

7 Highly Profound Quotes from E.B. White

1) "If the world were merely seductive, that would be easy. If it were merely challenging, that would be no problem. But I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve (or save) the world and a desire to enjoy (or savor) the world. This makes it hard to plan the day."

2) "We grow tyrannical fighting tyranny."

3) "There is a decivilizing bug somewhere at work; unconsciously persons of stern worth, by not resenting and resisting the small indignities of the times, are preparing themselves for the eventual acceptance of what they themselves know they don't want."

4) "I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority."

5) "A despot doesn't fear eloquent writers preaching freedom – he fears a drunken poet who may crack a joke that will take hold."

6) "One of the most time-consuming things is to have an enemy."

7) "As long as there is one upright man, as long as there is one compassionate woman, the contagion may spread and the scene is not desolate. Hope is the one thing left to us in a bad time."