

Remy de Gourmont Quotes

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Life is a series of sensations connected to different states of consciousness

~Remy de Gourmont

Man begins by loving love and ends by loving a woman. Woman begins by loving a man and ends by loving love.

~Remy de Gourmont

Art is the accomplice of love.

~Remy de Gourmont

Of all the sexual aberrations, perhaps the most peculiar is chastity.

~Remy de Gourmont

Man associates ideas not according to logic or verifiable exactitude, but according to his pleasure and interests. It is for this reason that most truths are nothing but prejudices.

~Remy de Gourmont

A definition is a sack of flour compressed into a thimble

~Remy de Gourmont

Thinking is hard work. One can't bear burdens and ideas at the same time

~Remy de Gourmont

Art is the accomplice of love. Take love away and there is no longer art.

~Remy de Gourmont

Man has made use of his intelligence; he invented stupidity.

~Remy de Gourmont

Each man must grant himself the emotions that he needs and the

morality that suits him.

~Remy de Gourmont

Knowledge has its end in itself, apart from any idea of life and propagation of the species.

~Remy de Gourmont

It is well-nigh obvious that those who are in favor of the death penalty have more affinities with murderers than those who oppose it.

~Remy de Gourmont

Autumn is as joyful and sweet as an untimely end.

~Remy de Gourmont

The ever-present phenomenon ceases to exist for our senses. It was a city dweller, or a prisoner, or a blind man suddenly given his sight, who first noted natural beauty.

~Remy de Gourmont

Women still remember the first kiss after men have forgotten the last.

~Remy de Gourmont

Nothing exists except by virtue of a disequilibrium, an injustice. All existence is a theft paid for by other existences; no life flowers except on a cemetery.

~Remy de Gourmont

Demons are like obedient dogs; they come when they are called.

~Remy de Gourmont

Art includes everything that stimulates the desire to live

~Remy de Gourmont

Money is the sign of liberty. To curse money is to curse liberty- to curse

life, which is nothing, if it be not free.

~Remy de Gourmont

Man is the inventor of stupidity.

~Remy de Gourmont

The terrible thing about the quest for truth is that you find it.

~Remy de Gourmont

Two elements are needed to form a truth - a fact and an abstraction

~Remy de Gourmont

For two thousand years Christianity has been telling us: life is death, death is life; it is high time to consult the dictionary.

~Remy de Gourmont

We live less and less, and we learn more and more. Sensibility is surrendering to intelligence.

~Remy de Gourmont

Intelligence, that sublimation of the sensibility, that organ of the need to know, is sterilized sensibility.

~Remy de Gourmont

In order to understand life it is not only necessary not to be indifferent to men, but not to be indifferent to flocks, to trees. One should be indifferent to nothing.

~Remy de Gourmont

Women are the simple, and poets the superior, artisans of language... the intervention of grammarians is almost always bad.

~Remy de Gourmont

If the secret of being a bore is to tell all, the secret of pleasing is to say

just enough to be -not understood, but divined.

~Remy de Gourmont

The pleasure of being a scoundrel can be adequately savored in silence.

~Remy de Gourmont

To know what everyone knows is to know nothing.

~Remy de Gourmont

Art is the flower of life and, as seed, it gives back life.

~Remy de Gourmont

God is not all that exists. God is all that does not exist.

~Remy de Gourmont

Very simple ideas lie within the reach only of complex minds.

~Remy de Gourmont

The woman who loves always smells good.

~Remy de Gourmont

Modesty is the delicate form of hypocrisy.

~Remy de Gourmont

Good books are irrefutable, and bad books refute themselves.

~Remy de Gourmont

Most men who rail against women are railing at one woman only.

~Remy de Gourmont

An imbecile is never bored: he contemplates himself.

~Remy de Gourmont

Born of the sensibility, art sows and creates life in its turn.

~Remy de Gourmont

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