

Georges Bernanos

Quotes

*Men, Doe, Firsts, Thinking, Prayer, Hands, Literature, Hell, Depth, Mean, World,
Wish, Pain, Order, Should, Mediocre, Joy, Daughter, Dangerous, Justice*

A poor man with nothing in his belly needs hope, illusion, more than bread.

~Georges Bernanos

It's a fine thing to rise above pride, but you must have pride in order to do so.

~Georges Bernanos

The first sign of corruption in a society that is still alive is that the end justifies the means.

~Georges Bernanos

Little things seem nothing, but they give peace, like those meadow flowers which individually seem odorless but all together perfume the air.

~Georges Bernanos

Hope is a risk that must be run.

~Georges Bernanos

Suicide only really frightens those who are never tempted by it and never will be, for its darkness only welcomes those who are predestined to it.

~Georges Bernanos

Faith is not a thing which one loses, we merely cease to shape our lives by it.

~Georges Bernanos

...the most dangerous shortsightedness consists in underestimating the mediocre.

~Georges Bernanos

You owe it to everyone you love to find pockets of tranquility in your

busy world.

~Georges Bernanos

Civilization exists precisely so that there may be no masses but rather men alert enough never to constitute masses.

~Georges Bernanos

What a cunning mixture of sentiment, pity, tenderness, irony surrounds adolescence, what knowing watchfulness! Young birds on their first flight are hardly so hovered around.

~Georges Bernanos

What does the truth matter? Haven't we mothers all given our sons a taste for lies, lies which from the cradle upwards lull them, reassure them, send them to sleep: lies as soft and warm as a breast!

~Georges Bernanos

The wish to pray is a prayer in itself.

~Georges Bernanos

Who are you to condemn another's sin? He who condemns sin becomes part of it, espouses it.

~Georges Bernanos

The modern state no longer has anything but rights; it does not recognize duties any more.

~Georges Bernanos

The devil, you see, is that friend who never stays with us to the end.

~Georges Bernanos

Optimism approves of everything, submits to everything, believes everything; it is the virtue above all of the taxpayer.

~Georges Bernanos

No one ever discovers the depths of his own loneliness.

~Georges Bernanos

Hell, madame, is to love no longer.

~Georges Bernanos

God ordains that beggars should beg for greatness, as for all else, when greatness shines out of them, and they don't know it.

~Georges Bernanos

I can now see to the bottom of my own depths, there is nothing stopping my gaze, no obstacle is in the way. And there is nothing there.

~Georges Bernanos

It is the perpetual dread of fear, the fear of fear, that shapes the face of a brave man.

~Georges Bernanos

A man given to vice is always an idealist.

~Georges Bernanos

A thought which does not result in an action is nothing much, and an action which does not proceed from a thought is nothing at all.

~Georges Bernanos

[A] good Christian does not care for miracles very much, because a miracle is God looking after His own affairs, and we prefer looking after them for Him.

~Georges Bernanos

God knows that we should not despise anything. We must do our best.

~Georges Bernanos

Justice in the hands of the powerful is merely a governing system like any other. Why call it justice?

~Georges Bernanos

I don't think we can ever learn much from ultra-sensitive, shifty faces, skilled in disguise, that hide themselves in lust, as beasts hide to die.

~Georges Bernanos

God! how is it that we fail to recognize that the mask of pleasure, stripped of all hypocrisy, is that of anguish?

~Georges Bernanos

There is nothing that God hates so much as a liar.

~Georges Bernanos

To be able to share in another's joy, that is the secret of happiness.

~Georges Bernanos

Rather than the obsession with impurity, you'd do better to fear the nostalgia for purity.

~Georges Bernanos

I have done no passably decent job in this world which did not at first seem to me useless - absurdly useless, useless to the point of nausea. My secret demon is called::: What's the use?

~Georges Bernanos

[T]he cradle is shallower than the grave.

~Georges Bernanos

First of all, be what you are.

~Georges Bernanos

Appearances are nothing.... And first of all they should not be feared,

they are only dangerous to the weak.

~Georges Bernanos

Only the present counts.

~Georges Bernanos

Le desir de la priere est deja une priere. The wish for prayer is already a prayer.

~Georges Bernanos

Truth is meant to save you first, and the comfort comes afterwards.

~Georges Bernanos

Fear, true fear, is a savage frenzy. Of all the insanities of which we are capable, it is surely the cruelest. There is naught to equal its drive, and naught can survive its thrust.

~Georges Bernanos

What does it matter, all is grace.

~Georges Bernanos

Hell is not to love anymore.

~Georges Bernanos

I have just discovered something I have always known: we can no more escape from one another than we can escape from God.

~Georges Bernanos

Our rages, daughters of despair, creep and squirm like worms. Prayer is the only form of revolt which remains upright.

~Georges Bernanos

The most dangerous of our calculations are those we call illusions.

~Georges Bernanos

All her life she [Chantal] had been carefully, heroically watching over mediocre beings who were hardly real, over things of no value.

~Georges Bernanos

Money-crimes have an abstract quality. History is laden with the victims of gold, but their remains are odourless.

~Georges Bernanos

Related Links:

- Men Quotes
- Doe Quotes
- Firsts Quotes
- Thinking Quotes
- Prayer Quotes
- Hands Quotes
- Literature Quotes
- Hell Quotes
- Depth Quotes
- Mean Quotes
- World Quotes
- Wish Quotes
- Pain Quotes
- Order Quotes
- Should Quotes
- Mediocre Quotes
- Joy Quotes
- Daughter Quotes
- Dangerous Quotes
- Justice Quotes