

Martin Luther speaks...

**Quotes used in *Luther and Katharina*

On faith...

"We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone."

"God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars."

"We believe that the very beginning and end of salvation and the sum of Christianity, consists of faith in Christ, who by His blood alone, and not by any works of ours, has put away sin, and destroyed the power of death.

"The slender capacity of man's heart cannot comprehend, much less utter, that unsearchable depth and burning zeal of God's love towards us."

"If he have faith, the believer cannot be restrained. He betrays himself. He breaks out. He confesses and teaches this gospel to the people at the risk of life itself."

"You should point to the whole man Jesus and say, "That is God.""

NOVEL
OF LOVE AND
REBELLION

On celibacy and marriage...

** "Priests, monks, and nuns are duty-bound to forsake their vows whenever they find that God's ordinance to produce seed and to multiply is powerful and strong within them."

** "Marriage is not only an honorable but necessary state. It is earnestly commanded by God that in every condition and station in life men and women, who were created for it, should be found in this estate."

** "It must, shall, and will not be any other way. Forget about your concerns, enter into marriage joyfully; your body demands and requires it; God wants it and wills it."

** "Kate, my rib, greets you, whom, in my poverty, I would not exchange for all the wealth of Croesus."

** "Renew your natural companionships without delay and get married, for your vow is contrary to God and has no validity."

"Let the wife make her husband glad to come home and let him make her sorry to see him leave."

On worship...

** "For God is not pleased with any worship, unless it comes freely from the heart, and consequently no vow is valid unless it has been made willingly and with love."

** "The precious gift of music has been given to man alone so we might remind ourselves that God has created us for the express purpose of praising and extolling Him."

** "The riches of music are so excellent and so precious that, next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

On prayer...

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

"The fewer the words, the better the prayer."

On books...

"There never yet have been, nor are there now, too many good books."

On life...

"You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say."

"Everything that is done in this world is done by hope."

"Christian life consists of faith and charity."

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

On the human heart...

"The human heart is like a ship on a stormy sea driven about by winds blowing from all four corners of heaven."

"I am more afraid of my own heart than the Pope and all his cardinals. I have within me the great Pope, Self."