

Hermann Hesse

Quotes

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Within you there is a stillness and sanctuary to which you can retreat at any time and be yourself

~Hermann Hesse

I have always believed, and I still believe, that whatever good or bad fortune may come our way we can always give it meaning and transform it into something of value.

~Hermann Hesse

If you hate a person, you hate something in him that is part of yourself. What isn't part of ourselves doesn't disturb us.

~Hermann Hesse

Some of us think holding on makes us strong; but sometimes it is letting go.

~Hermann Hesse

When you like someone, you like them in spite of their faults. When you love someone, you love them with their faults.

~Hermann Hesse

The bird fights its way out of the egg. The egg is the world. Who would be born must first destroy a world. The bird flies to God. The God's name is Abraxas.

~Hermann Hesse

I live in my dreams â€” that's what you sense. Other people live in dreams, but not in their own. That's the difference.

~Hermann Hesse

Knowledge can be communicated, but not wisdom. One can find it, live it, be fortified by it, do wonders through it, but one cannot communicate and teach it.

~Hermann Hesse

I have been and still am a seeker, but I have ceased to question stars and books; I have begun to listen to the teaching my blood whispers to me.

~Hermann Hesse

Whoever wants music instead of noise, joy instead of pleasure, soul instead of gold, creative work instead of business, passion instead of foolery, finds no home in this trivial world of ours.

~Hermann Hesse

You have to try the impossible to achieve the possible

~Hermann Hesse

Every experience has its element of magic.

~Hermann Hesse

You must find your dream...but no dream lasts forever, each dream is followed by another, and one should not cling to any particular dream.

~Hermann Hesse

I wanted only to live in accord with the promptings which came from my true self. Why was that so very difficult?

~Hermann Hesse

Love your suffering. Do not resist it, do not flee from it. It is only your aversion to it that hurts, nothing else.

~Hermann Hesse

You are only afraid if you are not in harmony with yourself. People are afraid because they have never owned up to themselves. A whole society composed of men afraid of the unknown within them!

~Hermann Hesse

Happiness is a how; not a what. A talent, not an object.

~Hermann Hesse

I began to understand that suffering and disappointments and melancholy are there not to vex us or cheapen us or deprive us of our dignity but to mature and transfigure us.

~Hermann Hesse

People with courage and character always seem sinister to the rest.

~Hermann Hesse

There is no reality except the one contained within us.

~Hermann Hesse

God does not send us despair in order to kill us; he sends it in order to awaken us to new life.

~Hermann Hesse

A tree has something to say to us: Be still! Be still! Look at me!... Home is within you, or home is nowhere at all.

~Hermann Hesse

If I know what love is, it is because of you.

~Hermann Hesse

The truth is lived, not taught.

~Hermann Hesse

The call of death is a call of love. Death can be sweet if we answer it in the affirmative, if we accept it as one of the great eternal forms of life and transformation.

~Hermann Hesse

I am fond of music I think because it is so amoral. Everything else is moral and I am after something that isn't. I have always found

moralizing intolerable.

~Hermann Hesse

I realize today that nothing in the world is more distasteful to a man than to take the path that leads to himself.

~Hermann Hesse

When the suffering becomes acute enough, one goes forward.

~Hermann Hesse

Happiness is love, nothing else. A man who is capable of love is happy.

~Hermann Hesse

The marvel of the Bhagavad-Gita is its truly beautiful revelation of life's wisdom which enables philosophy to blossom into religion.

~Hermann Hesse

. . . gentleness is stronger than severity, water is stronger than rock, love is stronger than force.

~Hermann Hesse

What constitutes a real, live human being is more of a mystery than ever these days, and men each one of whom is a valuable, unique experiment on the part of nature are shot down wholesale.

~Hermann Hesse

You are only afraid if you are not in harmony with yourself. People are afraid because they have never owned up to themselves.

~Hermann Hesse

You must find your dream, then the way becomes easy.

~Hermann Hesse

As a body everyone is single, as a soul never.

~Hermann Hesse

Within us there is someone who knows everything, wills everything, does everything better than we ourselves.

~Hermann Hesse

Solitude is independence.

~Hermann Hesse

Each man had only one genuine vocation to find the way to himself.

~Hermann Hesse

A house without books is a poor house, even if beautiful rugs are covering its floors and precious wallpapers and pictures cover its walls

~Hermann Hesse

Because the world is so full of death and horror, I try again and again to console my heart and pick the flowers that grow in the midst of hell.

~Hermann Hesse

We have to stumble through so much dirt and humbug before we reach home. And we have no one to guide us. Our only guide is our homesickness.

~Hermann Hesse

Life is waiting everywhere, the future is flowering everywhere, but we only see a small part of it and step on much of it with our feet

~Hermann Hesse

Every man's story is important, eternal and sacred. That is why every man, as long as he lives and fulfills the will of nature, is wondrous and worthy of every consideration.

~Hermann Hesse

madness, in a higher sense, is the beginning of all wisdom

~Hermann Hesse

Those who are too lazy and comfortable to think for themselves and be their own judges obey the laws. Others sense their own laws within them.

~Hermann Hesse

Not in his speech, not in his thoughts, I see his greatness, only in his actions, in his life.

~Hermann Hesse

Any attempt to replace a personal conscience by a collective conscience does violence to the individual and is the first step toward totalitarianism.

~Hermann Hesse

I am in truth the Steppenwolf that I often call myself; that beast astray that finds neither home nor joy nor nourishment in a world that is strange and incomprehensible to him.

~Hermann Hesse

The man of power is ruined by power, the man of money by money, the submissive man by subservience, the pleasure seeker by pleasure.

~Hermann Hesse

You can ride, you can travel with a friend of your own; The final step you must take alone. No wisdom is better than this when known: That every hard thing is done alone.

~Hermann Hesse

What you call passion is not spiritual force, but friction between the soul and the outside world.

~Hermann Hesse

When dealing with the insane, the best method is to pretend to be sane.

~Hermann Hesse

Seriousness is an accident of time. It consists of putting too high a value on time. In eternity there is no time. Eternity is a moment, just long enough for a joke

~Hermann Hesse

How beautiful the world was when one looked at it, without searching... just looked, simply and innocently.

~Hermann Hesse

Oh, love isn't there to make us happy. I believe it exists to show us how much we can endure.

~Hermann Hesse

Loneliness is the way by which destiny endeavors to lead man to himself.

~Hermann Hesse

Faith and doubt go hand in hand, they are complementaries. One who never doubts will never truly believe.

~Hermann Hesse

Our mind is capable of passing beyond the dividing line we have drawn for it. Beyond the pairs of opposites of which the world consists, other, new insights begin.

~Hermann Hesse

Each man's life represents a road toward himself.

~Hermann Hesse

We are not going in circles, we are going upwards. The path is a spiral;

we have already climbed many steps.

~Hermann Hesse

What isn't part of ourselves doesn't disturb us.

~Hermann Hesse

Love must not entreat,' she added, 'or demand. Love must have the strength to become certain within itself. Then it ceases merely to be attracted and begins to attract.

~Hermann Hesse

The true profession of a man is to find his way to himself.

~Hermann Hesse

Learn what is to be taken seriously and laugh at the rest.

~Hermann Hesse

Youth ends when egotism does; maturity begins when one lives for others.

~Hermann Hesse

Wisdom is nothing but a preparation of the soul, a capacity, a secret art of thinking, feeling and breathing thoughts of unity at every moment of life.

~Hermann Hesse

A man who is ill-adjusted to the world is always on the verge of finding himself. One who is adjusted to the world never finds himself, but gets to be a cabinet minister.

~Hermann Hesse

If a man has nothing to eat, fasting is the most intelligent thing he can do.

~Hermann Hesse

Wisdom is not communicable. The wisdom which a wise man tries to communicate always sounds foolish.

~Hermann Hesse

One never reaches home, but wherever friendly paths intersect the whole world looks like home for a time.

~Hermann Hesse

If time is not real, then the dividing line between this world and eternity, between suffering and bliss, between good and evil, is also an illusion.

~Hermann Hesse

The best weapons against the infamies of life are courage, wilfulness and patience. Courage strengthens, wilfulness is fun and patience provides tranquility.

~Hermann Hesse

They both listened silently to the water, which to them was not just water, but the voice of life, the voice of Being, the voice of perpetual Becoming.

~Hermann Hesse

Once you are able to make your request in such a way that you will be quite certain of its fulfillment, then the fulfillment will come.

~Hermann Hesse

Beautiful was this world, looking at it thus, without searching, thus simply, thus childlike.

~Hermann Hesse

Without words, without writing and without books there would be no history, there could be no concept of humanity.

~Hermann Hesse

Age is a state of mind. Youth and age exist only among the ordinary people. All the more talented and exceptional of us; are sometimes old, just as we are sometimes happy, and sometimes sad.

~Hermann Hesse

The deity is within you, not in ideas and books. Truth is lived, not taught.

~Hermann Hesse

What could I say to you that would be of value, except that perhaps you seek too much, that as a result of your seeking you cannot find.

~Hermann Hesse

Never is a man wholly a saint or a sinner.

~Hermann Hesse

For the first time in my life I tasted death, and death tasted bitter, for death is birth, is fear and dread of some terrible renewal.

~Hermann Hesse

I was out of my bed in one second, trembling with excitement, and I dashed to the door and into the adjoining room, where I could watch the streets below from the windows.

~Hermann Hesse

Words can not express the joy of new life.

~Hermann Hesse

I felt knowledge and the unity of the world circulate in me like my own blood.

~Hermann Hesse

our friendship has no other purpose, no other reason, than to show you how utterly unlike me you are.

~Hermann Hesse

Every path leads homeward, every step is birth, every step is death, every grave is mother.

~Hermann Hesse

You are willing to die, you coward, but not to live.

~Hermann Hesse

To achieve the possible, we must attempt the impossible again and again.

~Hermann Hesse

Only the ideas that we really live have any value.

~Hermann Hesse

What for me is bliss and life and ecstasy and exaltation, the world in general seeks at most in imagination; in life it finds it absurd.

~Hermann Hesse

It is not our purpose to become each other; it is to recognize each other, to learn to see the other and honor him for what he is: each the other's opposite and complement.

~Hermann Hesse

Beauty does not bring happiness to the one who possesses it, but to the one who loves and admires it.

~Hermann Hesse

Art is the contemplation of the world in a state of grace.

~Hermann Hesse

Each of us is merely one human being, merely an experiment, a way station. But each of us should be on the way toward perfection, should

be striving to reach the center, not the periphery.

~Hermann Hesse

The bourgeois prefers comfort to pleasure, convenience to liberty, and a pleasant temperature to the deathly inner consuming fire.

~Hermann Hesse

Your soul is the whole world.

~Hermann Hesse

My real self wanders elsewhere, far away, wanders on and on invisibly and has nothing to do with my life.

~Hermann Hesse

Only within yourself exists that other reality for which you long.

~Hermann Hesse

Should we be mindful of dreams?" Joseph asked. "Can we interpret them?" The Master looked into his eyes and said tersely: "We should be mindful of everything, for we can interpret everything.

~Hermann Hesse

Look: We hate nothing that exists, not even death, suffering and dying, does not horrify our souls, as long as we learn more deeply to love.

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