

# Arthur Schopenhauer Quotes

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All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

It is difficult to find happiness within oneself, but it is impossible to find it anywhere else.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The majority of men... are not capable of thinking, but only of believing, and... are not accessible to reason, but only to authority.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

A man can be himself only so long as he is alone; and if he does not love solitude, he will not love freedom; for it is only when he is alone that he is really free.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Talent hits a target no one else can hit; Genius hits a target no one else can see.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Man is the only animal who causes pain to others with no other object than wanting to do so.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

A pessimist is an optimist in full possession of the facts.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Genius and madness have something in common: both live in a world that is different from that which exists for everyone else.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Religions are like fireflies. They require darkness in order to shine.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Nature shows that with the growth of intelligence comes increased capacity for pain, and it is only with the highest degree of intelligence that suffering reaches its supreme point.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Compassion for animals is intimately associated with goodness of character, and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

If anyone spends almost the whole day in reading...he gradually loses the capacity for thinking...This is the case with many learned persons; they have read themselves stupid

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The two enemies of human happiness are pain and boredom.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Thus, the task is not so much to see what no one yet has seen, but to think what nobody yet has thought about that which everybody sees.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

We seldom think of what we have but always of what we lack. Therefore, rather than grateful, we are bitter.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The person who writes for fools is always sure of a large audience.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

To feel envy is human, to savour schadenfreude is devilish

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Every parting gives a foretaste of death, every reunion a hint of the resurrection.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Buying books would be a good thing if one could also buy the time to read them in: but as a rule the purchase of books is mistaken for the appropriation of their contents.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The Universe is a dream dreamed by a single dreamer where all the dream characters dream too.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Change alone is eternal, perpetual, immortal.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

In the whole world there is no study so beneficial and so elevating as that of the Upanishads. It has been the solace of my life, it will be the solace of my death.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The greatest of follies is to sacrifice health for any other kind of happiness.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

After your death you will be what you were before your birth.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

There is no opinion, however absurd, which men will not readily embrace as soon as they can be brought to the conviction that it is generally adopted.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Wealth is like sea-water; the more we drink, the thirstier we become;

and the same is true of fame.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Friends and acquaintances are the surest passport to fortune.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

There is something in us that is wiser than our head.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Hatred is an affair of the heart; contempt that of the head.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Sleep is the interest we have to pay on the capital which is called in at death; and the higher the rate of interest and the more regularly it is paid, the further the date of redemption is postponed.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

When you look back on your life, it looks as though it were a plot, but when you are into it, it's a mess: just one surprise after another. Then, later, you see it was perfect.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

There is no more mistaken path to happiness than worldliness, revelry, high life.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Men are by nature merely indifferent to one another; but women are by nature enemies.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

If God made the world, I would not be that God, for the misery of the world would break my heart.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Almost all of our sorrows spring out of our relations with other people.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The safest way of not being very miserable is not to expect to be very happy.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The fruits of Christianity were religious wars, butcheries, crusades, inquisitions, extermination of the natives of America, and the introduction of African slaves in their place.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

If we suspect that a man is lying, we should pretend to believe him; for then he becomes bold and assured, lies more vigorously, and is unmasked.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Reading is equivalent to thinking with someone else's head instead of with one's own.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

To overcome difficulties is to experience the full delight of existence.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

What people commonly call fate is mostly their own stupidity.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The world is not a factory and animals are not products for our use

~Arthur Schopenhauer

We forfeit three-quarters of ourselves in order to be like other people.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The life of every individual is really always a tragedy, but gone through

in detail, it has the character of a comedy.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

A sense of humour is the only divine quality of man

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Religion is the masterpiece of the art of animal training, for it trains people as to how they shall think.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Mostly it is loss which teaches us about the worth of things.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Great men are like eagles, and build their nest on some lofty solitude.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The more unintelligent a man is, the less mysterious existence seems to him.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Journalists are like dogs, when ever anything moves they begin to bark.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

A man of genius can hardly be sociable, for what dialogues could indeed be so intelligent and entertaining as his own monologues?

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Life swings like a pendulum backward and forward between pain and boredom.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

A man can be himself only so long as he is alone.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

A high degree of intellect tends to make a man unsocial.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Life is full of troubles and vexations, that one must either rise above it by means of corrected thoughts, or leave it.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

A man can surely do what he wills to do, but cannot determine what he wills.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

What people commonly call Fate is, as a general rule, nothing but their own stupid and foolish conduct.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Vulgar people take huge delight in the faults and follies of great men.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

We can regard our life as a uselessly disturbing episode in the blissful repose of nothingness.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

alent is like the marksman who hits a target which others cannot reach; genius is like the marksman who hits a target, as far as which others cannot even see.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Whatever torch we kindle, and whatever space it may illuminate, our horizon will always remain encircled by the depth of night.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Our life is a loan received from death with sleep as the daily interest on this loan.

~Arthur Schopenhauer



This world could not have been the work of an all-loving being, but that of a devil, who had brought creatures into existence in order to delight in the sight of their sufferings.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The doctor sees all the weakness of mankind; the lawyer all the wickedness, the theologian all the stupidity.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Man is never happy, but spends his whole life in striving after something which he thinks will make him so.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Every man takes the limits of his own field of vision for the limits of the world.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Treat a work of art like a prince. Let it speak to you first.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

I am often surprised by the cleverness, and now and again by the stupidity, of my dog; and I have similar experiences with mankind.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The bad thing about all religions is that, instead of being able to confess their allegorical nature, they have to conceal it.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

If you feel irritated by the absurd remarks of two people whose conversation you happen to overhear, you should imagine that you are listening to a dialogue of two fools in a comedy.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

To use many words to communicate few thoughts is everywhere the

unmistakable sign of mediocrity. To gather much thought into few words stamps the man of genius.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Many books serve merely to show how many ways there are of being wrong, and how far astray you yourself would go if you followed their guidance. You should read only when your own thoughts dry up.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Still, instead of trusting what their own minds tell them, men have as a rule a weakness for trusting others who pretend to supernatural sources of knowledge.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Scoundrels are always sociable.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Exaggeration of every kind is as essential to journalism as it is to dramatic art, for the object of journalism is to make events go as far as possible.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

universal compassion is the only guarantee of morality.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Will power is to the mind like a strong blind man who carries on his shoulders a lame man who can see.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

All religions promise a reward beyond life, in eternity, for excellences of the will or heart, but none for excellences of the head or understanding.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Intellect is invisible to the man who has none.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Life without pain has no meaning.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Each day is a little life: every waking and rising a little birth, every fresh morning a little youth, every going to rest and sleep a little death.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The wise have always said the same things, and fools, who are the majority have always done just the opposite.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The tallest oak tree once was an acorn that any pig could have swallowed.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Life is a constant process of dying.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Do not shorten the morning by getting up late; look upon it as the quintessence of life, as to a certain extent sacred.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Every nation ridicules other nations, and all are right.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Noise is the most impertinent of all forms of interruption. It is not only an interruption, but also a disruption of thought.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

I have long held the opinion that the amount of noise that anyone can bear undisturbed stands in inverse proportion to his mental capacity

and therefore be regarded as a pretty fair measure of it.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

It is only at the first encounter that a face makes its full impression on us.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Every generation, no matter how paltry its character, thinks itself much wiser than the one immediately preceding it, let alone those that are more remote.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

One should use common words to say uncommon things

~Arthur Schopenhauer

He who does not enjoy solitude will not love freedom.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Opinion is like a pendulum and obeys the same law.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Rudeness is better than any argument; it totally eclipses intellect.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Boredom is just the reverse side of fascination.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The first forty years of life give us the text; the next thirty supply the commentary on it.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Compassion is the basis of morality.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

The effect of music is so very much more powerful and penetrating than is that of the other arts, for these others speak only of the shadow, but music of the essence.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

Mankind cannot get on without a certain amount of absurdity.

~Arthur Schopenhauer

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