

Quotes in the News

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“In a way, the world is a great liar. It shows you it worships and admires money, but at the end of the day, it doesn’t. It says it adores fame and celebrity, but it doesn’t, not really. The world admires, and wants to hold on to, and not lose, goodness. It admires virtue. At the end, it gives its greatest tributes to generosity, honesty, courage, mercy, talents well used, talents that, brought into the world, make it better. That’s what it really admires.”

Peggy Noonan

Columnist and former Ronald Reagan speechwriter, on the volume and tone of coverage afforded to Meet the Press host Tim Russert’s death (Wall Street Journal)

“For John McCain to be competitive, he has to connect with the (evangelical) base to the point that they’re intense enough that they’re contagious. Right now, they’re not even coughing.”

Tony Perkins

President of the Family Research Council (New York Times)

“Marriage is about a partnership, not dueling self-interests. Parenting is about raising healthy, self-differentiated, sturdy and moral children, not using children to gain bragging rights. A faith community is a circle of friends, not a place to get personal needs met. Faith should draw us outside ourselves. The call of Jesus was to self-denial, not self-fulfillment.”

Tom Ehrich

Writer, church consultant and Episcopal priest (RNS)

“To say to someone, we’ll pay for you to die, but not pay for you to live, it’s cruel. I get angry. Who do they think they are?”

Barbara Wagner

Cancer patient who was notified by the Oregon Health Plan that it would not cover her chemotherapy drug but would cover doctor-assisted suicide (Eugene, Ore., *Register-Guard*/RNS)