

# Louis-Ferdinand Celine Quotes

*Men, People, Hate, Way, Sleep, Past, Thinking, Lying, Two, Believe, Life Is,  
Dream, Years, Intelligent, War, Life, Vanity, Journey, Looks, Long*

Even diseases have lost their prestige, there aren't so many of them left. Think it over... no more syphilis, no more clap, no more typhoid... antibiotics have taken half the tragedy out of medicine.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

There's no such thing as intelligent vanity. It's an instinct. And you'll never find a man who is not first and foremost vain.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Well, you know... experience is a muffled lantern that throws light only on the bearer...it's incommunicable.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

I have never voted in my life... I have always known and understood that the idiots are in a majority so it's certain they will win.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

An Immense hatred keeps me alive... i would live for a thousand years if i were certain of seeing the whole world croak.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

An unfamiliar city is a fine thing. That's the time and place when you can suppose that all the people you meet are nice. It's dream time.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

To hell with reality! I want to die in music, not in reason or in prose.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

I piss on you all from a considerable height.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Our journey is entirely imaginary. That is its strength.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

The more one is hated, I find, the happier one is.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

The plain truth, I may as well admit it, is that I've never been really right in the head.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Never believe straight off in a man's unhappiness. Ask him if he can still sleep. If the answer's "yes," all's well. That is enough.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Almost every desire a poor man has is a punishable offence.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

All that makes a lunatic are the very ordinary ideas of mankind shut up inside a man's head.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

The poetry of heroism appeals irresistibly to those who don't go to a war, and even more to those whom the war is making enormously wealthy. It's always so.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

When men can hate without risk, their stupidity is easily convinced, the motives supply themselves.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

When you stay too long in the same place, things and people go to rot on you, they rot and start stinking for your special benefit.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

All great innovations are built on rejections.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Life must go on, even if it's no joke...just pretend to believe in the future.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Reason died in 1914, November 1914 ... after that everybody began to rave.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Philosophizing is simply one way of being afraid, a cowardly pretense that doesn't get you anywhere.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Since life consists of madness spiked with lies, the farther you are from each other the more lies you can put into it and the happier you'll be. That's only natural and normal. Truth is inedible.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Women always have some mental reservation.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

In the kitchens of love, after all, vice is like the pepper in a good sauce; it brings out the flavor, it's indispensable.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

My trouble is insomnia. If I had always slept properly, I'd never have written a line.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

If it is your duty to croak like the toad, then go ahead! And with all your might! Make them hear you!

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

People avenge themselves for the favors done them.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

You can lose your way groping among the shadows of the past.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

The beginning of genius is being scared shitless.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Troubles are as endless as pleasures are brief.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Life is filigree work. What is written clearly is not worth much, it's the transparency that counts.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

If you aren't rich you should always look useful.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

When it becomes really impossible to get away and sleep, then the will to live evaporates of its own accord.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

I'd seen too many troubling things to be easy in my mind. I knew too much and not enough. I'd better go out, I said to myself, I'd better go out again.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Most people die at the last minute; others twenty years beforehand, some even earlier. They are the wretched of the earth.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Poor people never, or hardly ever, ask for an explanation of all they have to put up with. They hate one another, and content themselves with that.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Truth is a pain which will not stop. And the truth of this world is to die. You must choose: either dying or lying. Personally, I have never been able to kill myself

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Experience is a dim lamp, which only lights the one who bears it.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

The mind is satisfied with phrased, but not the body, the body is more fastidious, it wants muscles. A body always tells the truth, that's why it's usually depressing and disgusting to look at.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Love is like liquor, the drunker and more impotent you are, the stronger and smarter you think yourself and the surer you are of your rights.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

One can't relive one's life. Forgiveness is not what's difficult; one's always too ready to forgive. And it does no good, that's obvious.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

To travel is very useful, it makes the imagination work, the rest is just delusion and pain. Our journey is entirely imaginary, which is its strength.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

I warn you that when the princes of this world start loving you it means they are going to grind you up into battle sausage.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

That is perhaps what we seek throughout life, that and nothing more, the greatest possible sorrow so as to become fully ourselves before dying.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Love, Arthur, is a poodle's chance of attaining the infinite, and personally I have my pride.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

The sadness of the world has different ways of getting to people, but it seems to succeed almost every time.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

To philosophize is only another way of being afraid and leads hardly anywhere but to cowardly make-believe.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Only a complete alcoholic can think life is funny ... any life!.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

With two thousand years of Christianity behind him... a man can't see a regiment of soldiers march past without going off the deep end. It starts off far too many ideas in his head.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

People don't deserve the restraint we show by not going into delirium in front of them.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

In circumstances of real tragedy you see things straight away...past, present, and future together.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

I was a hundred-percent sick, I felt as if I had no further use for my legs, they just hung over the edge of my bed like unimportant and rather ridiculous objects.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Lots of men are like that, their artistic leanings never go beyond a

weakness for shapely thighs.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

There is no rest for the humble except in despising the great, whose only thought of the people is inspired by self-interest or sadism.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

It is of men, and of them only, that one should always be frightened.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

There's no tyrant like a brain.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

History doesn't pass the dishes again.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

The rich don't have to kill to eat. They employ people, as they call it. The rich don't do evil themselves. They pay. People do all they can to please them, and everybody's happy.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

A man should be resigned to knowing himself a little better each day if he hasn't got the guts to put an end to his sniveling once and for all.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

All in all, death is something like marriage.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Love is the infinite placed within the reach of poodles. I have my dignity!

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

When you stop to examine the way in which our words are formed and uttered, our sentences are hard-put to it to survive the disaster of their



slobbery origins.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

The novel can't compete with cars, the movies, television, and liquor. A guy who's had a good feed and tanked up on good wine gives his old lady a kiss after supper and his day is over. Finished.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

Living, just by itself - what a dirge that is! Life is a classroom and Boredom's the usher, there all the time to spy on you.

~Louis-Ferdinand Celine

### **Related Links:**

- Men Quotes
- People Quotes
- Hate Quotes
- Way Quotes
- Sleep Quotes
- Past Quotes
- Thinking Quotes
- Lying Quotes
- Two Quotes
- Believe Quotes
- Life Is Quotes
- Dream Quotes
- Years Quotes
- Intelligent Quotes
- War Quotes
- Life Quotes
- Vanity Quotes
- Journey Quotes
- Looks Quotes
- Long Quotes