

# Le Corbusier Quotes

*Cities, Architecture, Light, House, Beautiful, Order, Eye, Style, Play, Lying,  
Creating, Men, Citizens, States, Art, Building, World, Planning, Heart, Simple*

Space and light and order. Those are the things that men need just as much as they need bread or a place to sleep.

~Le Corbusier

Architecture is the learned game, correct and magnificent, of forms assembled in the light.

~Le Corbusier

Architecture is the masterly, correct, and magnificent play of masses brought together in light. Our eyes are made to see forms in light: light and shade reveal these forms.

~Le Corbusier

Light creates ambience and feel of a place, as well as the expression of a structure.

~Le Corbusier

The materials of city planning are: sky, space, trees, steel and cement; in that order and that hierarchy.

~Le Corbusier

The purpose of construction is TO MAKE THINGS HOLD TOGETHER; of architecture TO MOVE US.

~Le Corbusier

I prefer drawing to talking. Drawing is faster, and leaves less room for lies.

~Le Corbusier

Chairs are architecture, sofas are bourgeois.

~Le Corbusier

You don't start a revolution by fighting the state but by presenting the solutions.

~Le Corbusier

A house is a machine for living in.

~Le Corbusier

Modern life demands, and is waiting for, a new kind of plan, both for the house and the city.

~Le Corbusier

Life never stops. The torment of men will be eternal, unless the function of creating and acting and changing, living intensely through each day, be considered an eternal joy.

~Le Corbusier

To create architecture is to put in order. Put what in order? Function and objects.

~Le Corbusier

The history of architecture is the history of the struggle for light.

~Le Corbusier

The home should be the treasure chest of living.

~Le Corbusier

You know, it is life that is right and the architect who is wrong.

~Le Corbusier

The "styles" are a lie.

~Le Corbusier

Genius is personal, decided by fate, but it expresses itself by means of system. There is no work of art without system.

~Le Corbusier

The present moment is creative, creating with an unheard-of intensity.

~Le Corbusier

Architects everywhere have recognized the need of ... a tool which may be put in the hands of creators of form, with the simple aim ... of making the bad difficult and the good easy.

~Le Corbusier

Belgrade is the ugliest city in the world in the most beautiful place in the world.

~Le Corbusier

By law, all buildings should be white.

~Le Corbusier

Cameras get in the way of seeing.

~Le Corbusier

Vehicular traffic is completely forbidden in the green strips, where tranquility shall reign and the curse of noise shall not penetrate.

~Le Corbusier

The mathematical phenomenon always develops out of simple arithmetic, so useful in everyday life, out of numbers, those weapons of the gods: the gods are there, behind the wall, at play with numbers.

~Le Corbusier

Our own epoch is determining, day by day, its own style. Our eyes, unhappily, are unable yet to discern it.

~Le Corbusier

Our world, like a charnel-house, is strewn with the detritus of dead epochs.

~Le Corbusier

It is a question of building which is at the root of the social unrest of today: architecture or revolution.

~Le Corbusier

My research is like my feeling directed towards what is the principal value in the life, the poetry.

~Le Corbusier

Vehement silhouettes of Manhattan - that vertical city with unimaginable diamonds.

~Le Corbusier

A hundred times have I thought New York is a catastrophe and 50 times: It is a beautiful catastrophe.

~Le Corbusier

When does a building actually become a built?

~Le Corbusier

We must kill the street. We shall truly enter into modern town planning only after we have accepted this preliminary determination.

~Le Corbusier

The city that has speed has success.

~Le Corbusier

Considerable sacrifices were demanded of the inhabitants of the machine in order that purely abstract formal development... might be carried as far as possible.

~Le Corbusier

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