

Jean-Paul Sartre

Quotes

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If you are lonely when you're alone, you are in bad company.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Man is nothing else but what he purposes, he exists only in so far as he realizes himself, he is therefore nothing else but the sum of his actions, nothing else but what his life is.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Every word has consequences. Every silence, too.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

We are our choices.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Man is condemned to be free; because once thrown into the world, he is responsible for everything he does.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Before you come alive, life is nothing; it 's up to you to give it a meaning, and value is nothing else but the meaning that you choose.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

What is life but an unpleasant interruption to a peaceful nonexistence.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

We only become what we are by the radical and deep-seated refusal of that which others have made of us.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I'm going to smile, and my smile will sink down into your pupils, and heaven knows what it will become.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Man is nothing else but what he makes of himself. [It is a matter of

choice, not chance.] Such is the first principle of existentialism.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Everything has been figured out, except how to live.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Only the guy who isn't rowing has time to rock the boat.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Freedom is what you do with what's been done to you.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

There may be more beautiful times, but this one is ours.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Life has no meaning the moment you lose the illusion of being eternal.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

We do not judge the people we love.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Like all dreamers, I mistook disenchantment for truth.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

your judgement judges you and defines you

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I had found my religion: nothing seemed more important to me than a book. I saw the library as a temple.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

What do we mean by saying that existence precedes essence? We mean that man first of all exists, encounters himself, surges up in the world-and defines himself afterward.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

the worst part about being lied to is knowing you weren't worth the truth

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I think of death only with tranquility, as an end. I refuse to let death hamper life. Death must enter life only to define it.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Sometimes the truth is too simple for intellectuals.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Man is what he wills himself to be.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Hell is other people at breakfast.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

There is only one day left, always starting over: it is given to us at dawn and taken away from us at dusk.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Man is fully responsible for his nature and his choices.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

We must act out passion before we can feel it.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

If you are not already dead, forgive. Rancor is heavy, it is worldly; leave it on earth: die light.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Imagination is not an empirical or superadded power of consciousness, it is the whole of consciousness as it realizes its freedom.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

It is not a matter of indifference whether we like oysters or clams, snails or shrimp, if only we know how to unravel the existential significance of these foods.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

The best work is not what is most difficult for you; it is what you do best.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I am going to outlive myself. Eat, sleep, sleep, eat. Exist slowly, softly, like these trees, like a puddle of water, like the red bench in the streetcar.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

The aim of language...is to communicate...to impart to others the results one has obtained...As I talk, I reveal the situation...I reveal it to myself and to others in order to change it.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Politics is a science. You can demonstrate that you are right and that others are wrong.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Fascism is not defined by the number of its victims, but by the way it kills them.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

In football everything is complicated by the presence of the opposite team.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

When the rich [and politically powerful] make war, it's the poor [and

politically weak] who die.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Every existing thing is born without reason, prolongs itself out of weakness, and dies by chance.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I had spent my time counterfeiting eternity.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

There are two ways of destroying a people. Either condemn them en bloc or force them to repudiate the leaders they adopted. The second is the worse.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

If you want to deserve Hell, you need only stay in bed. The world is iniquity; if you accept it, you are an accomplice, if you change it you are an executioner.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I respect orders but I respect myself too and I do not obey foolish rules made especially to humiliate me.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I do not believe in God; his existence has been disproved by Science. But in the concentration camp, I learned to believe in men.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

We do not know what we want and yet we are responsible for what we are - that is the fact.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

To choose not to choose is still to act.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

That's what existence means: draining one's own self dry without the sense of thirst.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

She believed in nothing; only her skepticism kept her from being an atheist.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

The individual's duty is to do what he wants to do, to think whatever he likes, to be accountable to no one but himself, to challenge every idea and every person.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Evil is the product of the ability of humans to make abstract that which is concrete.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I exist. It is soft, so soft, so slow. And light: it seems as though it suspends in the air. It moves.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I want to leave, to go somewhere where I should be really in my place, where I would fit in . . . but my place is nowhere; I am unwanted.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I never could bear the idea of anyone's expecting something from me. It always made me want to do just the opposite.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I do not think therefore I am a moustache

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Commitment is an act, not a word.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

In love, one and one are one.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I exist, that is all, and I find it nauseating.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Man is not the sum of what he has already, but rather the sum of what he does not yet have, of what he could have.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

All I can do is make the best of what I am, become accustomed to it, evaluate the possibilities, and take advantage of them the best I can.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I suppose it is out of laziness that the world is the same day after day. Today it seemed to want to change. And then anything, anything could happen.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

A kiss without a moustache, they said then, is like an egg without salt; I will add to it: and it is like Good without Evil.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Philosophy which does not help to illuminate the process of the liberation of the oppressed should be rejected.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

If I became a philosopher, if I have so keenly sought this fame for which I'm still waiting, it's all been to seduce women basically.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

We make our own hell out of the people around us.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

What do I care about Jupiter? Justice is a human issue, and I do not need a god to teach it to me.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I can always choose, but I ought to know that if I do not choose, I am still choosing.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Acting is a question of absorbing other people's personalities and adding some of your own experience.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Genius is what a man invents when he is looking for a way out.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

If you seek authenticity for authenticity's sake you are no longer authentic.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

The [Communist] Party has one objective: the creation of a socialist economy; and one means: the utilization of the class struggle.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

You are -- your life, and nothing else.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Life begins on the other side of despair.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Words are loaded pistols.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Words are more treacherous and powerful than we think.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Because we can imagine, we are free.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I confused things with their names: that is belief.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I think that is the big danger in keeping a diary: you exaggerate everything.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

All that I know about my life, it seems, I have learned in books.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

One is still what one is going to cease to be and already what one is going to become. One lives one's death, one dies one's life.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I tell you in truth: all men are Prophets or else God does not exist.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

It disturbs me no more to find men base, unjust, or selfish than to see apes mischievous, wolves savage, or the vulture ravenous.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

When rich people fight wars with one another, poor people are the ones to die.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I will not be modest. Humble, as much as you like, but not modest. Modesty is the virtue of the lukewarm.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Handing over a bank note is enough to make a bicycle belong to me, but my entire life is needed to realize this possession.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Smooth and smiling faces everywhere, but ruin in their eyes.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Three o'clock is always too late or too early for anything you want to do.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Several hours or several years make no difference once you have lost eternity.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I am a man, Jupiter, and each man must invent his own path.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Death is a continuation of my life without me.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

A writer must refuse to allow himself to be transformed into an institution, even if it takes place in the most honorable form.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

People who live in society have learnt how to see themselves, in mirrors, as they appear to their friends. I have no friends: is that why my flesh is so naked?

~Jean-Paul Sartre

One of the chief motives of artistic creation is certainly the need of feeling that we are essential in relationship to the world.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I'd come to realize that all our troubles spring from our failure to use plain, clear-cut language.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Once freedom lights its beacon in man's heart, the gods are powerless against him.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

In a word, man must create his own essence: it is in throwing himself into the world, suffering there, struggling there, that he gradually defines himself.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

I have such a desire to sleep and am so much behind my sleep. A good night, one good night and all this nonsense will be swept away.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Every human endeavor, however singular it seems, involves the whole human race.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Nothingness haunts Being.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Violence is good for those who have nothing to lose.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

A lost battle is a battle one thinks one has lost.

~Jean-Paul Sartre

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