

Georges Braque

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Truth exists; only lies are invented.

~Georges Braque

Thanks to the oval I have discovered the meaning of the horizontal and the vertical.

~Georges Braque

There is only one valuable thing in art: the thing you cannot explain.

~Georges Braque

Art is a wound turned into light.

~Georges Braque

The painter thinks in terms of form and color. The goal is not to be concerned with the reconstitution of an anecdotal fact, but with constitution of a pictorial fact.

~Georges Braque

The painting is finished when the idea has disappeared.

~Georges Braque

Reality only reveals itself when it is illuminated by a ray of poetry.

~Georges Braque

A painting without something disturbing in it - what's that?.

~Georges Braque

If we had never met Picasso, would Cubism have been what it is? I think not. The meeting with Picasso was a circumstance in our lives.

~Georges Braque

Art is polymorphic. A picture appears to each onlooker under a different guise.

~Georges Braque

When objects shattered into fragments appeared in my painting about 1909, this for me was a way of getting closest to the object...
Fragmentation helped me to establish space and movement in space.

~Georges Braque

Once an object has been incorporated in a picture it accepts a new destiny.

~Georges Braque

Truth exists, only falsehood has to be invented.

~Georges Braque

If I have called Cubism a new order, it is without any revolutionary ideas or any reactionary ideas... One cannot escape from one's own epoch, however revolutionary one may be.

~Georges Braque

Limited means often constitute the charm and force of primitive painting. Extension, on the contrary, leads the arts to decadence.

~Georges Braque

Art is made to trouble but science reassures.

~Georges Braque

Painting is a nail to which I fasten my ideas.

~Georges Braque

I have made a great discovery. I no longer believe in anything.

~Georges Braque

Writing is not describing, painting is not depicting. Verisimilitude is merely an illusion.

~Georges Braque

With age, art and life become one.

~Georges Braque

When one reaches this state of harmony between things and one's self, one reaches a state of perfect freedom and peace-which makes everything possible and right. Life becomes perpetual revelation.

~Georges Braque

The space between the dish and the pitcher, that I paint also.

~Georges Braque

Emotion should not be rendered by an excited trembling; it can neither be added on nor be imitated. It is the seed, the work is the flower.

~Georges Braque

I realized that one cannot reveal oneself without mannerism, without some evident trace of one's personality. But all the same one should not go too far in that direction.

~Georges Braque

In a painting, what counts is the unexpected.

~Georges Braque

One has to guard against a formula that is good for everything, that can interpret reality in addition to the other arts, and that rather than creating can only result in a style, or a stylization.

~Georges Braque

I do not think my painting has ever been revolutionary. It was not directed against any kind of painting. I have never wanted to prove that I was right and someone else wrong.

~Georges Braque

Art is meant to disturb. Science reassures.

~Georges Braque

Illusions... are simple facts, but they have been created by the mind, by the spirit, and they are one of the justifications of the new spatial configuration.

~Georges Braque

Never join an organization.

~Georges Braque

We will never have repose. The present is perpetual.

~Georges Braque

In art there is only one thing that counts: the bit that cannot be explained.

~Georges Braque

It is not sufficient that what one paints should be made visible. It must be made tangible.

~Georges Braque

It is the limitation of means that determines style, gives rise to new forms and makes creativity possible.

~Georges Braque

Perspective is a ghastly mistake which it has taken four centuries to redress.

~Georges Braque

I do not believe in things. I believe in relationships.

~Georges Braque

I do not believe in objects. I believe only in their relationships.

~Georges Braque

To work from nature is to improvise.

~Georges Braque

There is more sensitivity in technique than in the rest of the picture.

~Georges Braque

Art disturbs, science reassures.

~Georges Braque

Evidence exhausts the truth.

~Georges Braque

Work to perfect the mind. There is no certitude but in what the mind conceives.

~Georges Braque

Colour acts simultaneously with form, but has nothing to do with form.

~Georges Braque

Nature is a mere pretext for a decorative composition, plus sentiment. It suggests emotion, and I translate that emotion into art.

~Georges Braque

Colour could give rise to sensations which would interfere with our conception of space.

~Georges Braque

I am interposing overlaid planes a short way off... To make it understood that things are in front of each other instead of being scattered in space.

~Georges Braque

The function of Art is to disturb. Science reassures.

~Georges Braque

Whatever is valuable in painting is precisely what one is incapable of talking about.

~Georges Braque

Whatever is in common is true; but likeness is false.

~Georges Braque

One day I noticed that I could go on working my art motif no matter what the weather might be. I no longer needed the sun, for I took my light everywhere with me.

~Georges Braque

Art upsets, science reassures.

~Georges Braque

Scientific perspective forces the objects in a picture to disappear away from the beholder instead of bringing them within his reach as painting should.

~Georges Braque

Poetry is to a painting what life is to man.

~Georges Braque

You put a blob of yellow here, and another at the further edge of the canvas: straight away a rapport is established between them. Colour acts in the way that music does.

~Georges Braque

Out of limitations, new forms emerge

~Georges Braque

I like the rule that corrects emotion.

~Georges Braque

One has to arrive at a specific temperature, at which the objects become malleable.

~Georges Braque

One must not imitate what one wants to create.

~Georges Braque

To define a thing is to substitute the definition for the thing itself.

~Georges Braque

Progress in art does not consist in reducing limitations, but in knowing them better.

~Georges Braque

I am much more interested in achieving unison with nature than in copying it.

~Georges Braque

I couldn't portray a woman in all her natural loveliness... I haven't the skill. No one has. I must, therefore, create a new sort of beauty.

~Georges Braque

La ve rite existe; on n'invente que le mensonge. Truth exists; only lies are invented.

~Georges Braque

The starting point of a picture for any painter is a matter of colors and form...I believe that the poetry of art - if that is what one may call it - is a matter of animating these forms and colors.

~Georges Braque

It is the unforeseeable that creates the event.

~Georges Braque

In art, progress lies not in an extension, but in a knowledge of limitations.

~Georges Braque

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