

Blaise Cendrars

Quotes

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Humanity lives in its fiction.

~Blaise Cendrars

Photogenic is a stupid, nonsensical word, but it is also a great mystery.

~Blaise Cendrars

Only a soul full of despair can ever attain serenity and, to be in despair, you must have loved a good deal and still love the world.

~Blaise Cendrars

One's life, from being an exterior thing, grows inwards. Its intensity stays the same; and, d'you know, it's most mysterious, the corners in which the joy of living can sometimes hide away.

~Blaise Cendrars

The single fact of existing is already a true happiness.

~Blaise Cendrars

I'm not an extraordinary worker, I'm an extraordinary daydreamer. I exceed all my fantasies-even that of writing.

~Blaise Cendrars

A writer should never install himself before a panorama, however grandiose it may be.

~Blaise Cendrars

Writing is a noble privilege compared with the lot of most people, who live like parts of a machine, who live only to keep the gears of society pointlessly turning.

~Blaise Cendrars

Life The machine The human soul A 75mm breech My portrait

~Blaise Cendrars

Without the help of selfishness, the human animal would never have developed. Egoism is the vine by which man hoisted himself out of the swamp and escaped from the jungle.

~Blaise Cendrars

My poor life This shawl Frayed on strongboxes full of gold I roll along
with Dream And smoke And the only flame in the universe

~Blaise Cendrars

Science is history arranged according to the superstition and taste of the moment. The vocabulary of scholars has no wit, no salt. These heavy tomes have no soul, they are filled with distress.

~Blaise Cendrars

I used the word 'prose' in the Trans-Siberian in the early Latin sense of *prosa dictu*. Poem seemed to me too pretentious, too narrow. Prose is more open, popular.

~Blaise Cendrars

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