Selected Quotes

“Both religion and science require a belief in God. For believers, God is in the beginning, and for physicists He is at the end of all considerations… To the former He is the foundation, to the latter, the crown of the edifice of every generalized world view.”

- Max Planck, *Religion and Natural Science* lecture, May 1937

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less." (paraphrase)

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 1952

"Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more... And grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us less."

- Philip Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace*, 1997

“We should be tolerant with those who disagree with us (Christians) and respect their legal and moral right in our society to believe differently. But toleration is not the same thing as agreement. It doesn’t mean that I must believe their idea about God (or even their disbelief in God) is correct.”

- Billy Graham, *My Answer* column, July 2011

"If your goal changes from bringing the gospel to changing the culture, then your mission field becomes the enemy."

- Scott Santmier, Pastor, Fellowship Bible Church, Virginia, November 2021

"Somewhere along the way of life, we learn that love means very different things to different people, and yet all personal love is but a fractal of a larger universal love. Some call it God. I call it wonder. Dante called it 'the Love that moves the Sun and the other stars.'

Because the capacity for love may be the crowning achievement of consciousness and consciousness the crowning achievement of the universe, because the mystery of the universe will always exceed the reach of the consciousness forged by that mystery, *love in the largest sense is a matter of active surrender to the mystery*.

It may be that we are only here to learn how to love."

- Maria Popova, *The Marginalian*, August 11, 2024