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*he lived and made a difference with his words  
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### **Selected thoughts of Kurt Vonnegut**

" It's a very mixed blessing to be brought  
back from the dead. "

" People don't come to church for  
preachment of course but daydream  
about God. "

" I tell you, we are here on Earth to  
fart around, and don't let anybody  
tell you different. "

" Be careful what you pretend to be  
because you are what you pretend  
to be. "

" I want to stand as close to the edge  
as I can without going over. Out on the  
edge you see all the kind of things you  
can't see from the center. "

" Here we are trapped in the amber of  
the moment. There is no why. "

" Still and all, why bother? Here's my  
answer. Many people need desperately  
to receive this message: I feel and think  
much as you do, care about many of the  
things you care about, although most  
people don't care about them. You are  
not alone. "

" To whom it may concern: It is springtime.  
It is late afternoon. "

" One of the few good things about modern  
times: If you die horribly on television, you  
will not have died in vain. You will have

entertained us. "

" Here is a lesson in creative wtiting. First rule: Do not use semicolons. They are transvestite hermaphrodites representing absolutely nothing. All they do is show you've been to collage. "

" Humor is an almost physiological response to fear. "

"Another flaw in the human character is that everybody wants to build and nobody wants to maintenance. "

" All time is all time. It does not change. It does not lend itself to warnings or explanations. It simply is. Take it moment by moment, and you will find that we are all, as I've said before, bugs in amber. "

" How nice - to feel nothing, and still get full credit of being alive. "

" If you would be unloved and forgotten, be reasonable. "

" And Lot's wife, of course, was told not to look back where all those people and their homes had been. But she did look back, and I love her for that, because it was so human. So she was turned to a pillar of salt. So it goes. "

" Tiger got to hunt, bird got to fly; Man got to sit and wonder, " Why, why, why ? " Tiger got to sleep, bird got to land; Man got to tell himself he understand. "

" Since Alice had never received any

religious instruction, and since she had led a blameless life, she never thought of her awful luck as being anything but accidents in a very busy place. Good for her. "

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