

Odilon Redon

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Fashion, Regret, Shadow, Color, Achievement, Clothes, Exercise, Passion,
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While I recognize the necessity for a basis of observed reality... true art lies in a reality that is felt.

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I await joyous surprises while working, an awakening of the materials that I work with and that my spirit develops.

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It is precisely from the regret left by the imperfect work that the next one can be born.

~Odilon Redon

My drawings inspire, and are not to be defined. They place us, as does music, in the ambiguous realm of the undetermined.

~Odilon Redon

My originality consists in putting the logic of the visible to the service of the invisible.

~Odilon Redon

I have placed there a little door opening on to the mysterious. I have made stories.

~Odilon Redon

Like music my drawings transport us to the ambiguous world of the indeterminate.

~Odilon Redon

What distinguishes the artist from the dilettante? Only the pain the artist feels. The dilettante looks only for pleasure in art.

~Odilon Redon

I am certain about what I will never do - but not about what my art will render.

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One must respect black. Nothing prostitutes it.

~Odilon Redon

It is difficult to judge one's contemporaries; perhaps it is impossible to understand them.

~Odilon Redon

Nothing in Art is achieved by will alone. It is achieved by docilely submitting to the subconscious.

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Artists who approach perfection do not have many ideas.

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The good work proceeds with tenacity, intention, without interruption, with an equal measure of passion and reason and it must surpass that goal the artist has set for himself.

~Odilon Redon

All my originality consists?in giving life in human fashion to beings which are impossible according to the laws of possibility.

~Odilon Redon

The artist yields often to the stimuli of materials that will transmit his spirit.

~Odilon Redon

The fundamental grey which differentiates the masters, expresses them and is the soul of all colour.

~Odilon Redon

I have a feeling only for shadows

~Odilon Redon

The value of art lies in its power to increase our moral force or establish its heightening influence.

~Odilon Redon

I am repelled by those who voice the word 'nature', without having any trace of it in their hearts.

~Odilon Redon

The painter is not an intellectual if, when he has painted a nude woman, he gives us the idea that she is just about to put her clothes back on.

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