

# Havelock Ellis

## Quotes

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Love, Country, Writing, People, Dancing, Parent, Inspirational, War, Thinking,  
Religion*

All the art of living lies in a fine mingling of letting go and holding on.

~Havelock Ellis

It is only the great men who are truly obscene. If they had not dared to be obscene, they could never have dared to be great.

~Havelock Ellis

Jealousy, that dragon which slays love under the pretence of keeping it alive.

~Havelock Ellis

Dancing is the loftiest, the most moving, the most beautiful of the arts, because it is no mere translation or abstraction from life; it is life itself.

~Havelock Ellis

All civilization has from time to time become a thin crust over a volcano of revolution.

~Havelock Ellis

If men and women are to understand each other, to enter into each other's nature with mutual sympathy, and to become capable of genuine comradeship, the foundation must be laid in youth.

~Havelock Ellis

There is nothing that war has ever achieved that we could not better achieve without it.

~Havelock Ellis

Still, whether we like it or not, the task of speeding up the decrease of the human population becomes increasingly urgent.

~Havelock Ellis

Charm is a woman's strength just as strength is a man's charm.

~Havelock Ellis

I always seem to have a vague feeling that he is a Satan among musicians, a fallen angel in the darkness who is perpetually seeking to fight his way back to happiness.

~Havelock Ellis

To live remains an art which everyone must learn, and which no one can teach.

~Havelock Ellis

Sex lies at the root of life, and we can never learn to reverence life until we know how to understand sex.

~Havelock Ellis

However well organised the foundations of life may be, life must always be full of risks.

~Havelock Ellis

What we call 'morals' is simply blind obedience to words of command.

~Havelock Ellis

No act can be quite so intimate as the sexual embrace.

~Havelock Ellis

The Promised Land always lies on the other side of a Wilderness.

~Havelock Ellis

Men who know themselves are no longer fools. They stand on the threshold of the door of Wisdom.

~Havelock Ellis

Of woman as a real human being, with sexual needs and sexual responsibilities, morality has often known nothing.

~Havelock Ellis

Pain and death are part of life. To reject them is to reject life itself.

~Havelock Ellis

It has always been difficult for Man to realize that his life is all an art. It has been more difficult to conceive it so than to act it so. For that is always how he has more or less acted it.

~Havelock Ellis

The sun, the moon and the stars would have disappeared long ago... had they happened to be within the reach of predatory human hands.

~Havelock Ellis

Civilized men arrived in the Pacific, armed with alcohol, syphilis, trousers, and the Bible.

~Havelock Ellis

The absence of flaw in beauty is itself a flaw.

~Havelock Ellis

The place where optimism most flourishes is the lunatic asylum.

~Havelock Ellis

In philosophy, it is not the attainment of the goal that matters, it is the things that are met with by the way

~Havelock Ellis

Imagination is a poor substitute for experience.

~Havelock Ellis

It is becoming clear that the old platitudes can no longer be maintained, and that if we wish to improve our morals we must first improve our knowledge.

~Havelock Ellis

The sanitary and mechanical age we are now entering makes up for the mercy it grants to our sense of smell by the ferocity with which it assails our sense of hearing.

~Havelock Ellis

Liberty is always unfinished business

~Havelock Ellis

There is a very intimate connection between hypnotic phenomena and religion.

~Havelock Ellis

The romantic embrace can only be compared with music and with prayer.

~Havelock Ellis

The greatest task before civilization at present is to make machines what they ought to be, the slaves, instead of the masters of men.

~Havelock Ellis

Dreams are real as long as they last. Can we say more of life?

~Havelock Ellis

The mathematician has reached the highest rung on the ladder of human thought.

~Havelock Ellis

At the present day the crude theory of the sexual impulse held on one side, and the ignorant rejection of theory altogether on the other side, are beginning to be seen as both alike unjustified.

~Havelock Ellis

In the early days of Christianity the exercise of chastity was frequently combined with a close and romantic intimacy of affection between the

sexes which shocked austere moralists.

~Havelock Ellis

A man must not swallow more beliefs than he can digest.

~Havelock Ellis

A sublime faith in human imbecility has seldom led those who cherish it astray.

~Havelock Ellis

Mankind is becoming a single unit, and that for a unit to fight against itself is suicide.

~Havelock Ellis

What we call progress is the exchange of one nuisance for another nuisance.

~Havelock Ellis

Every man of genius sees the world at a different angle from his fellows, and there is his tragedy.

~Havelock Ellis

Education, whatever else it should or should not be, must be an inoculation against the poisons of life and an adequate equipment in knowledge and skill for meeting the chances of life.

~Havelock Ellis

Charm" â€” which means the power to effect work without employing brute force â€” is indispensable to women. Charm is a woman's strength just as strength is a man's charm.

~Havelock Ellis

It is on our failures that we base a new and different and better success.

~Havelock Ellis

Failing to find in women exactly the same kind of sexual emotions, as they find in themselves, men have concluded that there are none there at all.

~Havelock Ellis

It is here [in mathematics] that the artist has the fullest scope of his imagination.

~Havelock Ellis

Socialism also brings us up against the hard rock of eugenic fact which, if we neglect it, will dash our most beautiful social construction to fragments.

~Havelock Ellis

So far as business and money are concerned, a country gains nothing by a successful war, even though that war involves the acquisition of immense new provinces.

~Havelock Ellis

The more rapidly a civilization progresses, the sooner it dies for another to rise in its place.

~Havelock Ellis

The average husband enjoys the total effect of his home but is usually unable to contribute any of the details of work and organisation that make it enjoyable.

~Havelock Ellis

Every artist writes his own autobiography.

~Havelock Ellis

The omnipresent process of sex, as it is woven into the whole texture of

our man's or woman's body, is the pattern of all the process of our life.

~Havelock Ellis

The parents have not only to train their children: it is of at least equal importance that they should train themselves.

~Havelock Ellis

Thinking in its lower grades, is comparable to paper money, and in its higher forms it is a kind of poetry.

~Havelock Ellis

The conflict of forces and the struggle of opposing wills are of the essence of our universe and alone hold it together.

~Havelock Ellis

For every fresh stage in our lives we need a fresh education, and there is no stage for which so little educational preparation is made as that which follows the reproductive period.

~Havelock Ellis

When love is suppressed hate takes its place.

~Havelock Ellis

Beauty is the child of love.

~Havelock Ellis

To make a mountain out of a mole-hill.

~Havelock Ellis

Birth-control is effecting, and promising to effect, many functions in our social life.

~Havelock Ellis

Life is livable because we know that wherever we go most of the people



we meet will be restrained in their actions towards us by an almost instinctive network of taboos.

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The world's greatest thinkers have often been amateurs; for high thinking is the outcome of fine and independent living, and for that a professional chair offers no special opportunities.

~Havelock Ellis

The aesthetic pleasure of dance is a secondary reflection of the primary, vital joy of courtship.

~Havelock Ellis

The mother is really a more immediate parent than the father because one is born from the mother, and the first experience of any infant is the mother.

~Havelock Ellis

The by-product is sometimes more valuable than the product.

~Havelock Ellis

It is the little writer rather than the great writer who seems never to quote, and the reason is that he is never really doing anything else.

~Havelock Ellis

We cannot remain consistent with the world save by growing inconsistent with our past selves.

~Havelock Ellis

The modesty of women, which, in its most primitive form among animals, is based on sexual periodicity, is, with that periodicity, an

essential condition of courtship.

~Havelock Ellis

There has never been any country at every moment so virtuous and so wise that it has not sometimes needed to be saved from itself.

~Havelock Ellis

Man lives by imagination.

~Havelock Ellis

The immense value of becoming acquainted with a foreign language is that we are thereby led into a new world of tradition and thought and feeling.

~Havelock Ellis

The great writer finds style as the mystic finds God, in his own soul.

~Havelock Ellis

Where there is most labour there is not always most life.

~Havelock Ellis

There is nothing more fragile than civilization.

~Havelock Ellis

Heroes exterminate each other for the benefit of people who are not heroes.

~Havelock Ellis

A religion can no more afford to degrade its Devil than to degrade its God.

~Havelock Ellis

We cannot be sure that we ought not to regard the most criminal country as that which in some aspects possesses the highest

civilization.

~Havelock Ellis

Those persons who are burning to display heroism may rest assured that the course of social evolution will offer them every opportunity.

~Havelock Ellis

No faith is our own that we have not arduously won.

~Havelock Ellis

The relation of the individual person to the species he belongs to is the most intimate of all relations.

~Havelock Ellis

The mother is the child's supreme parent.

~Havelock Ellis

Sexual pleasure, wisely used and not abused, may prove the stimulus and liberator of our finest and most exalted activities.

~Havelock Ellis

One can know nothing of giving aught that is worthy to give unless one also knows how to take.

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