

Novalis Quotes

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Soul, Dream, Spiritual, Lying, Doe, Inspirational, Fate, Heaven, Heart, Way*

A hero is one who knows how to hang on one minute longer.

~Novalis

Life must not be a novel that is given to us, but one that is made by us.

~Novalis

Learning is pleasurable but doing is the height of enjoyment.

~Novalis

Where are we really going? Always home.

~Novalis

Poetry heals the wounds inflicted by reason.

~Novalis

There is but one temple in the universe, and that is the body of man.

~Novalis

The mysterious path goes inward. It is in us, and not anywhere else, where the eternity of the worlds, the past and the future are found.

~Novalis

In cheerful souls there is no wit. Wit shows a disturbance of the equipoise.

~Novalis

When you understand how to love one thing, then you also understand how to love everything.

~Novalis

Nature is an aeolian harp, a musical instrument whose tones are the re-echo of higher strings within us.

~Novalis

Character and fate are two words for the same thing

~Novalis

In a work of art, chaos must shimmer through the veil of order.

~Novalis

Love is the final end of the world's history, the Amen of the universe.

~Novalis

The seat of the soul is where the inner world and the outer world meet. Where they overlap, it is in every point of the overlap.

~Novalis

Everything at a distance turns into poetry; distant mountains, distant people, distant events; all become Romantic.

~Novalis

Every beloved object is the center point of a paradise.

~Novalis

We are more closely connected to the invisible than to the visible.

~Novalis

The Bible begins gloriously with Paradise, the symbol of youth, and ends with the everlasting kingdom, with the holy city. The history of every man should be a Bible.

~Novalis

All the events of our life are materials of which we can make what we will.

~Novalis

The badge of honesty is simplicity.

~Novalis

Accident is simply unforeseen order.

~Novalis

Philosophy is properly home-sickness; the wish to be everywhere at home.

~Novalis

The history of every individual man should be a Bible.

~Novalis

Man has his being in truth--if he sacrifices truth he sacrifices himself. Whoever betrays truth betrays himself. It is not a question of lying--but of acting against one's conviction.

~Novalis

I often feel, and ever more deeply I realize, that fate and character are the same conception.

~Novalis

Many things are too delicate to be thought; many more, to be spoken.

~Novalis

You are alone with everything you love.

~Novalis

Not only England, but every Englishman is an island.

~Novalis

Christianity is the root of all democracy, the highest fact in the rights of men.

~Novalis

Man is a sun and his senses are the planets.

~Novalis

Man is lyrical, woman epic, marriage dramatic.

~Novalis

Only an artist can interpret the meaning of life.

~Novalis

Only as far as a man is happily married to himself is he fit for married life and family life in general.

~Novalis

Humanity is the higher meaning of our planet, the nerve that connects this part of it with the upper world, the eye it raises to heaven.

~Novalis

Knowledge is only one half. Faith is the other.

~Novalis

The artist belongs to his work, not the work to the artist.

~Novalis

One should, when overwhelmed by the shadow of a giant, move aside and see if the colossal shadow isn't merely that of a pygmy blocking out the sun.

~Novalis

The highest purpose of intellectual cultivation is to give a man a perfect knowledge and mastery of his own inner self.

~Novalis

Our bodies are molded rivers.

~Novalis

The individual soul should seek for an intimate union with the soul of the universe.

~Novalis

Character is perfectly educated will.

~Novalis

Philosophy can bake no bread; but she can procure for us God, Freedom, Immortality. Which, then, is more practical, Philosophy or Economy?

~Novalis

We are near waking when we dream we are dreaming.

~Novalis

To get to know a truth properly, one must polemicize it.

~Novalis

Every stage of education begins with childhood. That is why the most educated person on earth so much resembles a child.

~Novalis

Every disease is a musical problem; every cure is a musical solution.

~Novalis

We never completely comprehend ourselves, but we can do far more than comprehend.

~Novalis

Perceptibility is a kind of attentiveness.

~Novalis

The ideal of morality has no more dangerous rival than the ideal of highest strength, of most powerful life. It is the maximum of the savage.

~Novalis

Prayer is to religion what thinking is to philosophy. To pray is to make religion.

~Novalis

The true Poet is all-knowing; he is an actual world in miniature.

~Novalis

Philosophy ... bears witness to the deepest love of reflection, to absolute delight in wisdom.

~Novalis

One can not understand language because language cannot understand itself; does not want to understand

~Novalis

To philosophize means to make vivid.

~Novalis

Nothing is more indispensable to true religiosity than a mediator that links us with divinity.

~Novalis

Where children are, there is the golden age.

~Novalis

A character is a completely fashioned will.

~Novalis

It is certain my belief gains quite infinitely the very moment I can convince another mind thereof

~Novalis

There is an energy which springs from sickness and debility: it has a more powerful effect than the real, but, sadly, expires in an even

greater infirmity.

~Novalis

Fate and temperament are the names of a concept.

~Novalis

Many books are longer than they seem. They have indeed no end. The boredom that they cause is truly absolute and infinite.

~Novalis

To know a truth well, one must have fought it out.

~Novalis

Humanity is a comic role.

~Novalis

Philosophy is really nostalgia, the desire to be at home.

~Novalis

All power appears only in transition. Permanent power is stuff.

~Novalis

Building worlds is not enough for the deeper urging mind; but a loving heart sates the striving spirit.

~Novalis

Play is experimenting with chance.

~Novalis

Everywhere we seek the Absolute, and always we find only things.

~Novalis

Mathematics is the Life of the Gods.

~Novalis

Doing philosophy is only a threefold or double kind of waking--being awake--consciousness.

~Novalis

Only the most perfect human being can design the most perfect philosophy.

~Novalis

The best thing about the sciences is their philosophical ingredient, like life for an organic body. If one dephilosophizes the sciences, what remains left? Earth, air, and water.

~Novalis

Friends, the soil is poor, we must sow seeds in plenty for us to garner even modest harvests.

~Novalis

We touch heaven when we lay our hand on a human body!

~Novalis

Nature is a petrified magic city.

~Novalis

What delights, what pleasures does your life offer you that outweigh the raptures of death?

~Novalis

The world must be romanticized. In this way the originary meaning may be found again.

~Novalis

Genius in general is poetic. Where genius has been active it has been poetically active. The truly moral person is a poet.

~Novalis

The poem of the understanding is philosophy.

~Novalis

To become properly acquainted with a truth, we must first have disbelieved it, and disputed against it.

~Novalis

We are on a mission: we are called to the cultivation of the earth .

~Novalis

Hypotheses are nets: only he who casts will catch.

~Novalis

Every disease is a musical problem. Its cure a musical solution. The more rapid and complete the solution, the greater the musical talent of the doctor.

~Novalis

The artist stands on the human being as a statue does on a pedestal.

~Novalis

The brains -the thinking organs- are the world producers -nature's genitals.

~Novalis

Character is a wish for a perfect education.

~Novalis

A complete need should not exist... love, life in common with loved ones?

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Character is a perfectly educated will.

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The world must become romanticized, and in that way we find again its original meaning for us.

~Novalis

We are near awakening when we dream that we dream.

~Novalis

A God-intoxicated man. [Ger., Gott-trunkener Mensch.]

~Novalis

How do we see physically? No differently that we do in our consciousness - by means of the productive power of imagination. Consciousness is the eye and ear, the sense for inner and outer meaning.

~Novalis

Life is the beginning of death. Life is for the sake of death. Death is at once the end and the beginningâ€”at once separation and closer union of the self. Through death the reduction is complete.

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