

Raoul Vaneigem

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Who wants a world in which the guarantee that we shall not die of starvation entails the risk of dying of boredom?

~Raoul Vaneigem

The eruption of lived pleasure is such that in losing myself I find myself; forgetting that I exist, I realize myself.

~Raoul Vaneigem

Suffering is the pain of constraints. An atom of pure delight, no matter how small, can hold it at bay.

~Raoul Vaneigem

Purchasing power is a license to purchase power.

~Raoul Vaneigem

To be rich nowadays merely means to possess a large number of poor objects.

~Raoul Vaneigem

Work to survive, survive by consuming, survive to consume; the hellish cycle is complete.

~Raoul Vaneigem

The work of art of the future will be the construction of a passionate life.

~Raoul Vaneigem

The world of the commodity is a world upside-down, which bases itself not upon life but upon the transformation of life into work.

~Raoul Vaneigem

Work is the opposite of creativity.

~Raoul Vaneigem

Everything has been said yet few have taken advantage of it. Since all our knowledge is essentially banal, it can only be of value to minds that are not.

~Raoul Vaneigem

I do not dream of a gentle revolution. My passion runs to the violence of supersession, the ferocity of a life that renounces nothing.

~Raoul Vaneigem

Never before has a civilization reached such a degree of a contempt for life; never before has a generation, drowned in mortification, felt such a rage to live.

~Raoul Vaneigem

We can escape the commonplace only by manipulating it, controlling it, thrusting it into our dreams or surrendering it to the free play of our subjectivity.

~Raoul Vaneigem

Our task is not to rediscover nature but to remake it.

~Raoul Vaneigem

In the twentieth century, death terrifies men less than the absence of real life.

~Raoul Vaneigem

In the kingdom of consumption the citizen is king. A democratic monarchy: equality before consumption, fraternity in consumption, and freedom through consumption.

~Raoul Vaneigem

Daydreaming subverts the world.

~Raoul Vaneigem

There are more truths in twenty-four hours of a man's life than in all the philosophies.

~Raoul Vaneigem

In an industrial society which confuses work and productivity, the necessity of producing has always been an enemy of the desire to create.

~Raoul Vaneigem

As poverty has been reduced in terms of mere survival, it has become more profound in terms of our way of life.

~Raoul Vaneigem

Daily life is governed by an economic system in which the production and consumption of insults tends to balance out.

~Raoul Vaneigem

We have a world of pleasure to win, and nothing to lose but boredom.

~Raoul Vaneigem

What could I wish for the present but to take the greatest pleasure in being what I am?

~Raoul Vaneigem

Hope is the leash of submission.

~Raoul Vaneigem

It is entirely up to us to invent our own lives.

~Raoul Vaneigem

Each component of the organism, like the individual in the social body, possesses the capacity for enjoyment of the self through sharing with others.

~Raoul Vaneigem

To work for delight and authentic festivity is barely distinguishable from preparing for a general insurrection

~Raoul Vaneigem

People are bewitched into believing that time slips away, and this belief is the basis of time actually slipping away.

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