

Yukio Mishima

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Perfect purity is possible if you turn your life into a line of poetry written with a splash of blood.

~Yukio Mishima

True beauty is something that attacks, overpowers, robs, and finally destroys.

~Yukio Mishima

Nobody even imagines how well one can lie about the state of one's own heart.

~Yukio Mishima

Young people get the foolish idea that what is new for them must be new for everybody else too. No matter how unconventional they get, they're just repeating what others before them have done.

~Yukio Mishima

Beauty is something that burns the hand when you touch it.

~Yukio Mishima

The special quality of hell is to see everything clearly down to the last detail.

~Yukio Mishima

By means of microscopic observation and astronomical projection the lotus flower can become the foundation for an entire theory of the universe and an agent whereby we may perceive Truth.

~Yukio Mishima

For an artist to do creative work, he needs at once physical health and some physiomenal ill health. He needs both serenity and gloom.

~Yukio Mishima

Anything can become excusable when seen from the standpoint of the

result

~Yukio Mishima

Human beings - they go on being born and dying, dying and being born. It's kind of boring, isn't it?

~Yukio Mishima

As long as you know I am waiting, take your time flowers of the spring.

~Yukio Mishima

When silence is prolonged over a certain period of time, it takes on new meaning.

~Yukio Mishima

A man isn't tiny or giant enough to defeat anything.

~Yukio Mishima

Quite possibly, what I call happiness may coincide with what others call the moment of imminent danger

~Yukio Mishima

Again and again, the cicada's untiring cry pierced the sultry summer air like a needle at work on thick cotton cloth.

~Yukio Mishima

The instant that the blade tore open his flesh, the bright disk of the sun soared up and exploded behind his eyelids.

~Yukio Mishima

a samurai is a total human being, whereas a man who is completely absorbed in his technical skill has degenerated into a 'function', one cog in a machine.

~Yukio Mishima

Possessing by letting go of things was a secret of ownership unknown to youth.

~Yukio Mishima

if the world changed, i could not exist, and if i changed, the world could not exist

~Yukio Mishima

I want to make a poem of my life.

~Yukio Mishima

I had no taste for defeat - much less victory - without a fight.

~Yukio Mishima

The cynicism that regards hero worship as comical is always shadowed by a sense of physical inferiority

~Yukio Mishima

It is a rather risky matter to discuss a happiness that has no need of words.

~Yukio Mishima

...of all the kinds of decay in this world, decadent purity is the most malignant.

~Yukio Mishima

Human life is limited but I would like to live forever.

~Yukio Mishima

Other people must be destroyed. In order that I might truly face the sun, the world itself must be destroyed.

~Yukio Mishima

Living is merely the chaos of existence.

~Yukio Mishima

Beyond doubt, there was a certain splendor in pain, which bore a deep affinity to the splendor that lies hidden within strength.

~Yukio Mishima

Better to be caught in sudden, complete catastrophe than to be gnawed by the cancer of imagination.

~Yukio Mishima

I cried sobbingly until at last those visions reeking with blood came to comfort me. And then I surrendered myself to them, to those deplorably brutal visions, my most intimate friends.

~Yukio Mishima

There's a huge seal called 'impossibility' pasted all over this world. And don't ever forget that we're the only ones who can tear it off once and for all.

~Yukio Mishima

When people concentrate on the idea of beauty, they are, without realizing it, confronted with the darkest thoughts that exist in this world. That, I suppose, is how human beings are made.

~Yukio Mishima

The period of childhood is a stage on which time and space become entangled.

~Yukio Mishima

There isn't any fear in existence itself, or any uncertainty, but living creates it.

~Yukio Mishima

The most appropriate type of daily life for me was a day-by-day world

destruction; peace was the most difficult and abnormal state to live in.

~Yukio Mishima

Glory, as anyone knows, is bitter stuff.

~Yukio Mishima

Is there not a sort of remorse that precedes sin? Was it remorse at the very fact that I existed?

~Yukio Mishima

If we value so highly the dignity of life, how can we not also value the dignity of death No death may be called futile.

~Yukio Mishima

We live in an age in which there is no heroic death.

~Yukio Mishima

Actually the action called a kiss represented nothing more for me than some place where my spirit could seek shelter.

~Yukio Mishima

For clearly it is impossible to touch eternity with one hand and life with the other.

~Yukio Mishima

It is a common failing of childhood to think that if one makes a hero out of a demon the demon will be satisfied.

~Yukio Mishima

I seemed like a baby bird keeping its truly innocent animal lusts hidden under its wing. I was being tempted, not by the desire of possession, but simply by unadorned temptation itself.

~Yukio Mishima

I still have no way to survive but to keep writing one line, one more line, one more line.

~Yukio Mishima

His emotion evident in the glitter of his eyes.

~Yukio Mishima

Men had been living a proud life, having felt no need for the spirit-until Christianity invented it.

~Yukio Mishima

A father is a reality-concealing machine, a machine for dishing up lies to kids, and that isn't even the worst of it: secretly he believes that he represents reality.

~Yukio Mishima

There is no virtue in curiosity. In fact, it might be the most immoral desire a man can possess.

~Yukio Mishima

According to Eshin's Essentials of Salvation, the Ten Pleasures are but a drop in the ocean when compared to the joys of the Pure Land.

~Yukio Mishima

For a long time I had not approached the forbidden fruit called happiness, but it was now tempting me with a melancholy persistence. I felt as though Sonoko were an abyss above which I stood poised.

~Yukio Mishima

The only people in this world I really trust are my fans - even if they do forget you so fast.

~Yukio Mishima

It seems to me that before the photograph can exist as art it must, by its

very nature choose whether it is to be a record or a testimony.

~Yukio Mishima

We are not wounded so deeply when betrayed by the things we hope for as when betrayed by things we try our best to despise. In such betrayal comes the dagger in the back.

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