page 7

Is it not the fact that in problems concerning the relations of corporate groups of men, the way of love lies

through justice?

William Temple, *Citizen and Churchman*, Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1941, page 78

Now, if these men have defeated the law and outrun native punishment, though they can outstrip men they have no wings to fly from God.

William Shakespeare, *King Henry V*, IV. L 170

Who shall put his finger on the work of justice, and say 'It is there?' Justice is like the Kingdom of God - it is not without us as a fact, it is within us as a great yearning.

George Eliot, *Romola*, Virtue & Co., 1908, volume II page 396

Liberty, equality, - bad principles! The only true principle for humanity is justice, and justice towards the feeble becomes necessarily protection or kindness.

Henri Frederic Amiel, *Amiel's Journal*, Ward, Macmillan & Co., 1918, page 96

Justice does not the less exist, because her laws are neglected . . . A sense of what she commands lives in our breasts; and when we fail to obey that sense, it is to weakness, not to virtue, that we yield.

Ann Radcliffe, *The Italian*, Oxford University Press, 1968, page 168

Justice means much more than the sort of thing that goes on in law courts. It is

the old name for everything we should now call 'fairness'; it includes honesty, give and take, truthfulness, keeping promises, and all that side of life.

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, William Collins Sons & Co., 1961, page 72

I am convinced that one reason why the Church has counted for comparatively little in the public affairs of recent times is that its spokesmen have talked a great deal too much about love and not nearly enough about justice.

William Temple, *Citizen and Churchman*, Eyre and Spottiswoode. 1941, page 77

I am firmly convinced that the passionate will for justice and truth has done more to improve man's condition than calculating political shrewdness which in the long run only breeds general distrust.

Albert Einstein, *Out of my Later Years*, Thames and Hudson, 1950, page 10

In the corrupted currents of this world Offence's gilded hand may shove by justice;

And oft 'tis seen the wicked prize itself Buys out the law, but 'tis not so above!

William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*, III. iii. 57

. . . Jesus came to bring men justice. The Greeks defined justice as giving to God and to men that which is their due. Jesus showed men how to live in such a way that both God and men receive their proper place in our lives. He showed us

how to behave both towards God and towards men.

William Barclay, *The Gospel of Matthew*, The Saint Andrew Press, 1975, volume II, page 37

Justice without might is helpless, might without justice is tyrannical. Justice without might is gainsaid, because there are always offenders; might without justice is condemned. We must then combine justice and might, and for this end make what is just strong, or what is strong, just.

Blaise Pascal, *Pensees*, translated by W.F. Trotter, Random House, 1941, page 103

The mistake of the best men through generation after generation, has been that great one of thinking to help the poor by almsgiving, and by preaching of patience, or of hope, and by every other means, emollient or consolatory, except the one thing which God orders for them, justice.

John Ruskin, *Unto This Last*, George Alien, 1906, page 72

In the struggle against injustice, the Christian suffers a serious handicap, which, at least in the short term, can reduce his effectiveness. He doesn't have the right, at any time, to walk over his adversary or destroy him. He doesn't have the right to 'sacrifice' one single person today (let alone a generation) to save a thousand tomorrow.

Michel Quoist, *With Open Heart*, Gill and Macmillan, 1983, page 123

Justice. To be ever ready to admit that another person is something quite different from what we read when he is there, (or when we think about him). Or rather, to read in him that he is certainly something different, perhaps something completely different, from what we read in him. Every being cries out silently, to be read differently.

Simone Weil, *Gravity and Grace*, Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1972, page 121

Justice is the right to the maximum of individual independence compatible with the same liberty for others; in other words, it is respect for man, for the immature, the small, the feeble; - it is the guarantee of those human collectivities, associations, states, nationalities, those voluntary or involuntary unions - the object of which is to increase the sum of happiness, and to satisfy the aspiration of the individual. That some should make use of others for their own purposes is an injury to justice.

Henri Frederic Amiel, *Amiel's Journal* Ward, Macmillan & Co., 1918, page 245

Justice is a virtue which, if it be not developed in youth, has little chance of ever being developed. It depends on a peculiarly sensitive reaction to good and evil, and it is only in youth that those reactions are keen and disinterested. Real justice is always a sign of great innocence; it cannot exist side by side with interested motives or a trace of self-seeking. And a sense of justice is hard to develop in this great industrial world where the relations of men are so out of