

# Jose Bergamin

## Quotes

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A belief which leaves no place for doubt is not a belief; it is a superstition.

~Jose Bergamin

To be ready to fail is to be prepared for success.

~Jose Bergamin

Pride in a man is confused with dignity; in a woman, with self-love.

~Jose Bergamin

Sensuality without love is a sin; love without sensuality is worse than a sin.

~Jose Bergamin

Effort and result are never simultaneous. In art, only the result counts.

~Jose Bergamin

Tradition simply means that we need to end what began well and continue what is worth continuing

~Jose Bergamin

It may be impossible to have a revolution without crimes but that does not make revolution a crime.

~Jose Bergamin

To light one candle to God and another to the Devil is the principle of wisdom.

~Jose Bergamin

The thirst for adventure is the vent which Destiny offers; a war, a crusade, a gold mine, a new country, speak to the imagination and offer.

~Jose Bergamin

Who learns most from a good book is the author.

~Jose Bergamin

You can hesitate before deciding, but not once the decision is made.

~Jose Bergamin

The novel is born of disillusionment; the poem, of despair.

~Jose Bergamin

Happiness is always a coincidence.

~Jose Bergamin

You can say the opposite of something you've said but you can't do the opposite of something you've done.

~Jose Bergamin

Drinking spirits cannot cause spiritual damage.

~Jose Bergamin

The man who gets drunk in peacetime is a coward. The man who gets drunk in wartime goes on being a coward.

~Jose Bergamin

To sin offers repentance and forgiveness; not to sin offers only punishment.

~Jose Bergamin

There are those who dance to the rhythm that is played to them, those who only dance to their own rhythm, and those who don't dance at all.

~Jose Bergamin

A piece of advice always contains an implicit threat, just as a threat always contains an implicit piece of advice.

~Jose Bergamin

In French literature, you can choose a la carte; in Spanish literature, there is only the set meal.

~Jose Bergamin

If you really believe music is dangerous, you should let it go in one ear and out the other.

~Jose Bergamin

Only one thing has to matter for everything to matter.

~Jose Bergamin

Do we have to talk in order to agree or agree in order to talk?

~Jose Bergamin

The first condition for making music is not to make a noise.

~Jose Bergamin

True solidarity is only possible among the solitary.

~Jose Bergamin

Better than succeeding little by little is failing at one go.

~Jose Bergamin

Ignorance is learned; innocence is forgotten.

~Jose Bergamin

There are no good or bad habits. All habits are, by definition, bad.

~Jose Bergamin

Theology is the logic of the Devil.

~Jose Bergamin

To be thirsty and to drink water is the perfection of sensuality rarely achieved. Sometimes you drink water; other times you are thirsty.

~Jose Bergamin

The most original sin is not the thinker's but the poet's.

~Jose Bergamin

A German immersed in any civilization different from his own loses a weight equivalent in volume to the amount of intelligence he displaces.

~Jose Bergamin

To be young is to live in the hope of escaping youth; to be old, in the despair of having succeeded.

~Jose Bergamin

A rocket is an experiment; a star is an observation.

~Jose Bergamin

Erik Satie does not say the opposite of Debussy; he says the same thing only the other way round.

~Jose Bergamin

When there is nothing to fear is the time to begin fearing everything.

~Jose Bergamin

We say of an animal that it is intelligent, and we say the same thing of a woman; but in neither case is it usually appropriate, clearly for very different reasons.

~Jose Bergamin

Art is good but it isn't the best.

~Jose Bergamin

Even if you're not going anywhere, don't get in the way.

~Jose Bergamin

The only time a man thinks is when he's alone.

~Jose Bergamin

The quality of a man's mind can generally be judged by the size of his wastepaper basket.

~Jose Bergamin

When I listen to the engine of my car, I might say it sounds fine, but it would not occur to me to say "What lovely music!"

~Jose Bergamin

Morality measured in centimeters: all mothers believe that only their daughters dance decently.

~Jose Bergamin

I fear only that which I love, says man, according to Montaigne. Woman replies: I love only that which I fear.

~Jose Bergamin

When you are listening to music it is better to cover your eyes than your ears.

~Jose Bergamin

Try not to turn your life into a race, least of all an obstacle race.

~Jose Bergamin

Man is a question; woman is an answer. The mistake women make today is to offer themselves as answers before being questioned.

~Jose Bergamin

All true tradition usually appears revolutionary.

~Jose Bergamin

Those who are scandalized by a naked body--thinks the Devil--are easy

prey: they are already doomed.

~Jose Bergamin

What is reasoned has nothing to do with what is reasonable.

~Jose Bergamin

Skepticism is provisional, even if it lasts a lifetime.

~Jose Bergamin

A rocket is a reed that thinks brilliantly.

~Jose Bergamin

Life is a dangerous adventure, says the American, and he is half right: life is dangerous, but it's not an adventure.

~Jose Bergamin

True art tries not to attract attention in order to be noticed.

~Jose Bergamin

A woman who does not become the slave of just one man becomes the slave of all men.

~Jose Bergamin

In love, it is the weak who strike and the strong who caress.

~Jose Bergamin

When the English have scored a goal, they think nothing more remains to be done.

~Jose Bergamin

You need to have a God, a lover, and an enemy, says the poet. Exactly: you need to have three enemies.

~Jose Bergamin

The barometer that shows "variable" is an ironic indictment of God.

~Jose Bergamin

The man who spends all his time looking up to heaven is not always the best; in fact, he is usually the worst.

~Jose Bergamin

An ignorance of Marx is as frequent among Marxists as an ignorance of Christ is among Catholics.

~Jose Bergamin

A reformer knows neither how to do nor to undo.

~Jose Bergamin



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