

Emile Zola

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If you shut up truth and bury it under the ground, it will but grow, and gather to itself such explosive power that the day it bursts through it will blow up everything in its way.

~Emile Zola

If you ask me what I came into this life to do, I will tell you: I came to live out loud.

~Emile Zola

I would rather die of passion than of boredom.

~Emile Zola

Man's highest duty is to protect animals from cruelty.

~Emile Zola

Civilization will not attain to its perfection until the last stone from the last church falls on the last priest.

~Emile Zola

Nothing develops intelligence like travel.

~Emile Zola

Truth is on the march, and nothing will stop it.

~Emile Zola

The fate of animals is of greater importance to me than the fear of appearing ridiculous; it is indissolubly connected with the fate of men.

~Emile Zola

The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work.

~Emile Zola

Did science promise happiness? I do not believe it. It promised truth, and the question is to know if we will ever make happiness with truth.

~Emile Zola

Governments are suspicious of literature because it is a force that eludes them.

~Emile Zola

If you shut up truth, and bury it underground, it will but grow.

~Emile Zola

The only basis for living is believing in life, loving it, and applying the whole force of one's intellect to know it better.

~Emile Zola

Respectable people... What bastards!

~Emile Zola

The road to Lourdes is littered with crutches, but not one wooden leg.

~Emile Zola

There are two men inside the artist, the poet and the craftsman. One is born a poet. One becomes a craftsman.

~Emile Zola

A god of kindness would be charitable to all. Your god of wrath and punishment is but a monstrous phantasy.

~Emile Zola

A new dynasty is never founded without a struggle. Blood makes good manure.

~Emile Zola

If people can just love each other a little bit, they can be so happy.

~Emile Zola

If I cannot overwhelm with my quality, I will overwhelm with my quantity.

~Emile Zola

Yes! live life with every fibre of one's being, surrender oneself to it, with no thoughts of rebellion, without deluding oneself that one can improve it and render it painless.

~Emile Zola

I am an artist... I am here to live out loud.

~Emile Zola

Violence has never prospered, you can't remake the world in a day. Anyone who promises to change everything for you all at once is either a fool or a rogue!

~Emile Zola

In love as in speculation there is much filth; in love also, people think only of their own gratification; yet without love there would be no life, and the world would come to an end.

~Emile Zola

Did not one spend the first half of one's days in dreams of happiness and the second half in regrets and terrors?

~Emile Zola

It is not necessary that one should humble oneself to deserve assistance, it is sufficient that one should suffer.

~Emile Zola

Art for me...is a negation of society, an affirmation of the individual, outside of all the rules and all the demands of society.

~Emile Zola

Sin ought to be something exquisite, my dear boy.

~Emile Zola

Blow the candle out, I don't need to see what my thoughts look like.

~Emile Zola

Over all crowds there seems to float a vague distress, an atmosphere of pervasive melancholy, as if any large gathering of people creates an aura of terror and pity.

~Emile Zola

The past was but the cemetery of our illusions: one simply stubbed one's toes on the gravestones.

~Emile Zola

The word realist means nothing to me, because I would subordinate reality to temperament. Give me what is true and I applaud; but give me what is individual and alive and I applaud even more.

~Emile Zola

If something's just, I'll let myself be hacked to bits for it.

~Emile Zola

Let us eat, drink and satisfy our coarse appetites, but let us keep our souls sacred and apart.

~Emile Zola

The conclusion does not belong to the artist.

~Emile Zola

When truth is buried, it grows. It chokes. It gathers such an explosive force that on the day it bursts out, it blows up everything with it.

~Emile Zola

Classical education has deformed everything, and has imposed upon us as geniuses men of correct, facile talent, who follow the beaten track.

~Emile Zola

An entire lifetime would not be long enough for you to exhaust the glance of the young harvest-girl.

~Emile Zola

Lovers are made by a kiss.

~Emile Zola

My fiery protest is simply the cry of my very soul.

~Emile Zola

I am spending delightful afternoons in my garden, watching everything living around me. As I grow older, I feel everything departing, and I love everything with more passion.

~Emile Zola

The day is not far off when one ordinary carrot may be pregnant with revolution.

~Emile Zola

One forges one's style on the terrible anvil of daily deadlines.

~Emile Zola

I am little concerned with beauty or perfection. I don't care for the great centuries. All I care about is life, struggle, intensity.

~Emile Zola

These young people naturally grow up with ideas different from ours, for they are born for times when we shall no longer be here

~Emile Zola

They talked so, with secret hearts, without needing words, talking of other things... They could have suddenly continued their confessions aloud, without ceasing to understand each other.

~Emile Zola

What will be the death of me are buillabaisses, food spiced with pimienta, shellfish, and a load of exquisite rubbish which I eat in disproportionate quantities.

~Emile Zola

A ruined man fell from her hands like a ripe fruit, to lie rotting on the ground.

~Emile Zola

Perfection is such a nuisance that I often regret having cured myself of using tobacco.

~Emile Zola

Inability, human incapacity, is the only boundary to an art.

~Emile Zola

In my view you cannot claim to have seen something until you have photographed it.

~Emile Zola

Through the centuries, the history of peoples is but a lesson in mutual tolerance.

~Emile Zola

It is not I who am strong, it is reason, it is truth.

~Emile Zola

Art is a corner of creation seen through a temperament.

~Emile Zola

The vague torment of ... ambition.

~Emile Zola

In Paris, everything's for sale: wise virgins, foolish virgins, truth and lies, tears and smiles.

~Emile Zola

I do not despair in the least of ultimate triumph. I repeat it with intense conviction.

~Emile Zola

When lovers kiss on the cheeks, it is because they are searching, feeling for one another's lips. Lovers are made by a kiss.

~Emile Zola

Since the same human mire remains beneath, does not all civilization reduce itself to the superiority of smelling nice and living well?

~Emile Zola

When sometimes, behind his back, they called him a tyrant, he merely smiled and uttered this profound observation: If some day I turn liberal, they will say I have let them down.

~Emile Zola

The thought is a deed. Of all deeds she fertilizes the world most.

~Emile Zola

Oh, the fools, like a lot of good little schoolboys, scared to death of anything they've been taught is wrong!

~Emile Zola

When you have a sorrow that is too great it leaves no room for any other.

~Emile Zola

Everything is only a dream.

~Emile Zola

Paris flared -- Paris, which the divine sun had sown with light, and where in glory waved the great future harvest of Truth and of Justice.

~Emile Zola

How evil life must be if it were indeed necessary that such imploring cries, such cries of physical and moral wretchedness, should ever and ever ascend to heaven!

~Emile Zola

Don't go looking at me like that because you'll wear your eyes out.

~Emile Zola

Why then should money be blamed for all the dirt and crimes it causes? For is love less filthy -- love which creates life?

~Emile Zola

She was cold by nature, self-love predominating over passion; rather than being virtuous, she preferred to have her pleasures all to herself.

~Emile Zola

When a peasant begins to feel the need for instruction, he usually becomes fiercely calculating.

~Emile Zola

They dared not peer down into their own natures, down into the feverish confusion that filled their minds with a kind of dense, acrid mist.

~Emile Zola

It all seemed a hollow sham now - that strict code, that conscientious virtue that condemned her to the sterile joys of pious women! No, no,

she'd had enough of that; she wanted to live!

~Emile Zola

The camembert with its venison scent defeats the Marolles and Limbourg dull smells; It spreads its exhalation, smothering the other scents under its surprising breath abundance.

~Emile Zola

Has science ever retreated? No! It is Catholicism which has always retreated before her, and will always be forced to retreat.

~Emile Zola

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