

Yevgeny Zamyatin

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We comes from God, I from the Devil.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The lilac branches are bowed under the weight of the flowers: blooming is hard, and the most important thing is - to bloom. (â€œA Story About The Most Important Thingâ€•)

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The nights were long, like the braids of a pretty girl, and the days were short, like a girl's sense. ("The North")

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Heretics are the only bitter remedy against the entropy of human thought.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

True literature can exist only where it is created, not by diligent and trustworthy functionaries, but by madmen, hermits, heretics, dreamers, rebels, and skeptics.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

A man is like a novel: until the very last page you don't know how it will end. Otherwise it wouldn't be worth reading.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Those two, in paradise, were given a choice: happiness without freedom, or freedom without happiness. There was no third alternative.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Literature is painting, architecture, and music.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

There is no final one; revolutions are infinite.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

We need writers who fear nothing. ("Our Goal")

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

There are books of the same chemical composition as dynamite. The only difference is that a piece of dynamite explodes once, whereas a book explodes a thousand times.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Is it not clear, however, that bliss and envy are the numerator and denominator of the fraction called happiness?

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

All truths are erroneous. This is the very essence of the dialectical process: today's truths become errors tomorrow; there is no final number.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The most wonderful thing in life is to be delirious and the most wonderful kind of delirium is being in love.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

I prefer being wrong in my own way to being right in someone else's.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Love and hunger rule the world. Ergo, to rule the world, one must master love and hunger.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Now I no longer live in our clear, rational world; I live in the ancient nightmare world, the world of square roots of minus one.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

All of life in its complexity and beauty is forever minted in the gold of words.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The world is kept alive only by heretics: the heretic Christ, the heretic Copernicus, the heretic Tolstoy. Our symbol of faith is heresy...

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The latest literary discussions reflect a struggle between two artistic methods - romanticism and realism, with the latter clearly ascendant for the time being.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Along the blade of a knife lies the path of paradoxâ€”the single most worthy path of the fearless mind

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The knife is the most permanent, the most immortal, the most ingenious of man's creations. The knife was a guillotine; the knife is a universal means of resolving all knots.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

You are afraid of it because it is stronger than you; you hate it because you are afraid of it; you love it because you cannot subdue it to your will. Only the unsubduable can be loved.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

If we have no heretics we must invent them, for heresy is essential to health and growth.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Her smile was a bite, and I was its target.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

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There is an excellent way to make predictions without the slightest risk of error: predict the past.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

You're in bad shape. It looks like you're developing a soul.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Explosions are not comfortable.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

And everyone must lose his mind, everyone must! The sooner the better! It is essential â€” I know it.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The most effective way of destroying art is the canonization of one given form. And one philosophy.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

But you can't plead with autumn. No. The midnight wind stalked through the woods, hooted to frighten you, swept everything away for the approaching winter, whirled the leaves. ("The North")

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

An error is more useful than truth: truth is a thought suffering from arteriosclerosis.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The speed of her tongue is not correctly calculated; the speed per second of her tongue should be slightly less than the speed per second of her thoughts -at any rate not the reverse.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The ancient God created the old man, capable of erring - thus he erred himself.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

To an artist, creating an image means being in love with it.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

At night numbers must sleep; it is their duty, just as it is their duty to work in the daytime. Not sleeping at night is a criminal offense.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

We have long become overgrown with calluses; we no longer hear people being killed. ("X")

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Individual consciousness is just sickness.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Truth is the first thing that present-day literature lacks. The writer has drowned himself in lies, he is too accustomed to speak prudently, with a careful look over his shoulder.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Revolution is everywhere, in everything. There is no final revolution, no final number.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

What we need in literature today are vast philosophic horizons... we need the most ultimate, the most fearsome, the most fearless "Why?" and "What next?".

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

To reflect the entire spectrum, the dynamics of the adventure novel must be invested with a philosophic synthesis of one kind or another.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The microspeed of the tongue ought to be always slightly less than the microspeed of the thoughts and certainly not ever the reverse.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Dogma, static positions, consonance - all these are obstacles to catching the disease of art, at least in its more complex forms.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

what primitive tastes the ancients must have had if their poets were inspired by those absurd, untidy clumps of mist, idiotically jostling one another about

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The old, slow, creaking descriptions are a thing of the past; today the rule is brevity - but every word must be supercharged, high-voltage.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Only the rational and useful is beautiful.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The mighty power of logic cleanses all it touches.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

All women are lips, nothing but lips.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

What is it to you if I don't want others to want for me, if I want to want myself - if I want the impossible.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The art of the word is painting + architecture + music.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Accentuated plainness and accentuated vice ought to bring about

harmony. Beauty lies in harmony, in style, whether it be the harmony of ugliness or beauty, vice or virtue.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Children are the only brave philosophers. And brave philosophers are, inevitably, children.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The whole world is one immense woman, and we are in her very womb, we are not yet born, we are joyfully ripening.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Let the answers be wrong, let the philosophy be mistaken - errors are more valuable than truths: truth is of the machine, error is alive; truth reassures, error disturbs.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Sentences of the court on moral issues are always passed in absentia.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The myth about the angel who rebelled against his Lord is the most beautiful of all myths, the proudest, the most revolutionary, the most immortal of them all.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The moon ... is a mad woman holding up her dress So that her white belly shines. Haughty, Impregnable, Ridiculous, Silent and white as a debauched queen.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

There is no joy nobler than suffering for the sake of love for man.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The inner world: those spiritual apartments to which we are reluctant to

admit strangers.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The next stage of development, perhaps in the distant future, will be a social order under which there will be no need for the coercive power of the state.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The purpose of art ... is not to reflect life but to organize it, to build it.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

What makes you think that nonsense is bad? If they'd nurtured and cared for human nonsense over the ages the way they did intelligence, it might have turned into something of special value.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The only means of ridding man of crime is ridding him of freedom.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Knowledge, absolutely sure of its infallibility, is faith.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

I've read and heard a lot of unbelievable stuff about those times when people lived in freedom -- that is, in disorganized wildness.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Here I saw, with my own eyes, that laughter was the most terrible weapon: you can kill anything with laughter - even murder itself.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

And a question stirred within me: What if he, this yellow-eyed creature, in his disorderly, filthy mound of leaves, in his uncomputed life, is happier than we are?

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

Every genuine poet is necessarily a Columbus. America existed for centuries before Columbus but it was only Columbus who was able to track it down.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

The most agonising thing is to drop doubt into a man about his being a reality, three-dimensional - and not some other kind of reality.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

It is not possible to build on negative emotions. Genuine literature will come only when we replace hatred for man with love for man.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

You're in a bad way! Apparently, you have developed a soul.

~Yevgeny Zamyatin

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