

Henry Fuseli

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Nature is a collective idea, and, though its essence exist in each individual of the species, can never in its perfection inhabit a single object.

~Henry Fuseli

Emulation embalms the dead; envy, the vampire, blasts the living.

~Henry Fuseli

Expression alone can invest beauty with supreme and lasting command over the eye.

~Henry Fuseli

All actions and attitudes of children are graceful because they are the luxuriant and immediate offspring of the moment - divested of affectation and free from all pretense.

~Henry Fuseli

Indiscriminate pursuit of perfection infallibly leads to mediocrity.

~Henry Fuseli

Art, like love, excludes all competition and absorbs the man.

~Henry Fuseli

Art among a religious race produces reliques [sic]; among a military one, trophies; among a commercial one, articles of trade.

~Henry Fuseli

The price of excellence is labor, and time that of immortality.

~Henry Fuseli

Ancient art was the tyrant of Egypt, the mistress of Greece and the servant of Rome.

~Henry Fuseli

The superiority of the Greeks seems not so much the result of climate and society, as of the simplicity of their end and the uniformity of their means.

~Henry Fuseli

Life is rapid, art is slow, occasion coy, practice fallacious, and judgment partial.

~Henry Fuseli

Heaven and earth, advantages and obstacles, conspire to educate genius.

~Henry Fuseli

Raffaels drapery is the assistant of character, in Michelangelo it envelopes grandeur; it is in Reubens the ponderous robe of pomp.

~Henry Fuseli

When we idealize the real, we sacrifice to artistic fancy.

~Henry Fuseli

Tintoretto attempted to fill the line of Michelangelo with color, without tracing its principle.

~Henry Fuseli

Selection is the invention of the landscape painter.

~Henry Fuseli

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