

# Federico Fellini

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Life, Light, Real, Motivational, Eye, Work, Positive, Men, Waiting, Believe*

Life is a combination of magic and pasta.

~Federico Fellini

There is no end. There is no beginning. There is only the passion of life.

~Federico Fellini

You have to live spherically - in many directions. Never lose your childish enthusiasm - and things will come your way.

~Federico Fellini

A different language is a different vision of life.

~Federico Fellini

Going to the cinema is like returning to the womb; you sit there, still and meditative in the darkness, waiting for life to appear on the screen.

~Federico Fellini

The visionary is the only realist.

~Federico Fellini

No matter what happens, always Keep your childhood innocence. It's the most important thing.

~Federico Fellini

Regrets are a waste of time. They're the past crippling you in the present.

~Federico Fellini

Nothing is more honest than a dream.

~Federico Fellini

Never trust a woman who doesn't like to eat. She is probably lousy in bed.

~Federico Fellini

I spent my life trying to cure myself of my education.

~Federico Fellini

As a writer and director, I want to know what is behind the good manners and soft voice. Who is inside the silhouette?

~Federico Fellini

I never make moral judgments; I'm not qualified to do so. I am not a censor, a priest, or a politician.

~Federico Fellini

Realism is a bad word. In a sense everything is realistic. I see no line between the imaginary and the real.

~Federico Fellini

You exist only in what you do.

~Federico Fellini

If there were a little more silence, if we all kept quiet...maybe we could understand something.

~Federico Fellini

When I do things without any explanation, but just with spontaneity...I can be sure that I am right.

~Federico Fellini

There is abundant testimony that if we choose love rather than self, we gain immeasurably.

~Federico Fellini

All art is autobiographical.

~Federico Fellini

Don't tell me what I'm doing; I don't want to know.

~Federico Fellini

Our minds can shape the way a thing will be because we act according to our expectations.

~Federico Fellini

The only place where you can be a dictator and still be loved is on the movie set

~Federico Fellini

I think that one can have luck if one tries to create an atmosphere of spontaneity.

~Federico Fellini

When the most important times are occurring, we don't even recognize them or notice. We are just busy living our lives. Only looking back do we know what was a great moment in our lives.

~Federico Fellini

All art is autobiographical; the pearl is the oyster's autobiography.

~Federico Fellini

Fate is written in the face.

~Federico Fellini

It is only when I am doing my work that I feel truly alive.

~Federico Fellini

Money is everywhere but so is poetry. What we lack are the poets.

~Federico Fellini

Freedom, especially a woman's freedom, is a conquest to be made, not a gift to be received. It isn't granted. It must be taken.

~Federico Fellini

I even see the cinema itself as a woman, with its alternation of light and darkness, of appearing and disappearing images

~Federico Fellini

Nothing is sadder than laughter; nothing more beautiful, more magnificent, more uplifting and enriching than the terror of deep despair.

~Federico Fellini

Our duty as storytellers is to bring people to the station. There each person will choose his or her own train...But we must at least take them to the station...to a point of departure.

~Federico Fellini

Marriage is a tyranny, a mortification of man's natural instincts. Man needs a multiplicity of relationships.

~Federico Fellini

I claim the right to contradict myself. I don't want to deprive myself of the right to talk nonsense, and I ask humbly to be allowed to be wrong sometimes.

~Federico Fellini

It's easier to be faithful to a restaurant than it is to a woman.

~Federico Fellini

Reality! But what does this word mean? Each has his own reality. I draw upon my personal reality upon the dark side of myself, my unconscious.

~Federico Fellini

Even the most miserable life is better than a sheltered existence in an

organized society where everything is calculated and perfected.

~Federico Fellini

Experience is what you get while looking for something else.

~Federico Fellini

The artist is the medium between his fantasies and the rest of the world.

~Federico Fellini

A created thing is never invented and it is never true: it is always and ever itself.

~Federico Fellini

Marriage, if it is to survive, must be treated as the beginning, not as the happy ending.

~Federico Fellini

Even if I set out to make a film about a fillet of sole, it would be about me.

~Federico Fellini

God may not play dice but he enjoys a good round of Trivial Pursuit every now and again.

~Federico Fellini

I think television has betrayed the meaning of democratic speech, adding visual chaos to the confusion of voices. What role does silence have in all this noise?

~Federico Fellini

A creator always needs excuses.

~Federico Fellini

The picture is in your head, in your imagination, everything.

~Federico Fellini

Every time I start a picture ... I feel the same fear, the same self-doubts . . . and I have only one source on which I can draw, because it comes from within me.

~Federico Fellini

I always direct the same film. I can't distinguish one from the other.

~Federico Fellini

The beauty of life are women, no one loves them as much as me. I adore them all, the ugly, the beautiful, the cold, the sexy and especially those that are from cinema material, shadow and light.

~Federico Fellini

We must get beyond passions, like a great work of art. In such miraculous harmony. We should learn to love each other so much to live outside of time... detached.

~Federico Fellini

According to the doctors, I'm only suffering from a light form of premature baldness.

~Federico Fellini

A good opening and a good ending make for a good film provided they come close together.

~Federico Fellini

We can all pretend to be cynical and scheming, but when we're faced with purity and innocence, the cynical mask drops off.

~Federico Fellini

Censorship is advertising paid by the government.

~Federico Fellini

The greatest danger for artists is total freedom.

~Federico Fellini

No critic writing about a film could say more than the film itself, although they do their best to make us think the opposite.

~Federico Fellini

Nietzsche claimed that his genius was in his nostrils and I think that is a very excellent place for it to be.

~Federico Fellini

Peellaert's comic strips were the literature of intelligence, imagination and romanticism.

~Federico Fellini

Hype is the awkward and desperate attempt to convince journalists that what you've made is worth the misery of having to review it.

~Federico Fellini



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