

# Guy Debord

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Young people everywhere have been allowed to choose between love and a garbage disposal unit. Everywhere they have chosen the garbage disposal unit.

~Guy Debord

In our society now, we prefer to see ourselves living than living.

~Guy Debord

Quotations are useful in periods of ignorance or obscurantist beliefs.

~Guy Debord

The spectacle is not a collection of images, but a social relation among people, mediated by images.

~Guy Debord

In a world that has REALLY been turned on its head, truth is a moment of falsehood.

~Guy Debord

The more powerful the class, the more it claims not to exist.

~Guy Debord

Where the real world changes into simple images, the simple images become real beings and effective motivations of hypnotic behavior.

~Guy Debord

... just as early industrial capitalism moved the focus of existence from being to having, post-industrial culture has moved that focus from having to appearing.

~Guy Debord

All that once was directly lived has become mere representation.

~Guy Debord

Boredom is always counter-revolutionary. Always.

~Guy Debord

The spectacle is the bad dream of a modern society in chains and ultimately expresses nothing more than its wish for sleep. The spectacle is the guardian of that sleep.

~Guy Debord

Like lost children we live our unfinished adventures.

~Guy Debord

Art need no longer be an account of past sensations. It can become the direct organization of more highly evolved sensations. It is a question of producing ourselves, not things that enslave us.

~Guy Debord

He will essentially follow the language of the spectacle, for it is the only one he is familiar with.

~Guy Debord

With the destruction of history, contemporary events themselves retreat into a remote and fabulous realm of unverifiable stories, uncheckable statistics, unlikely explanations and untenable reasoning.

~Guy Debord

The story of terrorism is written by the state and it is therefore highly instructive! compared with terrorism, everything else must be acceptable, or in any case more rational and democratic.

~Guy Debord

None of the activity stolen by work can be regained by submitting to what work has produced. - The Society of The Spectacle

~Guy Debord

Behind the masks of total choice, different forms of the same alienation confront each other.

~Guy Debord

Work is only justified by leisure time. To admit the emptiness of leisure time is to admit the impossibility of life.

~Guy Debord

What appears is good; what is good appears.

~Guy Debord

Art... can become the direct organization of more highly evolved sensations.

~Guy Debord

Everyone accepts that there are inevitably little areas of secrecy reserved for specialists; as regards things in general, many believe they are in on the secret.

~Guy Debord

An organization must always remember that its objective is not getting people to listen to speeches by experts, but getting them to speak for themselves.

~Guy Debord

Tourism, human circulation considered as consumption is fundamentally nothing more than the leisure of going to see what has become banal.

~Guy Debord

The spectacle is capital accumulated to the point where it becomes image.

~Guy Debord

The advertisements during intermissions are the truest reflection of an intermission from life.

~Guy Debord

What is false creates taste, and reinforces itself by knowingly eliminating any possible reference to the authentic. And what is genuine is reconstructed as quickly as possible, to resemble the false.

~Guy Debord

Plagiarism is necessary, progress implies it

~Guy Debord

As specialists of apparent life, stars serve as superficial objects that people can identify with in order to compensate for the fragmented productive specialisations that they actually live.

~Guy Debord

I have written much less than most people who write; I have drunk much more than most people who drink.

~Guy Debord

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