

Henri Rousseau

Quotes

*Men, Heart, Style, Poverty, Felt, Nature, Eras, Labour, Stills, Moving, Kings,
Two, Hatred, Flowering, Reason, War, Art, Hate, Sun, My Heart*

When I go out into the countryside and see the sun and the green and everything flowering, I say to myself "Yes indeed, all that belongs to me!"

~Henri Rousseau

Nothing makes me so happy as to observe nature and to paint what I see.

~Henri Rousseau

The universe was born restless and has never since been still.

~Henri Rousseau

I felt before I thought

~Henri Rousseau

God created man in his own image. And man, being a gentleman, returned the favor.

~Henri Rousseau

I have always believed that good is only beauty put into practice.

~Henri Rousseau

It is often said that my heart is too open for my own good.

~Henri Rousseau

We are the two great painters of this era; you are in the Egyptian style, I in the modern style. (to Pablo Picasso)

~Henri Rousseau

Cities are the sinks of the human race.

~Henri Rousseau

The landscapist lives in silence.

~Henri Rousseau

The interest and the feelings are not due to colors; the lines of a painting that move us move us even more in a print.

~Henri Rousseau

It is not the criminal things which are hardest to confess, but the ridiculous and shameful.

~Henri Rousseau

The first man to fence in a piece of land, saying "this is mine" and who found people simple enough to believe him, was the real founder of civil society.

~Henri Rousseau

The more humanity owes the poor man, the more society denies him.

~Henri Rousseau

Luxury... corrupts at once rich and poor, the rich by possession and the poor by covetousness.

~Henri Rousseau

Nature's instructions are always slow; those of men are generally premature.

~Henri Rousseau

It is not I that am drawing, it is this thing at the end of my hand.

~Henri Rousseau

Hatred as well as love, renders its votaries credulous.

~Henri Rousseau

Politeness requires this thing; decorum that; ceremony has its forms, and fashion its laws, and these must always follow, never the promptings of our own nature.

~Henri Rousseau

I cannot now change my style, which I acquired, as you can imagine, by dint of labour.

~Henri Rousseau

Little privations are easily endured when the heart is better treated than the body.

~Henri Rousseau

From the first moment of life, men ought to begin learning to deserve to live.

~Henri Rousseau

If it is reason that forms man then it is the emotions that guide her.

~Henri Rousseau

The passage from the state of nature to the civil state produces a very remarkable change in man, by substituting justice for instinct in his conduct.

~Henri Rousseau

The severity of penalties is only a vain resource, invented by little minds in order to substitute terror for that respect which they have no means of obtaining.

~Henri Rousseau

The happiest is he who suffers the least pain; the most miserable, he who enjoys the least pleasure.

~Henri Rousseau

If a king tries to start a war, a mother should go to him and forbid it.

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