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Because I remember, I despair. Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair.

- Wiesel, Elie

There is a difference between a book of two hundred pages from the very beginning, and a book of two hundred pages which is the result of an original eight hundred pages. The six hundred are there. Only you don't see them.

- Wiesel, Elie

I don't believe in accidents. There are only encounters in history. There are no accidents.

- Wiesel, Elie

I rarely speak about God. To God, yes. I protest against Him. I shout at Him. But to open a discourse about the qualities of God, about the problems that God imposes, theodicy, no. And yet He is there, in silence, in filigree.

- Wiesel, Elie

Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings.

- Wiesel, Elie

Man, as long as he lives, is immortal. One minute before his death he shall be immortal.

But one minute later, God wins.

- Wiesel, Elie

Only one enemy is worse than despair: indifference. In every area of human creativity, indifference is the enemy; indifference of evil is worse than evil, because it is also sterile.

- Wiesel, Elie

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.

- Wiesel, Elie

I marvel at the resilience of the Jewish people. Their best characteristic is their desire to remember. No other people has such an obsession with memory.

- Wiesel, Elie

When you see the abyss, and we have looked into it, then what? There isn't much room at the edge -- one person, another, not many. If you are there, others cannot be there. If you are there, you become a protective wall. What happens? You become part of t

- Wiesel, Elie

That is my major preoccupation --memory, the kingdom of memory. I want to protect and enrich that kingdom, glorify that kingdom and serve it.

- Wiesel, Elie

What does mysticism really mean? It means the way to attain knowledge. It's close to philosophy, except in philosophy you go horizontally while in mysticism you go vertically.

- Wiesel, Elie

Peace is our gift to each other.

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Peace is not God's gift to his creatures. It is our gift to each other.

- Wiesel, Elie

No human race is superior; no religious faith is inferior. All collective judgments are wrong. Only racists make them.

- Wiesel, Elie

I believe that all the survivors are mad. One time or another their madness will explode. You cannot absorb that much madness and not be influenced by it. That is why the children of survivors are so tragic. I see them in school. They don't know how

- Wiesel, Elie

Nobody is stronger, nobody is weaker than someone who came back. There is nothing you can do to such a person because whatever you could do is less than what has already been done to him. We have already paid the price.

- Wiesel, Elie

Writing is not like painting where you add. It is not what you put on the canvas that the reader sees. Writing is more like a sculpture where you remove, you eliminate in order to make the work visible. Even those pages you remove somehow remain.

- Wiesel, Elie

Once you bring life into the world, you must protect it. We must protect it by changing the world.

- Wiesel, Elie





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