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QUOTES FROM RICHARD

From Reflections on the Existence of God

“The question of God’s existence, in my opinion, is the most significant issue in all of life. As renowned French philosopher and mathematician Blaise Pascal said, you’re betting your eternal destiny that you are right.”

“Truth is discovered, not invented.”

“If something is supported by evidence, it is worth believing.”

“Truth is not a matter of subjective taste but that which is based on objective evidence.”

“This tendency of not believing responsibly is true of atheists and Christians. In both cases, they cannot give a good explanation of the position they have taken; they cannot explain the evidence that has led them to belief.”

“If we do not have a great love of truth, we most certainly will never find it.”

“So many people believe that faith in God is nothing more than a human invention that meets a human need.”

“I think out of intellectual integrity every atheist should ask themselves, ‘How did I come to the conclusion that God does not exist? Did I truly investigate and examine the evidence, and then conclude there was no God?’”

“I have encountered many people who find it much easier to proclaim that God does not exist than to acknowledge His existence and intentionally choose to reject Him.”



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QUOTES FROM RICHARD, CONT'D

From His Previous Books

“How do you change the course of your life? How do you live an exceptional life? Learn to use the accumulation of time. Multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort and you can accomplish magnificent things.”

“In our quest for happiness, it is crucial we recognize that freedom is not a lack of restrictions; rather, it is finding the *right* restrictions. Freedom occurs when you discover the restrictions that are best for your being and lead to harmony, peace, and joy in your life.”

“At the end of the day, it is the path we go down, not good intentions that will determine our ultimate destination in life. What is the path that will take me there?”

“In so much of our decision making, we lean hard on our intentions and aspirations but pay little attention to the direction of the path we are on. What path are you on?”

“What has happened to the personal virtue of self-restraint and self-control? In a culture that says do whatever you want as long as you don't hurt anyone else – these virtues eventually disappear. We thus become a culture where words like character, virtue, and honor are meaningless – drowned by the cries for freedom, rights, or anything that makes me feel good.”