

Osamu Dazai

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What uneasiness lies in being loved.

~Osamu Dazai

For someone like myself in whom the ability to trust others is so cracked and broken that I am wretchedly timid and am forever trying to read the expression on people's faces.

~Osamu Dazai

The weak fear happiness itself. They can harm themselves on cotton wool. Sometimes they are wounded even by happiness

~Osamu Dazai

A true artist is an ugly man.

~Osamu Dazai

Now even if I die, no one will be so grieved as to do himself bodily harm.

~Osamu Dazai

I like roses best. But they bloom in all four seasons. I wonder if people who like roses best have to die four times over again.

~Osamu Dazai

But happiness is being able to hope, however faintly, for happiness. So, at least, we must believe if we are to live in the world of today.

~Osamu Dazai

Victims. Victims of a transitional period of morality. That is what we both certainly are.

~Osamu Dazai

Mine has been a life of much shame. I can't even guess myself what it must be to live the life of a human being.

~Osamu Dazai

Addiction is perhaps a sickness of the spirit.

~Osamu Dazai

I want to spend my time with people who don't look to be respected.
But such good people won't want to spend their time with me.

~Osamu Dazai

Virtue and vice are concepts invented by human beings, words for a morality which human beings arbitrarily devised.

~Osamu Dazai

Last year nothing happened
The year before nothing happened
And the year before that nothing happened.

~Osamu Dazai

Whenever I was asked what I wanted my first impulse was to answer "Nothing." The thought went through my mind that it didn't make any difference, that nothing was going to make me happy.

~Osamu Dazai

Labeled a delinquent. That's the only kind of label I want to be crucified under.

~Osamu Dazai

Scoundrels [...] simply don't die. The ones who die are always the gentle, sweet, and beautiful people. [...] Scoundrels live a long time. The beautiful die young.

~Osamu Dazai

To be a friend of the weak-that is the artist's point of departure as well as his ultimate goal.

~Osamu Dazai

What did he mean by "society"? The plural of human beings?

~Osamu Dazai

The real things are apt to be deviant.

~Osamu Dazai

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The world, after all, was still a place of bottomless horror. It was by no means a place of childlike simplicity where everything could be settled by a simple then-and-there decision.

~Osamu Dazai

As for love . . . no, having once written that word I can write nothing more.

~Osamu Dazai

Then what's a synonym for woman?" "Entrails." "You're not very poetic, are you? Well, then, what's the antonym for entrails?" "Milk.

~Osamu Dazai

It would seem that the more irresponsible and crafty one is, the more likely one is to have a talent for storytelling.

~Osamu Dazai

At times everything grows misty and dark before my eyes, and I feel that the strength of my whole body is oozing away through my finger tips.

~Osamu Dazai

What is society but an individual? [] The ocean is not society; it is individuals. This was how I managed to gain a modicum of freedom from my terror at the illusion of the ocean called the world.

~Osamu Dazai

It isn't that I dislike artists, but I can't stand anyone who puts on those ponderous airs of a man of character.

~Osamu Dazai

I have always found the female of the human species many times more difficult to understand than the male.

~Osamu Dazai

I have often felt that I would find it more complicated, troublesome and unpleasant to ascertain the feelings by which a woman lives than to plumb the innermost thoughts of an earthworm.

~Osamu Dazai

In my case such an expression as 'to be fallen for' or even 'to be loved' is not in the least appropriate; perhaps it describes the situation more accurately to say that I was 'looked after.'

~Osamu Dazai

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