

Thomas Ligotti

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Madness, mayhem, erotic vandalism, devastation of innumerable souls
- while we scream and perish, History licks a finger and turns the page.

~Thomas Ligotti

Look at your bodyâ€” A painted puppet, a poor toy Of jointed parts
ready to collapse, A diseased and suffering thing With a head full of
false imaginings. â€”The Dhammapada

~Thomas Ligotti

Nonexistence never hurt anyone. Existence hurts everyone.

~Thomas Ligotti

Most people learn to save themselves by artificially limiting the content
of consciousness.

~Thomas Ligotti

It has always seemed to me that my existence consisted purely and
exclusively of nothing but the most outrageous nonsense.

~Thomas Ligotti

The only value of this world lay in its power - at certain times - to
suggest another world.

~Thomas Ligotti

Officially there are no fates worse than death. Unofficially, there is a
profusion of such fates. For some people, just living with the thought
that they will die is a fate worse than death itself.

~Thomas Ligotti

Everything is ultimately peculiar and ultimately ridiculous.

~Thomas Ligotti

Consciousness has forced us into the paradoxical position of striving to
be unself-conscious of what we are - hunks of spoiling flesh on

disintegrating bones.

~Thomas Ligotti

To my mind, a well-developed sense of humor is the surest indication of a person's humanity, no matter how black and bitter that humor may be.

~Thomas Ligotti

No one gives up on something until it turns on them, whether or not that thing is real or unreal.

~Thomas Ligotti

And the worst possible thing we could know " worse than knowing of our descent from a mass of microorganisms " is that we are nobodies not somebodies, puppets not people.

~Thomas Ligotti

We live in a permanent state of bad faith, a mutual representation of ourselves to one another for the sake of remaining sane and following our biological imperative to continue as a species.

~Thomas Ligotti

What we do, as a conscious species, is set markers for ourselves. Once we reach one marker, we advance to the next.

~Thomas Ligotti

Best-selling horror fiction is indeed necessarily conservative because it must entertain a large number of readers. It's like network television. I'm your local cable access station.

~Thomas Ligotti

Windows are the eyes of the soulless

~Thomas Ligotti

Amnesia may well be the highest sacrament in the great gray ritual of existence.

~Thomas Ligotti

The finest people, as people go, cannot help but betray a fair portion of fear and insecurity, even full-blown panic.

~Thomas Ligotti

I wanted to do things to Richard that would make the sun grow cold with horror.

~Thomas Ligotti

My grandfather felt at home with his lunatics.

~Thomas Ligotti

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