Gilles Deleuze Quotes

Thinking, Men, Philosophy, Writing, Order, Law, Believe, Reality, Body, Movement, Art, Revenge, Animal, Encounters, Space, Consistency, Lying, Eye, Fighting, Brain A concept is a brick. It can be used to build a courthouse of reason. Or it can be thrown through the window.

~Gilles Deleuze

A creator is someone who creates their own impossibilities, and thereby creates possibilities.

~Gilles Deleuze

Art is not communicative, art is not reflexive. Art, science, philosophy are neither contemplative, neither reflexive, nor communicative. They are creative, that's all.

~Gilles Deleuze

Intuition is neither a feeling, an inspiration nor a disorderly sympathy but a fully developed method.

~Gilles Deleuze

Underneath all reason lies delirium and drift.

~Gilles Deleuze

Images exist; things themselves are images... Images constantly act on and react to one another, produce and consume. There is no difference between images, things and movement.

~Gilles Deleuze

Writing has nothing to do with meaning. It has to do with landsurveying and cartography, including the mapping of countries yet to come. ~Gilles Deleuze

A tyrant institutionalises stupidity, but he is the first servant of his own system and the first to be installed within it.

~Gilles Deleuze

It's not easy to see things from the middle, rather than looking down on

them from above or up at them from below, or from left to right or right to left: try it, you'll see that everything changes.

~Gilles Deleuze

Write, form a rhizome, increase your territory by deterritorialization, extend the line of flight to the point where it becomes an abstract machine covering the entire plane of consistency.

~Gilles Deleuze

There's no democratic state that's not compromised to the very core by its part in generating human misery.

~Gilles Deleuze

The shame of being a man - is there any better reason to write? ~Gilles Deleuze

Bring something incomprehensible into the world!

~Gilles Deleuze

Why do men fight for their servitude as stubbornly as though it were their salvation?

~Gilles Deleuze

There's no need to fear or hope, but only to look for new weapons. ~Gilles Deleuze

Something in the world forces us to think. This something is an object not of recognition but of a fundamental encounter.

~Gilles Deleuze

One of the principal motifs of Nietzsche's work is that Kant had not carried out a true critique because he was not able to pose the problem of critique in terms of values.

~Gilles Deleuze

Philosophy, art, and science are not the mental objects of an objectified brain but the three aspects under which the brain becomes subject. ~Gilles Deleuze

The self is only a threshold, a door, a becoming between two multiplicities

~Gilles Deleuze

It is not the slumber of reason that engenders monsters, but vigilant and insomniac rationality

~Gilles Deleuze

Every time someone puts an objection to me, I want to say: 'OK, OK, let's go on to something else.' Objections have never contributed anything.

~Gilles Deleuze

You never walk alone. Even the devil is the lord of flies.

~Gilles Deleuze

A leftist government doesn't exist because being on the left has nothing to do with governments.

~Gilles Deleuze

It is always from the depths of its impotence that each power center draws its power, hence their extreme maliciousness, and vanity ~Gilles Deleuze

Photography, if there is photography, is already snapped, already shot, in the very interior of things and for all points of space.

~Gilles Deleuze

The philosopher creates, he doesn't reflect.

~Gilles Deleuze

Reading something from beginning to end. That is reading with love. ~Gilles Deleuze

The plane of consistency is the abolition of all metaphor; all that consists is Real.

~Gilles Deleuze

Either it is the fold of the infinite, or the constant folds [replis] of finitude which curve the outside and constitute the inside.

~Gilles Deleuze

To affirm is not to bear, carry, or harness oneself to that which exists, but on the contrary to unburden, unharness, and set free that which lives.

~Gilles Deleuze

Philosophy is not in a state of external reflection on other domains, but in a state of active and internal alliance with them, and it is neither more abstract nor more difficult.

~Gilles Deleuze

In truth, Freud sees nothing and understands nothing.

~Gilles Deleuze

Things never pass where you think, nor along the paths you think ~Gilles Deleuze

My eye, my brain, are images, parts of my body. How could my brain contain images since it is one image among others? ~Gilles Deleuze

External images act on me, transmit movement to me, and I return movement: how could images be in my consciousness since I am myself image, that is, movement? ~Gilles Deleuze

What is important is no longer either a signature or a number, but a code: the code is a password.

~Gilles Deleuze

I believe strongly that philosophy has nothing to do with specialists. ~Gilles Deleuze

Evaluations, in essence, are... ways of being, modes of existence of those who judge and evaluate.

~Gilles Deleuze

According to Beckett's or Kafka's law, there is immobility beyond movement: beyond standing up, there is sitting down, and beyond sitting down, lying down, beyond which one finally dissipates. ~Gilles Deleuze

An image of thought called philosophy has been formed historically and it effectively stops people from thinking.

~Gilles Deleuze

The percept is the landscape before man, in the absence of man. ~Gilles Deleuze

As for being responsible or irresponsible, we don't recognize those notions, they're for policemen and courtroom psychiatrists.

~Gilles Deleuze

belief is necessarily something false that diverts and suffocates effective production

~Gilles Deleuze

Let us create extraordinary words, on condition that they be put to the

most ordinary use and that the entity they designate be made to exist in the same way as the most common object.

~Gilles Deleuze

Nietzsche's break with Schopenhauer rests on precisely this point; it is a matter of knowing whether the will is unitary or multiple.

~Gilles Deleuze

Can you harness the power of drugs without them taking over, without turning into a dazed zombie?

~Gilles Deleuze

The morality of customs, the spirit of the laws, produces the man emancipated from the law.

~Gilles Deleuze

Is it not first through the voice that one becomes animal? ~Gilles Deleuze

The shadow escapes from the body like an animal we had been sheltering.

~Gilles Deleuze

Only thought is capable of inventing the fiction of a State that is universal by right, of elevation the State to the level of de jure universality

~Gilles Deleuze

Far from being a psychological trait, the spirit of revenge is the principle on which our whole psychology depends.

~Gilles Deleuze

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