

Giacomo Casanova

Quotes

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Intelligent, Love, Feelings, Reason, Fall, Heart, Beautiful, Memories, Love Is,
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After all, a beautiful woman without a mind of her own leaves her lover with no resource after he had physically enjoyed her charms.

~Giacomo Casanova

Be the flame, not the moth.

~Giacomo Casanova

one who makes no mistakes makes nothing

~Giacomo Casanova

Real love is the love that sometimes arises after sensual pleasure: if it does, it is immortal; the other kind inevitably goes stale, for it lies in mere fantasy.

~Giacomo Casanova

The sweetest pleasures are those which are hardest to be won.

~Giacomo Casanova

By recollecting the pleasures I have had formerly, I renew them, I enjoy them a second time, while I laugh at the remembrance of troubles now past, and which I no longer feel.

~Giacomo Casanova

To Kiss : An attempt to absorb the essence of the other person.

~Giacomo Casanova

Give me a man who is man enough to give himself just to the woman who is worth him. If that woman were me, I would love him alone and forever

~Giacomo Casanova

Love is three quarters curiosity.

~Giacomo Casanova

Nobody can deprive me of the fact that I had a good time.

~Giacomo Casanova

Love is a great poet, its resources are inexhaustible, but if the end it has in view is not obtained, it feels weary and remains silent.

~Giacomo Casanova

I have always had such sincere love for truth, that I have often begun by telling stories for the purpose of getting truth to enter the heads of those who could not appreciate its charms.

~Giacomo Casanova

The same principle that forbids me to lie does not allow me to tell the truth.

~Giacomo Casanova

If you have not done things worthy of being written about, at least write things worthy of being read.

~Giacomo Casanova

There is no honest woman with an uncorrupted heart whom a man is not sure of conquering by dint of gratitude. It is one of the surest and shortest means.

~Giacomo Casanova

[Matrimony] is the grave of love.

~Giacomo Casanova

The pleasure I gave my lovers was a four fifth of the pleasure I experienced.

~Giacomo Casanova

[Malipiero's advice to Casanova.] If you wish your audience to cry, you must shed tears yourself, but if you wish to make them laugh you must

contrive to look as serious as a judge.

~Giacomo Casanova

I have always loved truth so passionately that I have often resorted to lying as a way of introducing it into the minds which were ignorant of its charms.

~Giacomo Casanova

Hope is nothing but a deceitful flatterer accepted by reason only because it is often in need of palliatives.

~Giacomo Casanova

There is no such thing as destiny. We ourselves shape our lives.

~Giacomo Casanova

The man who seeks to educate himself must first read and then travel in order to correct what he has learned.

~Giacomo Casanova

I will begin with this confession: whatever I have done in the course of my life, whether it be good or evil, has been done freely; I am a free agent.

~Giacomo Casanova

A man who makes known his love by words is a fool.

~Giacomo Casanova

I have had friends who have acted kindly towards me, and it has been my good fortune to have it in my power to give them substantial proofs of my gratitude.

~Giacomo Casanova

I don't conquer, I submit.

~Giacomo Casanova

In fact, to gull a fool seems to me an exploit worthy of a witty man.

~Giacomo Casanova

We love without heeding reason, and cease to love in the same manner.

~Giacomo Casanova

We ourselves are the authors of almost all our woes and griefs, of which we so unreasonably complain.

~Giacomo Casanova

Man is free; yet we must not suppose that he is at liberty to do everything he pleases, for he becomes a slave the moment he allows his actions to be ruled by passion.

~Giacomo Casanova

The raging fire which urged us on was scorching us; it would have burned us had we failed to restrain it.

~Giacomo Casanova

I am writing My Life to laugh at myself, and I am succeeding.

~Giacomo Casanova

Praise the beautiful for their intelligence and the intelligent for their beauty.

~Giacomo Casanova

As to the deceit perpetrated upon women, let it pass, for, when love is in the way, men and women as a general rule dupe each other.

~Giacomo Casanova

Love is only a feeling of curiosity more or less intense, grafted upon the inclination placed in us by nature that the species may be preserved.

~Giacomo Casanova

Marriage is the tomb of love.

~Giacomo Casanova

The history of my life must begin by the earliest circumstance which my memory can evoke it will therefore commence when I had attained the age of eight years and four months.

~Giacomo Casanova

Those who do not love life do not deserve it.

~Giacomo Casanova

I leave to others the decision as to the good or evil tendencies of my character, but such as it is it shines upon my countenance, and there it can easily be detected by any physiognomist.

~Giacomo Casanova

I learned very early that our health is always impaired by some excess either of food or abstinence, and I never had any physician except myself.

~Giacomo Casanova

Man is a free agent; but he is not free if he does not believe it.

~Giacomo Casanova

The man who has sufficient power over himself to wait until his nature has recovered its even balance is the truly wise man, but such beings are seldom met with.

~Giacomo Casanova

If you want to make people laugh, your face must remain serious.

~Giacomo Casanova

Cheating is a sin, but honest cunning is simply prudence. It is a virtue. To be sure, it has a likeness to roguery, but that cannot be helped. He who has not learned to practice it is a fool.

~Giacomo Casanova

When a man gets it into his head to do something, and when he exclusively occupies himself in that design, he must succeed, whatever the difficulties. That man will become Grand Vizier or Pope.

~Giacomo Casanova

It is only necessary to have courage, for strength without self-confidence is useless.

~Giacomo Casanova

I know that I have lived because I have felt, and, feeling giving me the knowledge of my existence.

~Giacomo Casanova

When a man is in love very little is enough to throw him into despair and as little to enhance his joy to the utmost.

~Giacomo Casanova

Whether happy or unhappy, life is the only treasure man possesses.

~Giacomo Casanova

When you fool a fool you strike a blow for intelligence.

~Giacomo Casanova

In the mean time I worship God, laying every wrong action under an interdict which I endeavour to respect, and I loathe the wicked without doing them any injury.

~Giacomo Casanova

I have often met with happiness after some imprudent step which ought

to have brought ruin upon me, and although passing a vote of censure upon myself I would thank God for his mercy.

~Giacomo Casanova

Desires are but pain and torment, and enjoyment is sweet because it delivers us from them.

~Giacomo Casanova

The thing is to dazzle

~Giacomo Casanova

From that moment our love became sad, and sadness is a disease which gives the death-blow to affection.

~Giacomo Casanova

The spirit of rebellion is present in every great city, and the great task of wise government is to keep it dormant, for if it wakes it is a torrent which no dam can hold back.

~Giacomo Casanova

Should I perchance still feel after my death, I would no longer have any doubt, but I would most certainly give the lie to anyone asserting before me that I was dead.

~Giacomo Casanova

Thence, I suppose, my natural disposition to make fresh acquaintances, and to break with them so readily, although always for a good reason, and never through mere fickleness.

~Giacomo Casanova

The philosopher is a person who refuses no pleasures which do not produce greater sorrows, and who knows how to create new ones.

~Giacomo Casanova

The mind of a human being is formed only of comparisons made in order to examine analogies, and therefore cannot precede the existence of memory.

~Giacomo Casanova

I have met with some of them - very honest fellows, who, with all their stupidity, had a kind of intelligence and an upright good sense, which cannot be the characteristics of fools.

~Giacomo Casanova

I have loved women even to madness, but I have always loved liberty better.

~Giacomo Casanova

God, great principle of all minor principles, God, who is Himself without a principle, could not conceive Himself, if, in order to do it, He required to know His own principle.

~Giacomo Casanova

My errors will point to thinking men the various roads, and will teach them the great art of treading on the brink of the precipice without falling into it.

~Giacomo Casanova

When a sonnet is mediocre it is bad, for it should be sublime.

~Giacomo Casanova

economy spoils pleasure

~Giacomo Casanova

I found that the writer who says *SUBLATA LUCERNA NULLUM DISCRIMEN INTER MULIERES* ('when the lamp is taken away, all women are alike') says true; but without love, this great business is a vile thing.

~Giacomo Casanova

I always made my food congenial to my constitution, and my health was always excellent.

~Giacomo Casanova

Hatred, in the course of time, kills the unhappy wretch who delights in nursing it in his bosom.

~Giacomo Casanova

We avenge intelligence when we deceive a fool, and the victory is worth the trouble

~Giacomo Casanova

I am bound to add that the excess in too little has ever proved in me more dangerous than the excess in too much; the last may cause indigestion, but the first causes death.

~Giacomo Casanova

We avenge intellect when we dupe a fool, and it is a victory not to be despised for a fool is covered with steel and it is often very hard to find his vulnerable part.

~Giacomo Casanova

Man is free; but not unless he believes he is[.]

~Giacomo Casanova

Worthy or not, my life is my subject, and my subject is my life.

~Giacomo Casanova

[H]appy or miserable, life is the only blessing which man possesses[.]

~Giacomo Casanova

They are the follies inherent to youth; I make sport of them, and, if you

are kind, you will not yourself refuse them a good-natured smile.

~Giacomo Casanova

You will be amused when you see that I have more than once deceived without the slightest qualm of conscience, both knaves and fools.

~Giacomo Casanova

The story she had told me was possible, but it was not believable.

~Giacomo Casanova

I loved, I was loved, my health was good, I had a great deal of money, and I spent it, I was happy and I confessed it to myself.

~Giacomo Casanova

God ceases to be God only for those who can admit the possibility of His non-existence, and that conception is in itself the most severe punishment they can suffer.

~Giacomo Casanova

I have lived as a philosopher and die as a Christian.

~Giacomo Casanova

Man is free, but his freedom ceases when he has no faith in it[.

~Giacomo Casanova

I saw that everything famous and beautiful in the world, if we judge by the descriptions and drawings of writers and artists, always loses when we go to see it and examine it closely.

~Giacomo Casanova

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