

# Rene Magritte

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The mind loves the unknown. It loves images whose meaning is unknown, since the meaning of the mind itself is unknown.

~Rene Magritte

We must not fear daylight just because it almost always illuminates a miserable world.

~Rene Magritte

Too often we tend to reduce what is strange to what is familiar. I intend to restore the familiar to the strange.

~Rene Magritte

To be a surrealist means barring from your mind all remembrance of what you have seen, and being always on the lookout for what has never been.

~Rene Magritte

Each thing we see hides something else we want to see.

~Rene Magritte

People who look for symbolic meaning fail to grasp the inherent poetry and mystery of the images.

~Rene Magritte

Nothing is confused except the mind.

~Rene Magritte

Art evokes the mystery without which the world would not exist.

~Rene Magritte

If one looks at a thing with the intention of trying to discover what it means, one ends up no longer seeing the thing itself, but of thinking of the question that is raised.

~Rene Magritte

If the dream is a translation of waking life, waking life is also a translation of the dream.

~Rene Magritte

The purpose of art is mystery.

~Rene Magritte

Everything we see hides another thing, we always want to see what is hidden by what we see, but it is impossible. Humans hide their secrets too well.

~Rene Magritte

Everything that is visible hides something that is invisible.

~Rene Magritte

The present reeks of mediocrity and the atom bomb.

~Rene Magritte

The feeling we experience while we look at a picture is not to be distinguished from the picture or from ourselves. the feeling, picture, and ourselves are united in one mystery.

~Rene Magritte

A thing which is present can be invisible, hidden by what it shows

~Rene Magritte

Life obliges me to do something, so I paint.

~Rene Magritte

I want nevertheless to add that for me the world is a defiance of common sense.

~Rene Magritte

Visible things can be invisible. However, our powers of thought grasp

both the visible and the invisible - and I make use of painting to render thoughts visible.

~Rene Magritte

Those who become entangled in these false ideas are prevented from perceiving the Integral Oneness.

~Rene Magritte

We are surrounded by curtains. We only perceive the world behind a curtain of semblance. At the same time, an object needs to be covered in order to be recognized at all.

~Rene Magritte

No object is stuck with its name so irrevocably that one cannot find another which suits it better.

~Rene Magritte

Only thought can resemble. It resembles by being what it sees, hears, or knows; it becomes what the world offers it.

~Rene Magritte

I like subversive humor, freckles, women's knees and long hair, the laughter of playing children, and a girl running down the street.

~Rene Magritte

My painting is visible images that conceal nothing... they evoke mystery. Mystery means nothing. It is unknowable.

~Rene Magritte

I have few illusions: the cause is lost in advance. As for me, I do my part, which is to drag a fairly drab existence to its conclusion.

~Rene Magritte

I think we are responsible for the universe, but that doesn't mean we

decide anything.

~Rene Magritte

I need to see the original paintings just as little as I have to read the original manuscripts of books.

~Rene Magritte

An object is not so attached to its name that we cannot find another one that would suit it better.

~Rene Magritte

An object never serves the same function as its image - or its name.

~Rene Magritte

A truly poetic canvas is an awakened dream.

~Rene Magritte

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