

Romain Rolland

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There is only one heroism in the world: to see the world as it is, and to love it.

~Romain Rolland

Most men are essentially dead by thirty.

~Romain Rolland

Be reverent before the dawning day. Do not think of what will be in a year, or in ten years. Think of to-day.

~Romain Rolland

If there is one place on the face of earth where all the dreams of living men have found a home from the very earliest days when man began the dream of existence, it is India.

~Romain Rolland

No one ever reads a book. He reads himself through books.

~Romain Rolland

It is the artist's business to create sunshine when the sun fails.

~Romain Rolland

One makes mistakes; that is life. But it is never a mistake to have loved.

~Romain Rolland

A hero is a man who does what he can.

~Romain Rolland

Any man who is really a man must learn to be alone in the midst of others, to think alone for others, and, if necessary, against others.

~Romain Rolland

Discussion is impossible with someone who claims not to seek the

truth, but already to possess it.

~Romain Rolland

The friend who understands you, creates you.

~Romain Rolland

Thousands of animals (now billions) are butchered every day without a shadow of remorse. It cries vengeance upon all the human race.

~Romain Rolland

Passion is like genius: a miracle.

~Romain Rolland

To understand everything is to hate nothing.

~Romain Rolland

Every race, every art has its hypocrisy. The world is fed with a little truth and many lies.

~Romain Rolland

Leave your theories. All theories, you see, even those of virtue, are bad, foolish, mischievous.

~Romain Rolland

If a man is to shed the light of the sun upon other men, he must first of all have it within himself.

~Romain Rolland

Each man must learn his own ideal and try to accomplish it: that is a surer way of progress than to take the ideas of another.

~Romain Rolland

There is only one necessary condition for the emergence of a new theatre, that the stage and auditorium should be open to the masses,

should be able to contain a people and the actions of a people.

~Romain Rolland

Everyone, deep down within, carries a small cemetery of those he has loved.

~Romain Rolland

Everything is music for the born musician.

~Romain Rolland

I find war detestable but those who praise it without participating in it even more so.

~Romain Rolland

There are some dead who are more alive than the living.

~Romain Rolland

The artist is the compass which, through the raging of the storm, points steadily to the north.

~Romain Rolland

Skepticism, riddling the faith of yesterday, prepared the way for the faith of tomorrow.

~Romain Rolland

You want to be a hero. That is why you do such silly things.

~Romain Rolland

Take possession of the air, submit the elements, penetrate the last redoubts of nature, make space retreat, make death retreat.

~Romain Rolland

I know at last what distinguishes man from animals; financial worries.

~Romain Rolland

It is not peace that I seek, but life.

~Romain Rolland

The greatest human ideal is the great cause of bringing together the thoughts of Europe and Asia; the great soul of India will topple our world.

~Romain Rolland

I would rather have this life of combat than the moral calm and mournful stupor of these last years. God give me struggle, enemies, howling crowds, all the combat of which I am capable.

~Romain Rolland

Love of my country does not demand that I shall hate and slay those noble and faithful souls who also love theirs.

~Romain Rolland

All these young millionaires were anarchists, of course: when a man possesses everything it is the supreme luxury for him to deny society: for in that way he can evade his responsibilities

~Romain Rolland

History furnishes to politics all the arguments that it needs, for the chosen cause.

~Romain Rolland

When nothing hampers action, the soul has fewer reasons for action.

~Romain Rolland

Let us return to our eagle's nest in the Himalayas. It is waiting for us, for it is ours, eaglets of Europe, we need not renounce any part of our real nature...whence we formerly took our flight.

~Romain Rolland

One day History will pass judgment on each of the nations at war; she will weigh their measure of errors, lies, and heinous follies. Let us try to make ours light before her!

~Romain Rolland

The theatre, like the fresco, is art fitted to its place. And therefore it is above all else the human art, the living art.

~Romain Rolland

Mozart was able to do what he wished in music and he never wished to do what was beyond him.

~Romain Rolland

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