

# Okakura Kakuzo

## Quotes

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Let us dream of evanescence, and linger in the beautiful foolishness of things.

~Okakura Kakuzo

Those who cannot feel the littleness of great things in themselves are apt to overlook the greatness of little things in others.

~Okakura Kakuzo

In joy or sadness, flowers are our constant friends.

~Okakura Kakuzo

The art of life lies in a constant readjustment to our surroundings.

~Okakura Kakuzo

A garden is a friend you can visit any time.

~Okakura Kakuzo

Tea is more than an idealization of the form of drinking; it is a religion of the art of life.

~Okakura Kakuzo

In our common parlance we speak of the man "with no tea" in him, when he is unsusceptible to the serio-comic interests of the personal drama.

~Okakura Kakuzo

It is not the accumulation of extraneous knowledge, but the realization of the self within, that constitutes true progress.

~Okakura Kakuzo

Cares melt when you kneel in your garden.

~Okakura Kakuzo

We take refuge in pride, because we are afraid to tell the truth to

ourselves.

~Okakura Kakuzo

Perfection is everywhere if we only choose to recognise it.

~Okakura Kakuzo

True beauty could be discovered only by one who mentally complete the incomplete.

~Okakura Kakuzo

Tea began as a medicine and grew into a beverage.

~Okakura Kakuzo

The art of today is that which really belongs to us: it is our own reflection. In condemning it we but condemn ourselves.

~Okakura Kakuzo

Friends are flowers in life's garden.

~Okakura Kakuzo

The canvas upon which the artist paints is the spectator's mind.

~Okakura Kakuzo

Tea...is a religion of the art of life.

~Okakura Kakuzo

Fain would we remain barbarians, if our claim to civilization were to be based on the gruesome glory of war.

~Okakura Kakuzo

Translation is always a treason, and as a Ming author observes, can at its best be only the reverse side of a brocade- all the threads are there, but not the subtlety of colour or design.

~Okakura Kakuzo

Tea is a work of art and needs a master hand to bring out its noblest qualities. We have good and bad teas, as we have good and bad paintings - generally the latter.

~Okakura Kakuzo

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