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It would be wrong to refuse to face the fact that everything is fundamentally sick and sad.

~Thomas Bernhard

Instead of committing suicide, people go to work.

~Thomas Bernhard

You've always lived a life of pretense, not a real life-- a simulated existence, not a genuine existence. Everything about you, everything you are, has always been pretense, never genuine, never real.

~Thomas Bernhard

Very often we write down a sentence too early, then another too late; what we have to do is write it down at the proper time, otherwise it's lost.

~Thomas Bernhard

The art we need is the art of bearing the unbearable.

~Thomas Bernhard

The only friends I have are the dead who have bequeathed their writings to me â€" I have no others.

~Thomas Bernhard

People keep a dog and are ruled by this dog, and even Schopenhauer was ruled in the end not by his head, but by his dog. This fact is more depressing than any other.

~Thomas Bernhard

All my life I have had the utmost admiration for suicides. I have always considered them superior to me in every way.

~Thomas Bernhard

Arrogance is an utterly appropriate weapon to use against a hostile

world, a world in which arrogance is feared and respected, even if, like mine, it's only feigned.

~Thomas Bernhard

After all, there is nothing but failure.

~Thomas Bernhard

We have to keep company with supposedly bad characters if we are to survive and not succumb to mental atrophy. People of good character, so called, are the ones who end up boring us to death.

~Thomas Bernhard

You are never truly together with one you love until the person in question is dead and actually inside you.

~Thomas Bernhard

Women were like rivers, their banks were unreachable, the night often rang with the cries of the drowned.

~Thomas Bernhard

All of living is nothing but a fervid attempt to move closer together.

~Thomas Bernhard

Our greatest pleasure, surely, is in fragments, just as we derive the most pleasure from life if we regard it as a fragment, whereas the whole and the complete and the perfect are basically abhorrent.

~Thomas Bernhard

We Can Only Exist By Taking Our Minds Off The Fact That We Exist ~Thomas Bernhard

Everyone is a virtuoso on his own instrument, but together they add up to an intolerable cacophony.

~Thomas Bernhard

Those are terrible people who don't like Glenn Gould... I will have nothing to do with such people, they are dangerous people.

~Thomas Bernhard

The study of sickness is the most poetic of the sciences.

~Thomas Bernhard

The thinking man always finds himself in a gigantic orphanage in which people are continually proving to him that he has no parents.

~Thomas Bernhard

Only when I am by seawater can I truly breathe, to say nothing of my ability to think.

~Thomas Bernhard

Toda idea, al fin y al cabo, es una idea demencial.

~Thomas Bernhard

...He was just scraps of words and dislocated phrases.

~Thomas Bernhard

We only really face up to ourselves when we are afraid.

~Thomas Bernhard

I did not want to be anything, and naturally I did not want to turn myself into a mere profession: all I ever wanted was to be myself.

~Thomas Bernhard

Everyone, he went on, speaks a language he does not understand, but which now and then is understood by others. That is enough to permit one to exist and at least to be misunderstood.

~Thomas Bernhard

What is ridiculous about human beings, Doctor,' the prince said, 'is

## actually their total incapacity to be ridiculous

~Thomas Bernhard

Nothing but disaster follows from applause.

~Thomas Bernhard

# perfidious society masturbators

~Thomas Bernhard

# everything is ridiculous if one thinks of death

~Thomas Bernhard

A criminal is undoubtedly a poor soul, who is punished for his poverty.

~Thomas Bernhard

I had to spend my entire childhood in the Altensam dungeon like an inmate doing time for no comprehensible reason, for a crime he can't remember committing, a judicial error probably.

~Thomas Bernhard

We publish only to satisfy out craving for fame; there's no other motive except the even baser one of making money.

~Thomas Bernhard

The anger and the brutality against everything can readily from one hour to the next be transformed into its opposite.

~Thomas Bernhard

I avoid literature whenever possible, because whenever possible I avoid myself.

~Thomas Bernhard

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