D. H. Lawrence Quotes

Men, Literature, Love, Sex, Soul, Life, Self, Real, Art, People, Believe, Long, Dark, Passion, Flower, Fall, Book, Heart, Hate, Sea Those that go searching for love only make manifest their own lovelessness, and the loveless never find love, only the loving find love, and they never have to seek for it.

~D. H. Lawrence

Europe's the mayonnaise all right, but America supplies the good old lobster.

~D. H. Lawrence

Beauty is an experience, nothing else. It is not a fixed pattern or an arrangement of features. It is something felt, a glow or a communicated sense of fineness.

~D. H. Lawrence

Perhaps only people who are capable of real togetherness have that look of being alone in the universe. The others have a certain stickiness, they stick to the mass.

~D. H. Lawrence

The Moon! Artemis! the great goddess of the splendid past of men! Are you going to tell me she is a dead lump?

~D. H. Lawrence

We've got to live, no matter how many skies have fallen.

~D. H. Lawrence

No creature is fully itself till it is, like the dandelion, opened in the bloom of pure relationship to the sun, the entire living cosmos.

~D. H. Lawrence

The deadly Hydra now is the hydra of Equality. Liberty, Equality and Fraternity is the three-fanged serpent.

Ethics and equity and the principles of justice do not change with the calendar.

~D. H. Lawrence

Money poisons you when you've got it, and starves you when you haven't.

~D. H. Lawrence

Life is ours to be spent, not to be saved.

~D. H. Lawrence

Love is the flower of life, and blossoms unexpectedly and without law, and must be plucked where it is found, and enjoyed for the brief hour of its duration.

~D. H. Lawrence

Oh literature, oh the glorious Art, how it preys upon the marrow in our bones. It scoops the stuffing out of us, and chucks us aside. Alas! ~D. H. Lawrence

An artist is only an ordinary man with a greater potentiality. ~D. H. Lawrence

One sheds one's sicknesses in books - repeats and presents again one's emotions, to be master of them.

~D. H. Lawrence

Men fight for liberty and win it with hard knocks. Their children, brought up easy, let it slip away again, poor fools. And their grandchildren are once more slaves.

~D. H. Lawrence

A snake came to my water trough On a hot, hot day, and I in pajamas for the heat, To drink there.

Beauty is a mystery. You can neither eat it nor make flannel out of it. ~D. H. Lawrence

Never set a child afloat on the flat sea of life with only one sail to catch the wind.

~D. H. Lawrence

It always seemed to me that men wore their beards, like they wear their neckties, for show.

~D. H. Lawrence

Consciousness is an end in itself. We torture ourselves getting somewhere, and when we get there it is nowhere, for there is nowhere to get to.

~D. H. Lawrence

Be still when you have nothing to say; when genuine passion moves you, say what you've got to say, and say it hot.

~D. H. Lawrence

In every living thing there is the desire for love.

~D. H. Lawrence

The living moment is everything.

~D. H. Lawrence

We ought to dance with rapture that we should be alive and in the flesh, and part of the living, incarnate cosmos.

~D. H. Lawrence

Only the desert has a fascination--to ride alone--in the sun in the forever unpossessed country--away from man. That is a great

temptation. ~D. H. Lawrence

Man has little needs and deeper needs. We have fallen into the mistake of living from our little needs till we have almost lost our deeper needs in a sort of madness.

~D. H. Lawrence

There's always the hyena of morality at the garden gate, and the real wolf at the end of the street.

~D. H. Lawrence

The tragedy is when you've got sex in the head instead of down where it belongs.

~D. H. Lawrence

Do come back and draw the ferrets, they are the most lovely noble darlings in the world.

~D. H. Lawrence

Love is the hastening gravitation of spirit towards spirit, and body towards body, in the joy of creation.

~D. H. Lawrence

We don't exist unless we are deeply and sensually in touch with that which can be touched but not known.

~D. H. Lawrence

Eat and carouse with Bacchus, or munch dry bread with Jesus, but don't sit down without one of the gods.

~D. H. Lawrence

I never saw a wild thing sorry for itself. A small bird will drop frozen dead from a bough without ever having felt sorry for itself.

Now the only decent way to get something done is to get it done by somebody who quite likes doing it.

~D. H. Lawrence

Reason is a supple nymph, and slippery as a fish by nature. She had as leave give her kiss to an absurdity any day, as to syllogistic truth. The absurdity may turn out truer.

~D. H. Lawrence

The dead don't die. They look on and help.

~D. H. Lawrence

The essential American soul is hard, isolate, stoic, and a killer. It has never yet melted.

~D. H. Lawrence

The autumn always gets me badly, as it breaks into colours. I want to go south, where there is no autumn, where the cold doesn't crouch over one like a snow-leopard waiting to pounce.

~D. H. Lawrence

Vitally, the human race is dying. It is like a great uprooted tree, with its roots in the air. We must plant ourselves again in the universe.

~D. H. Lawrence

I got the blues thinking of the future, so I left off and made some marmalade. It's amazing how it cheers one up to shred orange and scrub the floor.

~D. H. Lawrence

For man, as for flower and beast and bird, the supreme triumph is to be most vividly, most perfectly alive.

Reach me a gentian, give me a torch! let me guide myself with the blue, forked torch of this flower

~D. H. Lawrence

Ours is an excessively conscious age. We know so much, we feel so little.

~D. H. Lawrence

I like to write when I feel spiteful; it's like having a good sneeze.

~D. H. Lawrence

If a woman hasn't got a tiny streak of harlot in her, she's a dry stick as a rule.

~D. H. Lawrence

Sex and beauty are inseparable, like life and consciousness. And the intelligence which goes with sex and beauty, and arises out of sex and beauty, is intuition.

~D. H. Lawrence

No form of love is wrong, so long as it is love, and you yourself honour what you are doing. Love has an extraordinary variety of forms! And that is all that there is in life, it seems to me.

~D. H. Lawrence

The Sphinx-riddle. Solve it, or be torn to bits, is the decree. ~D. H. Lawrence

One must learn to love, and go through a good deal of suffering to get to it... and the journey is always towards the other soul.

Life is a travelling to the edge of knowledge, then a leap taken. ~D. H. Lawrence

There is no evolving, only unfolding. The lily is in the bit of dust which is its beginning, lily and nothing but lily: and the lily in blossom is a ne plus ultra: there is no evolving beyond.

~D. H. Lawrence

How beautiful maleness is, if it finds its right expression.

~D. H. Lawrence

I want to live my life so that my nights are not full of regrets.

~D. H. Lawrence

In America the cohesion was a matter of choice and will. But in Europe it was organic.

~D. H. Lawrence

The mind has no existence by itself; it is only the glitter of the sun on the surface of the waters.

~D. H. Lawrence

A circle swoop, and a quick parabola under the bridge arches Where light pushes through; A sudden turning upon itself of a thing in the air. A dip to the water.

~D. H. Lawrence

When I went to the scientific doctor I realised what a lust there was in him to wreak his so-called science on me and reduce me to the level of a thing. So I said: Good-morning! and left him.

~D. H. Lawrence

Who knows the power that Saturn has over us, or Venus? But it is a vital power, rippling exquisitely through us all the time.

When one jumps over the edge, one is bound to land somewhere. ~D. H. Lawrence

Do not allow to slip away from you freedoms the people who came before you won with such hard knocks.

~D. H. Lawrence

I love trying things and discovering how I hate them.

~D. H. Lawrence

Men are freest when they are most unconscious of freedom. The shout is a rattling of chains, always was.

~D. H. Lawrence

To the Puritan all things are impure, as somebody says.

~D. H. Lawrence

The world of men is dreaming, it has gone mad in its sleep, and a snake is strangling it, but it can't wake up.

~D. H. Lawrence

Love is never a fulfillment. Life is never a thing of continuous bliss. There is no paradise. Fight and laugh and feel bitter and feel bliss: and fight again. Fight, fight. That is life.

~D. H. Lawrence

A woman unsatisfied must have luxuries. But a woman who loves a man would sleep on a board

~D. H. Lawrence

And if tonight my soul may find her peace in sleep, and sink in good oblivion, and in the morning wake like a new-opened flower then I have

been dipped again in God, and new-created.

~D. H. Lawrence

Oh the innocent girl in her maiden teens knows perfectly well what everything means.

~D. H. Lawrence

Towns oftener swamp one than carry one out onto the big ocean of life.

~D. H. Lawrence

The horse, the horse! The symbol of surging potency and power of movement, of action.

~D. H. Lawrence

The more scholastically educated a man is generally, the more he is an emotional boor.

~D. H. Lawrence

When each thing is unique in itself, there can be no comparison made.... There is only this strange recognition of present otherness. ~D. H. Lawrence

Don't you find it a beautiful clean thought, a world empty of people, just uninterrupted grass, and a hare sitting up?

~D. H. Lawrence

Myth is an attempt to narrate a whole human experience, of which the purpose is too deep, going too deep in the blood and soul, for mental explanation or description.

~D. H. Lawrence

I never saw a wild thing sorry for itself

In masturbation there is nothing but loss.

~D. H. Lawrence

Men and women aren't really dogs: they only look like it and behave like it. Somewhere inside there is a great chagrin and a gnawing discontent.

~D. H. Lawrence

For my part, I prefer my heart to be broken. It is so lovely, dawn-kaleidoscopic within the crack.

~D. H. Lawrence

Recklessness is almost a man's revenge on his woman. He feels he is not valued so he will risk destroying himself to deprive her altogether. ~D. H. Lawrence

It's bad taste to be wise all the time, like being at a perpetual funeral. ~D. H. Lawrence

This is the very worst wickedness, that we refuse to acknowledge the passionate evil that is in us. This makes us secret and rotten.

There is no such thing as liberty. You only change one sort of domination for another. All we can do is to choose our master.

~D. H. Lawrence

And to my lips' Bright crimson rim The passion slips, And down my slim White body drips The shining hymn.

~D. H. Lawrence

And every true artist is the salvation of every other. But only artists produce for each other the world that is fit to live in.

Sight is the least sensual of all the senses. And we strain ourselves to see, see, see--everything, everything through the eye, inone mode of objective curiosity.

~D. H. Lawrence

The profoundest of all sensualities is the sense of truth and the next deepest sensual experience is the sense of justice.

~D. H. Lawrence

We have lost the art of living, and in the most important science of all, the science of daily life, the science of behavior, we are complete ignoramuses. We have psychology instead.

~D. H. Lawrence

Men! The only animal in the world to fear.

~D. H. Lawrence

The only justice is to follow the sincere intuition of the soul, angry or gentle. Anger is just, and pity is just, but judgement is never just. ~D. H. Lawrence

The living self has one purpose only: to come into its own fullness of being, as a tree comes into full blossom, or a bird into spring beauty, or a tiger into lustre.

~D. H. Lawrence

Literary criticism can be no more than a reasoned account of the feeling produced upon the critic by the book he is criticising.

~D. H. Lawrence

When all comes to all, the most precious element in life is wonder. Love is a great emotion, and power is power. But both love and power are based on wonder.

What you intuitively desire, that is possible to you.

~D. H. Lawrence

You're spending your life without renewing it. You've got to be amused, properly healthily amused. You're spending your vitality without making any. Can't go on you know. Depression! Avoid depression!

~D. H. Lawrence

Pornography is the attempt to insult sex, to do dirt on it.

~D. H. Lawrence

The mind can assert anything and pretend it has proved it. My beliefs I test on my body, on my intuitional consciousness, and when I get a response there, then I accept.

~D. H. Lawrence

Water is H2O, hydrogen two parts, oxygen one, but there is also a third thing, that makes it water and nobody knows what that is.

~D. H. Lawrence

The cruelest thing a man can do to a woman is to portray her as perfection.

~D. H. Lawrence

Men are not free when they're doing just what they like. Men are only free when they're doing what the deepest self likes. And there is getting down to the deepest self! It takes some diving.

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