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# Quotes about Humankind

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In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and has been widely regarded as a bad move.

- Adams, Douglas

The proper study of mankind is woman.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

We all live under the same sky, but we don't all have the same horizon.

- Adenauer, Konrad

Man is an ape with possibilities.

- Andrews, Roy Chapman

Mark how fleeting and paltry is the estate of man--yesterday in embryo, tomorrow a mummy or ashes. So for the hairsbreadth of time assigned to thee, live rationally, and part with life cheerfully, as drops the ripe olive, extolling the season that bore it and the tree that matured it.

- Antonius, Marcus

I love men, not for what unites them, but for what divides them, and I want to know most

of all what gnaws at their hearts.

- Apollinaire, Guillaume

Either a beast or a god.

- Aristotle

Man is by nature a political animal.

- Aristotle

Always observe how ephemeral and worthless human things are. Pass then through this little space of time conformably to nature, and end thy journey in content, just as an olive falls off when it is ripe, blessing nature who produced it, and thanking the tree on which it grew.

- Aurelius, Marcus

Our humanity is a poor thing, except for the divinity that stirs within us.

- Bacon, Francis

There are two distinctive classes of people today, those who have personal computers, and those who have several thousand extra dollars apiece.

- Barry, Dave

If we consider the superiority of the human species, the size of its brain, its powers of

thinking, language and organization, we can say this: were there the slightest possibility that another rival or superior species might appear, on earth or elsewhere, man would use every means at his disposal to destroy it.

- Baudrillard, Jean

Man must realize his own unimportance before he can appreciate his importance.

- Baumgardy, R. M.

The real man is one who always finds excuses for others, but never excuses himself.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. &#91;Genesis 3:5&#93;

- Bible

Cruelty has a Human Heart, And jealousy a Human Face; Terror the Human Form Divine,  
And secrecy the Human Dress. The Human Dress is forged Iron, The Human Form a  
Fiery Forge, The Human Face a Furnace seal d, The Human Heart its hungry gorge.

- Blake, William

As far as many statistical series that are related to activities of mankind are concerned, the date that divides human history into two equal parts is well within living memory. The world of today is as different from the world I was born in as that world was from Julius Caesar s. I was born in the middle of human history, to date, roughly. Almost as much has happened since I was born as happened before.

- Boulding, Kenneth Ewart

Man is God's highest present development. He is the latest thing in God.

- Butler, Samuel

Man is born passionate of body, but with an innate though secret tendency to the love of Good in his main-spring of Mind. But God help us all! It is at present a sad jar of atoms.

- Byron, Lord

A human being is a single being. Unique and unrepeatable.

- Caddy, Eileen

The human race is a zone of living things that should be defined by tracing its confines.

- Calvino, Italo

There is no doubt: the study of man is just beginning, at the same time that his end is in sight.

- Canetti, Elias

Man is emphatically a proselytizing creature.

- Carlyle, Thomas

We ought to think that we are one of the leaves of a tree, and the tree is all humanity. We

cannot live without the others, without the tree.

- Casals, Pablo

It's funny. All you have to do is say something nobody understands and they'll do practically anything you want them to.

- Caulfield, Holden

Everyone is as God made him, and often a great deal worse.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

Man is an exception, whatever else he is. If he is not the image of God, then he is a disease of the dust. If it is not true that a divine being fell, then we can only say that one of the animals went entirely off its head.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Man will occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of the time he will pick himself up and continue on.

- Churchill, Winston

If the human race wishes to have a prolonged and indefinite period of material prosperity, they have only got to behave in a peaceful and helpful way toward one another

- Churchill, Winston

We are not human beings on a spiritual journey. We are spiritual beings on a human journey.

- Chardin, Pierre Teilhard De

To the eyes of a god, mankind must appear as a species of bacteria which multiply and become progressively virulent whenever they find themselves in a congenial culture, and whose activity diminishes until they disappear completely as soon as proper measures are taken to sterilize them.

- Crowley, Aleister

Humanity I love you because when you're hard up you pawn your intelligence to buy a drink

- Cummings, E.E. (Edward. E.)

There are two kinds of men who never amount to much -- those who cannot do what they are told and those who can do nothing else.

- Curtis, Cyrus H. K

&#91;Three classes of people&#93;: Those who see. Those who see when they are shown. Those who do not see.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

Though man is the only beast that can write, he has small reason to be proud of it. When he utters something that is wise it is nothing that the river horse does not know, and most

of his creations are the result of accident.

- Dahlberg, Edward

Consider your breed; you were not made to live like beasts, but to follow virtue and knowledge.

- Dante Alighieri

Man is head, chest and stomach. Each of these animals operates, more often than not, individually. I eat, I feel, I even, although rarely, think. This jungle crawls and teems, is hungry, roars, gets angry, devours itself, and its cacophonous concert does not even stop when you are asleep.

- Daumal, Rene

The best security for civilization is the dwelling, and upon properly appointed and becoming dwellings depends, more than anything else, the improvement of mankind.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

Man is not only a contributory creature, but a total creature; he does not only make one, but he is all; he is not a piece of the world, but the world itself; and next to the glory of God, the reason why there is a world.

- Donne, John

The race of man, while sheep in credulity, are wolves for conformity.

- Doren, Carl Van

Man only likes to count his troubles, but he does not count his joys.

- Dostoevsky, Fyodor

A human being is part of the whole, called by us 'universe,' a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separate from the rest -- a kind of optical delusion of consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

- Einstein, Albert

Considered logically this concept is not identical with the totality of sense impressions referred to; but it is an arbitrary creation of the human (or animal) mind.

- Einstein, Albert

We cannot despair of humanity, since we ourselves are human beings.

- Einstein, Albert

The end of the human race will be that it will eventually die of civilization.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Man, became man through work, who stepped out of the animal kingdom as transformer

of the natural into the artificial, who became therefore the magician, man the creator of social reality, will always stay the great magician, will always be Prometheus bringing fire from heaven to earth, will always be Orpheus entralling nature with his music. Not until humanity itself dies will art die.

- Fischer, Ernst

As the archeology of our thought easily shows, man is an invention of recent date. And one perhaps nearing its end.

- Foucault, Michel

Of all the ways of defining man, the worst is the one which makes him out to be a rational animal.

- France, Anatole

Man has, as it were, become a kind of prosthetic God. When he puts on all his auxiliary organs, he is truly magnificent; but those organs have not grown on him and they still give him much trouble at times.

- Freud, Sigmund

I have found little that is good about human beings on the whole. In my experience most of them are trash, no matter whether they publicly subscribe to this or that ethical doctrine or to none at all. That is something that you cannot say aloud, or perhaps even think.

- Freud, Sigmund

Wild animals never kill for sport. Man is the only one to whom the torture and death of his fellow creatures is amusing in itself.

- Froude, James A.

The secret of a person's nature lies in their religion and what they really believe about the world and their place in it.

- Froude, James A.

We are called to be architects of the future, not its victims.

- Fuller, Buckminster

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world -- that is the myth of the atomic age -- as in being able to remake ourselves.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Man is more interesting than men. God made him and not them in his image. Each one is more precious than all.

- Gide, Andre

Man... knows only when he is satisfied and when he suffers, and only his sufferings and his satisfactions instruct him concerning himself, teach him what to seek and what to avoid. For the rest, man is a confused creature; he knows not whence he comes or whither he goes, he knows little of the world, and above all, he knows little of himself.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Mind and spirit together make up that which separates us from the rest of the animal world, that which enables a man to know the truth and that which enables him to die for the truth.

- Hamilton, Edith

On earth there is nothing great but man; in man there is nothing great but mind.

- Hamilton, Sir William

Mankind are earthen jugs with spirits in them.

- Hawthorne, Nathaniel

A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, cone a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly.

- Heinlein, Robert

What constitutes a real, live human being is more of a mystery than ever these days, and men -- each one of whom is a valuable, unique experiment on the part of nature -- are shot down wholesale.

- Hesse, Hermann

Man was nature's mistake --she neglected to finish him -- and she has never ceased paying for her mistake.

- Hoffer, Eric

It is well to remember that the entire population of the universe, with one trifling exception, is composed of others.

- Holmes, John Andrew

People can be divided into two classes: those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire, why wasn't it done the other way?

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.

- Hubbard, Elbert

Mankind is not a circle with a single center but an ellipse with two focal points of which facts are one and ideas the other.

- Hugo, Victor

The Goddamn human race deserves itself, and as far as I'm concerned it can have it.

- Janeway, Elizabeth

Being reproached for giving to an unworthy person, Aristotle said, I did not give it to the man, but to humanity.

- Johnson

I hate mankind, for I think of myself as one of the best of them, and I know how bad I am.

- Johnson, Samuel

Out of timber so crooked as that from which man is made nothing entirely straight can be carved.

- Kant, Immanuel

Our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this planet. We all breathe the same air.

We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal.

- Kennedy, John F.

The course of human history is determined, not by what happens in the skies, but by what takes place in our hearts.

- Kent, Sir Arthur

Mankind must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

But remember please, the Law by which we live, we are not built to comprehend a lie, we can neither love nor pity nor forgive. If you make a slip in handling us you die.

- Kipling, Rudyard

There is nothing on earth divine except humanity.

- Landor, Walter Savage

The world of men is dreaming, it has gone mad in its sleep, and a snake is strangling it, but it can't wake up.

- Lawrence, D. H.

The simplest single-celled organism oscillates to a number of different frequencies, at the atomic, molecular, sub-cellular, and cellular levels. Microscopic movies of these organisms are striking for the ceaseless, rhythmic pulsation that is revealed. In an organism as complex as a human being, the frequencies of oscillation and the interactions between those frequencies are multitudinous.

- Leonard, George

Man who is he? Too bad, to be the work of God: Too good for the work of chance!

- Lessing, Doris

Humans are amphibians -- half spirit and half animal. As spirits they belong to the eternal world, but as animals they inhabit time.

- Lewis, C. S.

That man is the noblest creature may also be inferred from the fact that no other creature has yet contested this claim.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

God must love the common man, he made so many of them.

- Lincoln, Abraham

The decay of decency in the modern age, the rebellion against law and good faith, the treatment of human beings as things, as the mere instruments of power and ambition, is without a doubt the consequence of the decay of the belief in man as something more than an animal animated by highly conditioned reflexes and chemical reactions. For, unless man is something more than that, he has no rights that anyone is bound to respect, and there are no limitations upon his conduct which he is bound to obey.

- Lippmann, Walter

Good and evil, reward and punishment, are the only motives to a rational creature: these are the spur and reins whereby all mankind are set on work, and guided.

- Locke, John

Of mankind we may say in general they are fickle, hypocritical, and greedy of gain.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.

- Marshall, Thurgood

What is the use of this fuss about morality when the issue only involves a horse? The first and most difficult teaching of civilization concerns man's behavior to his inferiors. Make humanity gentle or reasonable toward animals, and strife or injustice between human beings would speedily terminate.

- Mayhew, Dr Edward

One of the oldest human needs is having someone wonder where you are when you don't come home at night.

- Mead, Margaret

Let me look into a human eye; it is better than to gaze into sea or sky; better than to gaze upon God.

- Melville, Herman

Have you ever watched a crab on the shore crawling backward in search of the Atlantic Ocean, and missing? That's the way the mind of man operates.

- Mencken, H. L.

Man is a beautiful machine that works very badly.

- Mencken, H. L.

The basic fact about human existence is not that it is a tragedy, but that it is a bore. It is not so much a war as an endless standing in line.

- Mencken, H. L.

The man who is forever disturbed about the condition of humanity either has no problems of his own or has refused to face them.

- Miller, Henry

The history of mankind is the history of ideas.

- Mises, Ludwig Von

Man is stark mad; he cannot make a flea, and yet he will be making gods by the dozens.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

After all there is but one race -- humanity.

- Moore, George

We are, to put it mildly, in a mess, and there is a strong chance that we shall have

exterminated ourselves by the end of the century. Our only consolation will have to be that, as a species, we have had an exciting term of office.

- Morris, Desmond

Human affairs are not serious, but they have to be taken seriously.

- Murdoch, Iris

I teach you the Superman. Man is something that should be overcome.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Man is no longer an artist, he has become a work of art.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I am a member of the rabble in good standing.

- Pegler, Westbrook

We are all cells in the same body of humanity.

- Pilgrim, Peace

Man is a two-legged animal without feathers.

- Plato

Man is a being in search of meaning.

- Plato

If, presume not to God to scan; The proper study of Mankind is Man. Plac'd on this isthmus of a middle state, a being darkly wise, and rudely great.

- Pope, Alexander

Man is harder than iron, stronger than stone and more fragile than a rose.

- Proverb, Turkish

The law of humanity ought to be composed of the past, the present, and the future, that we bear within us; whoever possesses but one of these terms, has but a fragment of the law of the moral world.

- Quinet, Edgar

All people are a single nation.

- Qur'an

I wish I loved the Human Race; I wish I loved its silly face; I wish I liked the way it walks; I wish I liked the way it talks; And when I'm introduced to one I wish I thought What Jolly Fun!

- Raleigh, Sir Walter

Let us ask ourselves; What kind of people do we think we are?

- Reagan, Ronald

Human beings, for all their pretensions, have a remarkable propensity for lending themselves to classification somewhere within neatly labeled categories. Even the outrageous exceptions may be classified as outrageous exceptions!

- Reichmann, W.J.

In our civilization, men are afraid that they will not be men enough and women are afraid that they might be considered only women.

- Reik, Theodor

Humanity has advanced, when it has advanced, not because it has been sober, responsible, and cautious, but because it has been playful, rebellious, and immature.

- Robbins, Tom

To be human is to keep rattling the bars of the cage of existence hollering, What's it for?

- Robert, Fulghum

It's great to be great, but it's greater to be human.

- Rogers, Will

An effective human being is a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts.

- Rolf, Ida P.

Man's only true happiness is to live in hope of something to be won by him. Reverence something to be worshipped by him, and love something to be cherished by him, forever.

- Ruskin, John

We say nothing essential about the cathedral when we speak of its stones. We say nothing essential about Man when we seek to define him by the qualities of men.

- Saint-Exupery, Antoine De

Those who live in a world of human beings can only retrace their steps.

- Sarraute, Nathalie

Man is a useless passion.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Mankind is made great or little by its own will.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

It is peculiar to mankind to transcend mankind.

- Schlegel, Friedrich

I love mankind; it's people I can't stand.

- Schulz, Charles M.

What a piece of work is a man! How noble in reason, how infinite in faculty, in form and moving how express and admirable, in action how like an angel, in apprehension how like a god -- the beauty of the world, the paragon of animals!

- Shakespeare, William

Human beings are the only animals of which I am thoroughly and cravenly afraid.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Physically there is nothing to distinguish human society from the farm-yard except that children are more troublesome and costly than chickens and calves and that men and women are not so completely enslaved as farm stock.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Humanity is the virtue of a woman, generosity that of a man.

- Smith, Adam

Mankind are animals that makes bargains, no other animal does this.

- Smith, Adam

Man is an animal that makes bargains; no other animal does this--one dog does not change a bone with another.

- Smith, Adam

I am not an Athenian, nor a Greek, but a citizen of the world.

- Socrates

No man really knows about other human beings. The best he can do is to suppose that they are like himself.

- Steinbeck, John

Man is a substance clad in shadows.

- Sterling, John

Every man has a sane spot somewhere.

- Stevenson, Robert Louis

The true grandeur of humanity is in moral elevation, sustained, enlightened and decorated by the intellect of man.

- Sumner, Charles

The age of chivalry has gone; the age of humanity has come.

- Sumner, Charles

When all is done, human life is, at the greatest and the best, but like a froward child, that must be played with and humored a little to keep it quiet till it falls asleep, and then the

care is over.

- Temple, Sir William

I am human and let nothing human be alien to me.

- Terence

One has but to observe a community of beavers at work in a stream to understand the loss in his sagacity, balance, co-operation, competence, and purpose which Man has suffered since he rose up on his hind legs. He began to chatter and he developed Reason, Thought, and Imagination, qualities which would get the smartest group of rabbits or orioles in the world into inextricable trouble overnight.

- Thurber, James

Man lives consciously for himself, but is an unconscious instrument in the attainment of the historic, universal, aims of humanity.

- Tolstoy, Count Leo

Those are the same stars, and that is the same moon, that look down upon your brothers and sisters, and which they see as they look up to them, though they are ever so far away from us, and each other.

- Truth, Sojourner

If man had created man, he would be ashamed of his performance.

- Twain, Mark

There are times when one would like to hang the whole human race, and finish the farce.

- Twain, Mark

The human race was always interesting and we know by its past that it will always continue so, monotonously.

- Twain, Mark

Man is a creature made at the end of the week's work when God was tired.

- Twain, Mark

Such is the human race. Often it does seem such a pity that Noah and his party did not miss the boat.

- Twain, Mark

People can be divided into three classes, the few who make things happen, the many who watch things happen, and the overwhelming majority who have no idea what has happened.

- Unknown, Source

If you think that every bad thing that has been done on the face of the earth has been done by man, you're right -- but so has every good thing.

- Unknown, Source

There are two kinds of people in the world -- those you love, and those you don't understand.

- Unknown, Source

Be tolerant of the human race. Your whole family belongs to it -- and some of your spouse's family does too.

- Unknown, Source

There are realities we all share, regardless of our nationality, language, or individual tastes. As we need food, so do we need emotional nourishment: love, kindness, appreciation, and support from others. We need to understand our environment and our relationship to it. We need to fulfill certain inner hungers: the need for happiness, for peace of mind for wisdom.

- Walters, J. Donald

How is it possible that a being with such sensitive jewels as the eyes, such enchanted musical instruments as the ears, and such fabulous arabesque of nerves as the brain can experience itself anything less than a god.

- Watts, Alan W.

I would suggest that barbarism be considered as a permanent and universal human characteristic which becomes more or less pronounced according to the play of circumstances.

- Weil, Simone

Man is the unnatural animal, the rebel child of nature, and more and more does he turn himself against the harsh and fitful hand that reared him.

- Wells, H.G.

The whole theory of the universe is directed unerringly to one single individual.

- Whitman, Walt

The brotherhood of man is not a mere poet's dream: it is a most depressing and humiliating reality.

- Wilde, Oscar

I sometimes think that God in creating man somewhat overestimated his ability.

- Wilde, Oscar

It is because Humanity has never known where it was going that it has been able to find its way.

- Wilde, Oscar

We're all of us guinea pigs in the laboratory of God. Humanity is just a work in progress.

- Williams, Tennessee

What a beautiful world we're destroying.

- Dye, James

Man lies down and does not rise until the heavens are no more. They will not awake nor arise from their sleep.

- Dye, James





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