

# Franz Kafka

## Quotes

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Don't bend; don't water it down; don't try to make it logical; don't edit your own soul according to the fashion. Rather, follow your most intense obsessions mercilessly.

~Franz Kafka

Start with what is right rather than what is acceptable.

~Franz Kafka

Just because your doctor has a name for your condition, doesn't mean he knows what it is.

~Franz Kafka

Every thing that you love, you will eventually lose, but in the end, love will return in a different form.

~Franz Kafka

I write differently from what I speak, I speak differently from what I think, I think differently from the way I ought to think, and so it all proceeds into deepest darkness.

~Franz Kafka

It's only because of their stupidity that they're able to be so sure of themselves.

~Franz Kafka

I'm tired, can't think of anything and want only to lay my face in your lap, feel your hand on my head and remain like that through all eternity.

~Franz Kafka

I am free and that is why I am lost.

~Franz Kafka

I am a cage, in search of a bird.

~Franz Kafka

People label themselves with all sorts of adjectives. I can only pronounce myself as 'nauseatingly miserable beyond repair'.

~Franz Kafka

I usually solve problems by letting them devour me.

~Franz Kafka

If the literature we are reading does not wake us, why then do we read it? A literary work must be an ice-axe to break the sea frozen inside us.

~Franz Kafka

I'm doing badly, I'm doing well; whichever you prefer.

~Franz Kafka

All language is but a poor translation.

~Franz Kafka

Do not waste your time looking for an obstacle - maybe there is none.

~Franz Kafka

The purpose of a story is to be an axe that breaks up the ice within us.

~Franz Kafka

I no longer know If I wish to drown myself in love, vodka or the sea.

~Franz Kafka

Many a book is like a key to unknown chambers within the castle of one's own self.

~Franz Kafka

There are times when I am convinced I am unfit for any human relationship.

~Franz Kafka

He is terribly afraid of dying because he hasn't yet lived.

~Franz Kafka

From a certain point onward there is no longer any turning back. That is the point that must be reached.

~Franz Kafka

There are some things one can only achieve by a deliberate leap in the opposite direction.

~Franz Kafka

Paths are made by walking

~Franz Kafka

Anybody who preserves the ability to recognize beauty will never get old.

~Franz Kafka

Please "consider me a dream.

~Franz Kafka

It is only our conception of time that makes us call the Last Judgement by this name. It is, in fact, a kind of martial law.

~Franz Kafka

Every revolution evaporates and leaves behind only the slime of a new bureaucracy.

~Franz Kafka

If it had been possible to build the Tower of Babel without climbing it, it would have been permitted.

~Franz Kafka

Sensual love deceives one as to the nature of heavenly love; it could not do so alone, but since it unconsciously has the element of heavenly love within it, it can do so.

~Franz Kafka

The meaning of life is that it stops.

~Franz Kafka

Simply wait, be quiet, still The world will freely offer itself to you.

~Franz Kafka

Test yourself on mankind. It is something that makes the doubter doubt, the believer believe.

~Franz Kafka

Isolation is a way to know ourselves.

~Franz Kafka

I do not see the world at all; I invent it.

~Franz Kafka

We live in an age which is so possessed by demons, that soon we shall only be able to do goodness and justice in the deepest secrecy, as if it were a crime.

~Franz Kafka

I cannot make you understand. I cannot make anyone understand what is happening inside me. I cannot even explain it to myself.

~Franz Kafka

Now the Sirens have a still more fatal weapon than their song, namely their silence... someone might possibly have escaped from their singing; but from their silence, certainly never.

~Franz Kafka

All human errors are impatience, a premature breaking off of methodical procedure, an apparent fencing-in of what is apparently at issue.

~Franz Kafka

The mediation by the serpent was necessary. Evil can seduce man, but cannot become man.

~Franz Kafka

Anything that has real and lasting value is always a gift from within.

~Franz Kafka

First impressions are always unreliable.

~Franz Kafka

I never wish to be easily defined.

~Franz Kafka

I think we ought to read only the kind of books that wound and stab us. If the book we are reading doesn't wake us up with a blow on the head, what are we reading it for?

~Franz Kafka

If you become involved with me, you will be throwing yourself into the abyss.

~Franz Kafka

Only the moment counts. It determines life.

~Franz Kafka

This tremendous world I have inside of me. How to free myself, and this world, without tearing myself to pieces. And rather tear myself to a thousand pieces than be buried with this world within me.

~Franz Kafka

Writing is utter solitude, the descent into the cold abyss of oneself.

~Franz Kafka

A book must be an ice-axe to break the seas frozen inside our soul.

~Franz Kafka

Youth is happy because it has the ability to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old.

~Franz Kafka

I have the true feeling of myself only when I am unbearably unhappy.

~Franz Kafka

Follow your most intense obsessions mercilessly.

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There are only two things. Truth and lies. Truth is indivisible, hence it cannot recognize itself; anyone who wants to recognize it has to be a lie.

~Franz Kafka

I do not read advertisements. I would spend all of my time wanting things.

~Franz Kafka

Books are a narcotic.

~Franz Kafka

Life is merely terrible; I feel it as few others do. Often "and in my inmost self perhaps all the time" I doubt whether I am a human being.

~Franz Kafka

Youth is happy because it has the capacity to see beauty.

~Franz Kafka

The truth is always an abyss.

~Franz Kafka

You can choose to be free , but it's last decision you'll ever make

~Franz Kafka

You are at once both the quiet and the confusion of my heart.

~Franz Kafka

I never imagined that so many days would ultimately make such a small life.

~Franz Kafka

There art two cardinal sins from which all others spring: Impatience and Laziness.

~Franz Kafka

So long as you have food in your mouth, you have solved all questions for the time being.

~Franz Kafka

Last night I dreamed about you. What happened in detail I can hardly remember, all I know is that we kept merging into one another. I was you, you were me. Finally you somehow caught fire.

~Franz Kafka

Most men are not wicked... They are sleep-walkers, not evil evildoers.

~Franz Kafka

A lawyer is a person who writes a 10,000-word document and calls it a "brief."

~Franz Kafka



I have spent my life resisting the desire to end it.

~Franz Kafka

No matter how much you keep encouraging someone who is blindfolded to stare through the cloth, he still won't see a thing."

~Franz Kafka

Not everyone can see the truth, but he can be it.

~Franz Kafka

Nothing is as deceptive as a photograph.

~Franz Kafka

A belief is like a guillotine, just as heavy, just as light.

~Franz Kafka

Logic may indeed be unshakeable, but it cannot withstand a man who is determined to live.

~Franz Kafka

There sat I, a faded being, under faded leaves.

~Franz Kafka

I miss you deeply, unfathomably, senselessly, terribly.

~Franz Kafka

Sometimes I'd like to stuff all Jews (myself included) into the drawer of a laundry basket. then open it to see if they've suffocated

~Franz Kafka

A non-writing writer is a monster courting insanity.

~Franz Kafka

Believing means liberating the indestructible element in oneself, or,

more accurately, liberating oneself, or, more accurately, being indestructible, or, more accurately, being.

~Franz Kafka

Martyrs do not underrate the body, they allow it to be elevated on the cross. In this they are at one with their antagonists.

~Franz Kafka

I'm thinking only of my illness and my health, though both, the first as well as the second, are you.

~Franz Kafka

Kill me, or you are a murderer.

~Franz Kafka

In me, by myself, without human relationship, there are no visible lies. The limited circle is pure.

~Franz Kafka

In argument similes are like songs in love; they describe much, but prove nothing.

~Franz Kafka

Adam's first domestic pet after the expulsion from Paradise was the serpent.

~Franz Kafka

It isn't necessary that you leave home. Sit at your desk and listen. Don't even listen, just wait. Don't wait, be still and alone. The whole world will offer itself to you.

~Franz Kafka

Sometimes I think I can expiate all my past and future sins through the aching of my bones.

~Franz Kafka

Slept, awoke, slept, awoke, miserable life.

~Franz Kafka

For words are magical formulae. They leave finger marks behind on the brain, which in the twinkling of an eye become the footprints of history. One ought to watch one's every word.

~Franz Kafka

God gives the nuts, but he does not crack them.

~Franz Kafka

A first sign of the beginning of understanding is the wish to die.

~Franz Kafka

From the true antagonist illimitable courage is transmitted to you.

~Franz Kafka

As far as I have seen, at school...they aimed at blotting out one's individuality.

~Franz Kafka

The Bible is a sanctum; the world, sputum.

~Franz Kafka

They're talking about things of which they don't have the slightest understanding, anyway. It's only because of their stupidity that they're able to be so sure of themselves.

~Franz Kafka

As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect.

~Franz Kafka

sleep is the most innocent creature there is and a sleepless man the most guilty.

~Franz Kafka

Beyond a certain point there is no return. This point has to be reached.

~Franz Kafka

My 'fear' is my substance, and probably the best part of me.

~Franz Kafka

The decisive moment in human evolution is perpetual. That is why the revolutionary spiritual movements that declare all former things worthless are in the right, for nothing has yet happened.

~Franz Kafka

I need solitude for my writing; not 'like a hermit' - that wouldn't be enough - but like a dead man.

~Franz Kafka

Art is for the artist is only suffering through which he releases himself for further suffering.

~Franz Kafka

There is an infinite amount of hope in the universe ... but not for us.

~Franz Kafka

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