

Andre Gide

Quotes

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It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for something you are not.

~Andre Gide

One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight, for a very long time, of the shore.

~Andre Gide

He who wants a rose must respect her thorn.

~Andre Gide

The true hypocrite is the one who ceases to perceive his deception, the one who lies with sincerity.

~Andre Gide

One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time.

~Andre Gide

Everything has been said before, but since nobody listens we have to keep going back and beginning all over again.

~Andre Gide

A straight path never leads anywhere except to the objective.

~Andre Gide

We should enjoy this summer, flower by flower, as if it were to be the last one we'll see.

~Andre Gide

Art is a collaboration between God and the artist, and the less the artist does the better.

~Andre Gide

Complete possession is proved only by giving. All you are unable to give possesses you.

~Andre Gide

Be faithful to that which exists within yourself.

~Andre Gide

I wished for nothing beyond her smile, and to walk with her thus, hand in hand, along a sun warmed, flower bordered path.

~Andre Gide

The thing I am most aware of is my limits. And this is natural; for I never, or almost never, occupy the middle of my cage; my whole being surges toward the bars.

~Andre Gide

How much more sensuality invites to art than does sentimentality.

~Andre Gide

True intelligence very readily conceives of an intelligence superior to its own; and this is why truly intelligent men are modest.

~Andre Gide

What thwarts us and demands of us the greatest effort is also what can teach us most.

~Andre Gide

Know that joy is rarer, more difficult, and more beautiful than sadness. Once you make this all-important discovery, you must embrace joy as a moral obligation.

~Andre Gide

A caterpillar who seeks to know himself would never become a butterfly

~Andre Gide

What seems different in yourself; that's the rare thing you possess. The one thing that gives each of us his worth, and that's just what we try to suppress. And we claim to love life.

~Andre Gide

The most decisive actions of our life - I mean those that are most likely to decide the whole course of our future - are, more often than not, unconsidered.

~Andre Gide

Seize from every moment its unique novelty, and do not prepare your joys.

~Andre Gide

Believe those who seek the truth, doubt those who find it; doubt all, but do not doubt yourself.

~Andre Gide

The most gifted natures are perhaps also the most trembling.

~Andre Gide

The color of truth is gray.

~Andre Gide

Only fools don't contradict themselves

~Andre Gide

Whoever starts out toward the unknown must consent to venture alone.

~Andre Gide

It is only in adventure that some people succeed in knowing themselves

- in finding themselves.

~Andre Gide

Know thyself. A maxim as pernicious as it is ugly. Whoever studies himself arrest his own development. A caterpillar who seeks to know himself would never become a butterfly.

~Andre Gide

The most subtle art, the strongest and deepest art - supreme art - is the one that does not at first allow itself to be recognized.

~Andre Gide

Sadness is almost never anything but a form of fatigue.

~Andre Gide

What would there be in a story of happiness? Only what prepares it, only what destroys it can be told.

~Andre Gide

Sin is whatever obscures the soul.

~Andre Gide

There's a law in life: whenever a door closes, a new one will open.

~Andre Gide

It is good to follow one's own bent, so long as it leads upward.

~Andre Gide

Work and struggle and never accept an evil that you can change.

~Andre Gide

It is often so: the harder it is to hear, the more a truth is worth saying.

~Andre Gide

Art begins with resistance - at the point where resistance is overcome.
No human masterpiece has ever been created without great labor.

~Andre Gide

Every instant of our lives is essentially irreplaceable: you must know this in order to concentrate on life.

~Andre Gide

The want of logic annoys. Too much logic bores. Life eludes logic, and everything that logic alone constructs remains artificial and forced.

~Andre Gide

Understanding is the beginning of approving.

~Andre Gide

But can one still make resolutions when one is over forty? I live according to twenty-year-old habits.

~Andre Gide

It is unthinkable for a Frenchman to arrive at middle age without having syphilis and the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

~Andre Gide

True kindness presupposes the faculty of imagining as one's own the suffering and joys of others.

~Andre Gide

One should want only one thing and want it constantly. Then one is sure of getting it. But I desire everything, and consequently get nothing.

~Andre Gide

To know how to free oneself is nothing; the arduous thing is to know what to do with one's freedom.

~Andre Gide

Fish die belly upward, and rise to the surface. Its their way of falling.

~Andre Gide

Fear of ridicule begets the worst cowardice.

~Andre Gide

Only those things are beautiful which are inspired by madness and written by reason.

~Andre Gide

I owe much to my friends; but, all things considered, it strikes me that I owe even more to my enemies. The real person springs life under a sting even better than under a caress.

~Andre Gide

The most beautiful things are those that madness prompts and reason writes.

~Andre Gide

Be faithful to that which exists nowhere but in yourself- and thus make yourself indispensable.

~Andre Gide

The truth is that as soon as we are no longer obliged to earn our living, we no longer know what to do with our life and recklessly squander it.

~Andre Gide

When intelligent people pride themselves on not understanding, it is quite natural they should succeed better than fools.

~Andre Gide

Often the best in us springs from the worst in us.

~Andre Gide

Are you then unable to recognize unless it has the same sound as yours?

~Andre Gide

There are very few monsters who warrant the fear we have of them.

~Andre Gide

Nothing excellent can be done without leisure.

~Andre Gide

Nothing is so silly as the expression of a man who is being complimented.

~Andre Gide

When everything belongs to everyone, nobody will take care of anything.

~Andre Gide

In other people's company I felt I was dull, gloomy, unwelcome, at once bored and boring.

~Andre Gide

Money cannot buy happiness, but it can make you awfully comfortable while you're being miserable. Nothing prevents happiness like the memory of happiness.

~Andre Gide

No theory is good unless it permits, not rest, but the greatest work. No theory is good except on condition that one use it to go on beyond.

~Andre Gide

In hell there is no other punishment than to begin over and over again

the tasks left unfinished in your lifetime.

~Andre Gide

Great authors are admirable in this respect: in every generation they make for disagreement. Through them we become aware of our differences.

~Andre Gide

One completely overcomes only what one assimilates.

~Andre Gide

Man is more interesting than men. God made him and not them in his image. Each one is more precious than all.

~Andre Gide

Our judgements about things vary according to the time left us to live -that we think is left us to live.

~Andre Gide

It is now, and in this world, that we must live.

~Andre Gide

We live counterfeit lives in order to resemble the idea we first had of ourselves.

~Andre Gide

The only real education comes from what goes counter to you.

~Andre Gide

With each book you write you should lose the admirers you gained with the previous one.

~Andre Gide

Most quarrels amplify a misunderstanding.

~Andre Gide

God lies ahead. I convince myself and constantly repeat to myself that: He depends on us. It is through us that God is achieved.

~Andre Gide

Oh, would that my mind could let fall its dead ideas, as the tree does its withered leaves!

~Andre Gide

Never have I been able to settle in life. Always seated askew, as if on the arm of a chair; ready to get up, to leave.

~Andre Gide

The only really Christian art is that which, like St. Francis, does not fear being wedded to poverty. This rises far above art-as-ornament.

~Andre Gide

Most often it happens that one attributes to others only the feelings of which one is capable oneself.

~Andre Gide

Woe to these people who have no appetite for the very dish that their age serves up.

~Andre Gide

Drunkenness is never anything but a substitute for happiness.

~Andre Gide

Do not scorn little victories.

~Andre Gide

A work of art is an exaggeration.

~Andre Gide

The wise man is he who constantly wonders afresh.

~Andre Gide

Faith can move mountains; true: mountains of stupidity.

~Andre Gide

The wise man is astonished by anything.

~Andre Gide

When you have nothing to say, or to hide, there is no need to be prudent.

~Andre Gide

There are many things that seem impossible only so long as one does not attempt them.

~Andre Gide

It is easier to lead men to combat, stirring up their passion, than to restrain them and direct them toward the patient labors of peace.

~Andre Gide

True eloquence forgoes eloquence.

~Andre Gide

Nothing prevents happiness like the memory of happiness.

~Andre Gide

Not everyone can be an orphan.

~Andre Gide

There is a law in life: When one door closes to us another one opens.

~Andre Gide

So long as we live among men, let us cherish humanity.

~Andre Gide

Without mysticism man can achieve nothing great.

~Andre Gide

The most important things to say are those which often I did not think necessary for me to say - because they were too obvious.

~Andre Gide

The sole art that suits me is that which, rising from unrest, tends toward serenity.

~Andre Gide

Each thought becomes an anxiety in my brain. I am becoming the ugliest of all things: a busy man.

~Andre Gide

If one could recover the uncompromising spirit of one's youth, one's greatest indignation would be for what one has become.

~Andre Gide

Nothing is more fatal to happiness than the remembrance of happiness.

~Andre Gide

In order to judge properly, one must get away somewhat from what one is judging, after having loved it. This is true of countries, of persons, and of oneself.

~Andre Gide

Man's responsibility increases as that of the gods decreases.

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