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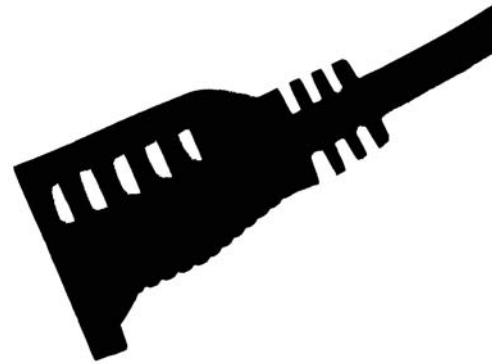
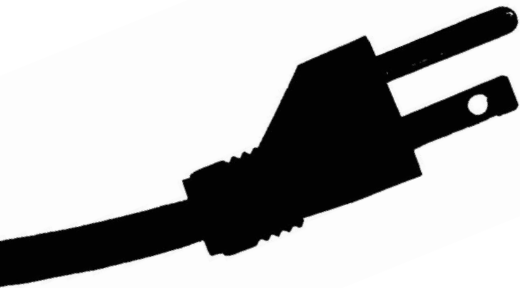
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PART 1: CONVINCING WORDS
FROM APOLOGISTS AND
EVANGELISTS



JOHN WILBUR CHAPMAN

AMERICAN EVANGELIST (1859 – 1918)

QUOTATION 1

Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps me in my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me; and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it.

Citation: John Wilbur Chapman, in a personal letter reflecting on the rules to govern a spiritual life

Topics: Bible Study; Devotional Life; Distractions; Focus; Priorities; Spiritual Disciplines

References: Hebrews 12:1–13; 1 John 2:15–17

QUOTATION 2

It's not the ship in the water but the water in the ship that sinks it. So it's not the Christian in the world but the world in the Christian that constitutes the danger.

Citation: Unknown

Topics: Complacency; Desires; Distractions; Double-mindedness; Holiness; World; Worldliness

References: John 17:11–16; Romans 12:2; 1 Corinthians 3:3; Colossians 2:20; Titus 2:12; 1 Peter 5:8–11

G. K. CHESTERTON

BRITISH WRITER (1874 – 1936)

QUOTATION 3

Christianity has died many times and risen again, for it has a God who knew his way out of the grave.

Citation: G. K. Chesterton, *The Everlasting Man*

Topics: God's Sovereignty; Jesus Christ; Resurrection; Victory

References: Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 15:50–57; 1 Peter 1:3

QUOTATION 4

To be clever enough to get a great deal of money, one must be stupid enough to want it.

Citation: G. K. Chesterton, *A Miscellany of Men*

Topics: Desires; Foolishness; Greed; Materialism; Money; Vices

References: Ecclesiastes 5:10; Matthew 6:24; 19:23–24; Luke 12:15–21; Philippians 4:11–13; 1 Timothy 6:10; Hebrews 13:5

QUOTATION 5

Tradition means giving votes to the most obscure of all classes, our ancestors. It is democracy of the dead.

Citation: G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*

Topics: Past; Teaching; Tradition

Reference: Hebrews 12:1

QUOTATION 6

To the question, “What is meant by the fall?” I could answer with complete sincerity that, “Whatever I am, I am not myself.”

Citation: G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*

Topics: Depravity; Fall of Humanity; Honesty; Human Condition; Human Nature; Original Sin; Self-worth

References: Genesis 3; Romans 3:10–18, 23; 5:12–14; Ephesians 4:22–24

QUOTATION 7

When I fancied that I stood alone, I was really in the ridiculous position of being backed up by all of Christendom.

Citation: G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*

Topics: Christian Life; Church; Individualism; Past; Religion; Tradition

References: Matthew 16:18; Romans 12:1–2; Philippians 1:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:15; Hebrews 12:1

QUOTATION 8

Certain new theologians dispute original sin, which is the only part of Christian doctrine which can really be proved.

Citation: G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*

Topics: Depravity; Doctrine; Evil; Fall of Humanity; Human Condition; Original Sin; Sinful Nature; Theology

References: Genesis 3; Romans 3:10–18, 23; 5:12–14; Ephesians 4:22–24; 1 John 1:8

QUOTATION 9

Humility is the mother of giants. One sees great things from the valley; only small things from the peak.

Citation: G. K. Chesterton, *The Hammer of God*

Topics: Arrogance; Humility; Perspective; Pride

References: Proverbs 11:2; 16:18–19; 22:4; 29:23; Micah 6:8; Matthew 18:4; 23:12; Luke 14:10–11; 22:26; Philippians 2:3; James 4:6, 10; 1 Peter 5:5

QUOTATION 10

Hope is the power of being cheerful in circumstances which we know to be desperate.

Citation: G. K. Chesterton, *Heretics*

Topics: Attitudes; Hope; Joy; Power; Trials

References: Psalm 42; Romans 4:18–25

QUOTATION 11

To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it.

Citation: G. K. Chesterton, *A Short History of England*

Topics: Decisions; Ethics; Morality; Rights

References: 1 Corinthians 6:12; 10:23–24; Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 2:16

QUOTATION 12

Men do not differ much about what things they will call evils; they differ enormously about what evils they will call excusable.

Citation: G. K. Chesterton, *Illustrated London News* (October 23, 1909)

Topics: Evil; Excuses; Morality; Tolerance

References: Proverbs 20:9; John 3:19–20; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11; Ephesians 4:17–32

QUOTATION 13

Fallacies do not cease to be fallacies because they become fashions.

Citation: G. K. Chesterton, *Illustrated London News* (April 19, 1930)

Topics: Excuses; Morality; Worldliness

Reference: 2 Timothy 3:10–17

QUOTATION 14

If I did not believe in God, I should still want my doctor, my lawyer, and my banker to do so.

Citation: Unknown

Topics: Atheism; Belief; Faith; Honesty; Trust

References: Psalm 14:1; 53:1; 1 Corinthians 1:25; 3:19; Titus 1:16

QUOTATION 15

Tolerance is the virtue of the man without convictions.

Citation: Unknown

Topics: Complacency; Convictions; Culture; Morality; Postmodernism; Tolerance; Truth

References: John 1:17; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 1:16–17; 10:9–10; 2 Timothy 1:8

QUOTATION 16

The point of an open mind, like having an open mouth, is to close it on something solid.

Citation: Unknown

Topics: Knowledge; Maturity; Mind; Spiritual Growth; Teachability; Tolerance; Wisdom

References: Proverbs 2:1–6; 1 John 5:20

QUOTATION 17

The world is not lacking in wonders, but in a sense of wonder.

Citation: Unknown

Topics: Awe; Praise; Reverence; Wonder; Worship

References: Numbers 14:11; Matthew 12:39; 24:3–8; John 2:11

CHARLES COLSON

AMERICAN WRITER, SPEAKER, AND CHIEF COUNSEL
FOR PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON (1931 –)

QUOTATION 18

The pursuit of doctrine for the sake of doctrine can be idolatrous. The gospel will not be demystified. God will not be mocked by the pretensions of those who believe they might fully and certainly know his mind. Was that, after all, not the sin of the Garden?

Citation: Charles Colson, *The Body*

Topics: Doctrine; Knowledge; Mysteries; Theology; Truth

References: Job 38:34–38; 40:1–5; 42:1–6; Romans 11:33–34

QUOTATION 19

If Christians followed the teachings of a benign dead man, their lives would display an innocuous piety. But when Christians stand up for righteousness and justice, they evidence the power of the living God.

Citation: Unknown

Topics: Discipleship; Influence; Justice; Power; Righteousness; Social Action; Social Impact; Testimony; Witness

References: Amos 5:24; Matthew 25:31–46

QUOTATION 20

People who have no fear of God soon have no fear of man, and no respect for human laws and authority.

Citation: Unknown

Topics: Arrogance; Authority; Fear of God; Government; Lawlessness; Morality; Relationships; Respect

Reference: 1 Peter 2:17

QUOTATION 21

Many Christians, like most of the populace, believe the political structures can cure all our ills. The fact is, however, that government, by its very nature, is limited in what it can accomplish. What it does best is perpetuate its own power and bolster its own bureaucracies.

Citation: Unknown

Topics: Focus; Government; Politics; Power; Priorities; World

References: 1 Samuel 8; Psalm 20

ELISABETH ELLIOT

AMERICAN WRITER AND EVANGELIST (1926–)

QUOTATION 22

True faith goes into operation when there are no answers.

Citation: Unknown

Topics: Confusion; Evangelism; Faith; Mysteries; Outreach; Trials; Trust

References: 2 Corinthians 5:7; Philippians 2:12–13; Hebrews 11:1–16

QUOTATION 23

God never does anything to you that isn't for you.

Citation: Unknown

Topics: Providence; Sanctification; Spiritual Growth; Tests; Trials

Reference: Romans 8:28–31

CHARLES FINNEY

AMERICAN REVIVALIST PREACHER (1792 – 1875)

QUOTATION 24

A revival is nothing else than a new beginning of obedience to God.

Citation: Charles Finney, in his lecture “What a Revival of Religion Is”

Topics: Conversion; Obedience; Regeneration; Revival; Transformation

References: 2 Kings 23:1–3; 2 Chronicles 7:11–22; Acts 2:1–13

BILLY GRAHAM

EVANGELIST AND PASTOR (1918–)

QUOTATION 25

Mountaintops are for views and inspiration, but fruit is grown in the valleys.

Citation: Billy Graham, *Unto the Hills*

Topics: Character; Discouragement; Fruitfulness; Growth; Spiritual Formation; Trials

References: Psalm 119:71; Romans 5:3–5; James 1:2–4; 1 Peter 1:6–7

QUOTATION 26

Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask.

Citation: Billy Graham, *Till Armageddon: A Perspective on Suffering*

Topics: Devotional Life; Heaven; Prayer

References: Psalm 91:15; Isaiah 65:24; Luke 11:9; John 15:7