

“Man is the only creature who refuses to be what he is.”

– [Albert Camus](#)

“Everyone is a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.”

– [Mark Twain](#)

“Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.”

– [George Carlin](#)

“I have no faith in human perfectibility. I think that human exertion will have no appreciable effect upon humanity. Man is now only more active - not more happy - nor more wise, than he was 6000 years ago.”

– [Edgar Allan Poe](#)

“On the whole human beings want to be good, but not too good, and not quite all the time.”

– [George Orwell](#), [All Art is Propaganda: Critical Essays](#)

“Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.”

– [Blaise Pascal](#)

“It’s in our nature to want to watch our human frailties played out on a huge, epic canvas. Ancient societies had anthropomorphic gods: a huge pantheon expanding into centuries of dynastic drama: fathers and sons, star-crossed lovers, warring brothers, martyred heroes. Tales that taught us the danger of hubris and the primacy of humility. It’s the everyday stuff of every man’s life, but it’s writ large, and we love it.”

– [Tom Hiddleston](#)

“If you are losing faith in human nature, go out and watch a marathon.”

– [Kathrine Switzer](#), [26.2: Marathon Stories](#)

“In each of us, two natures are at war – the good and the evil. All our lives the fight goes on between them, and one of them must conquer. But in our own hands lies the power to choose – what we want most to be we are.”

– [Robert Louis Stevenson](#)

If all mankind were to disappear, the world would regenerate back to the rich state of equilibrium that existed ten thousand years ago. If insects were to vanish, the environment would collapse into chaos.

--E.O. Wilson

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

--Charles Schultz

Above all things let us never forget that mankind constitutes one great brotherhood; all born to encounter suffering and sorrow, and therefore bound to sympathize with each other.

--Albert Pike

The doctor sees all the weakness of mankind; the lawyer all the wickedness, the theologian all the stupidity.

--Arthur Schopenhauer

“I am constantly amazed by man's inhumanity to man.”

– [Primo Levi, *If This Is a Man* / *The Truce*](#)

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

– [Samuel Johnson](#)

“10 percent of any population is cruel, no matter what, and 10 percent is merciful, no matter what, and the remaining 80 percent can be moved in either direction.”

– [Susan Sontag](#)

“The angel is free because of his knowledge, the beast because of his ignorance. Between the two remains the son of man to struggle.”

– [Rumi](#)

“Love is our most unifying and empowering common spiritual denominator. The more we ignore its potential to bring greater balance and deeper meaning to human existence, the more likely we are to continue to define history as one long inglorious record of man’s inhumanity to man.”

– [Aberjhani, *Journey through the Power of the Rainbow: Quotations from a Life Made Out of Poetry*](#)