

Orwell, George (1903 – 1950)



“... The whole literature of the past will have been destroyed. Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Byron – they’ll exist only in Newspeak versions, not merely changed into something different, but actually changed into something contradictory of what they used to be. Even the literature of the Party will change. Even the slogans will change. How could you have a slogan like ‘freedom is slavery’ when the concept of freedom has been abolished? The whole climate of thought will be different. In fact there will *be* no thought, as we understand it now. Orthodoxy means not thinking – not needing to think. Orthodoxy is unconsciousness.”

One of these days, thought Winston with sudden deep conviction, Syme will be vaporized. He is too intelligent. He sees too clearly and speaks too plainly. The Party does not like such people. One day he will disappear. It is written in his face.
— Nineteen Eighty-Four

Works

- 1933 Down and Out in Paris and London
- 1934 Burmese Days
- 1935 A Clergyman’s Daughter
- 1936 Keep the Aspidistra Flying
- 1937 The Road to Wigan Pier
- 1938 Homage to Catalonia
- 1939 Coming Up for Air
- 1945 Animal Farm
- 1949 Nineteen Eighty-Four

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