

# Julien Benda

## Quotes

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Humble, Powerful, Jesus, Struggle, Greek, Spiritual, Love, Europe, Would Be,  
Military*

Nothing seems to me more doubtful than Aristotle's remark that it is probable the arts and philosophy have several times been discovered and several times lost.

~Julien Benda

The man of science, the artist, the philosopher are attached to their nations as much as the day-laborer and the merchant.

~Julien Benda

I shall go further and say that even if an examination of the past could lead to any valid prediction concerning man's future, that prediction would be the contrary of reassuring.

~Julien Benda

It may be said that modern Europe with teachers who inform it that its realist instincts are beautiful, acts ill and honors what is ill.

~Julien Benda

Peace, if it ever exists, will not be based on the fear of war but on the love of peace.

~Julien Benda

And History will smile to think that this is the species for which Socrates and Jesus Christ died.

~Julien Benda

The modern moralists extol ... the cult of practical activity in defiance of the disinterested life.

~Julien Benda

The modern clerics have created in so-called cultivated society a positive romanticism of harshness. They have also created a romanticism of contempt.

~Julien Benda

Peace is only possible if men cease to place their happiness in the possession of things which cannot be shared.

~Julien Benda

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