

Michael Ventura

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If I had the money and the drinking capacity, I'd probably live at a roulette table and let my life go to hell.

~Michael Ventura

All paths cause pain, so to chose the safe over the audacious will not give you less pain, only less beauty.

~Michael Ventura

It may be that it is not given to us to know when we are angels. We may only be given to know when others are. This may be one of the reasons we need each other so.

~Michael Ventura

Leave people alone when they tell you to leave them alone. If they mean it, they need it.

~Michael Ventura

Be careful how you choose your enemy, for you will come to resemble him. The moment you adapt your enemy's methods your enemy has won. The rest is suffering and historical opera.

~Michael Ventura

To be physically astute and psychologically tended, yet morally insulated and conceptually blind--is to be crazy, not healthy.

~Michael Ventura

If your vulnerability has become hardened, it's very, very difficult to be creative.

~Michael Ventura

An artist without obsession isn't worth a damn!

~Michael Ventura

The people you have to lie to, own you. The things you have to lie

about, own you.

~Michael Ventura

Stop tolerating in your leaders what you would not tolerate in your friends.

~Michael Ventura

My employer uses twenty-six years of my life for every year I get to keep. And what do I get in return for the enormous thing I am giving? What do I get in return for my life?

~Michael Ventura

I never get my creativity flowing. I'm a pro, this is how I earn my living. If it don't flow, I don't eat.

~Michael Ventura

Our choices are truncated in evil's presence.

~Michael Ventura

Most of us aren't very graceful about not having our needs met, when and how we want them met.

~Michael Ventura

There are writers I know and respect who are very good about what's outside, and not too hot about what's inside.

~Michael Ventura

That's what America's all about, man, if it's about anything. You can choose your own name.

~Michael Ventura

I require and enforce as non-interrupted a state of living as you can get in America right now without going off to live by yourself in the mountains.

~Michael Ventura

My spirit life very much depends on my work. My work very much depends on my spirit life. And I pray every day, as part of my own ritual, to a god I believe in, not a god somebody else believes in.

~Michael Ventura

Good is not the opposite of evil, joy is the opposite of evil.

~Michael Ventura

The element of obsession is terribly important for an artist.

~Michael Ventura

My spirit life is also the medium in which I live. It's not something that comes and goes. Without one the other wouldn't exist.

~Michael Ventura

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