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Quotes about Drugs

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I don't respond well to mellow, you know what I mean, I have a tendency to... if I get too mellow, I ripen and then rot.

- Allen, Woody

It is not opium which makes me work but its absence, and in order for me to feel its absence it must from time to time be present.

- Artaud, Antonin

Opiate. An unlocked door in the prison of Identity. It leads into the jail yard.

- Bierce, Ambrose

The whole LSD, STP, marijuana, heroin, hashish, prescription cough medicine crowd suffers from the Watchtower itch: you gotta be with us, man, or you're out, you're dead. This pitch is a continual and seeming MUST with those who use the stuff. It's no wonder they keep getting busted.

- Bukowski, Charles

Under the pressure of the cares and sorrows of our mortal condition, men have at all times, and in all countries, called in some physical aid to their moral consolations -- wine, beer, opium, brandy, or tobacco.

- Burke, Edmund

Junk is the ideal product... the ultimate merchandise. No sales talk necessary. The client will crawl through a sewer and beg to buy.

- Burroughs, William S.

Everything one does in life, even love, occurs in an express train racing toward death. To smoke opium is to get out of the train while it is still moving. It is to concern oneself with something other than life or death.

- Cocteau, Jean

Take me, I am the drug; take me, I am hallucinogenic.

- Dali, Salvador

Drug misuse is not a disease, it is a decision, like the decision to step out in front of a moving car. You would call that not a disease but an error of judgment.

- Dick, Philip K.

There seems to be no stopping drug frenzy once it takes hold of a nation. What starts with an innocuous HUGS, NOT DRUGS bumper sticker soon leads to wild talk of shooting dealers and making urine tests a condition for employment -- anywhere.

- Ehrenreich, Barbara

There is held to be no surer test of civilization than the increase per head of the consumption of alcohol and tobacco. Yet alcohol and tobacco are recognizable poisons, so that their consumption has only to be carried far enough to destroy civilization altogether.

- Ellis, Havelock

Tobacco and opium have broad backs, and will cheerfully carry the load of armies, if you choose to make them pay high for such joy as they give and such harm as they do.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Woe to you, my Princess, when I come... you shall see who is the stronger, a gentle little girl who doesn't eat enough or a big wild man who has cocaine in his body.

- Freud, Sigmund

Nobody stopped thinking about those psychedelic experiences. Once you've been to some of those places, you think, How can I get back there again but make it a little easier on myself?

- Garcia, Jerry

No monster vibration, no snake universe hallucinations. Many tiny jeweled violet flowers along the path of a living brook that looked like Blake's illustration for a canal in grassy Eden: huge Pacific watery shore, Orlovsky dancing naked like Shiva long-haired before giant green waves, titanic cliffs that Wordsworth mentioned in his own Sublime, great yellow sun veiled with mist hanging over the planet's oceanic horizon. No harm.

- Ginsberg, Allen

Nobody saves America by sniffing cocaine, jiggling your knees blankly in the rain, when it snows in your nose you catch cold in your brain.

- Ginsberg, Allen

Thou source of all my bliss and all my woe, that found me poor at first, and keep me so.

- Goldsmith, Oliver

Only one thing is certain: if pot is legalized, it won't be for our benefit but for the authorities . To have it legalized will also be to lose control of it.

- Greer, Germaine

If you think dope is for kicks and for thrills, you're out of your mind. There are more kicks to be had in a good case of paralytic polio or by living in an iron lung. If you think you need stuff to play music or sing, you're crazy. It can fix you so you can't play nothing or sing nothing.

- Holiday, Billie

Of course drugs were fun.

- Huston, Anjelica

Which is better: to have fun with fungi or to have Idiocy with ideology, to have wars

because of words, to have tomorrow's misdeeds out of yesterday's miscreeds?

- Huxley, Aldous

If we could sniff or swallow something that would, for five or six hours each day, abolish our solitude as individuals, atone us with our fellows in a glowing exaltation of affection and make life in all its aspects seem not only worth living, but divinely beautiful and significant, and if this heavenly, world-transfiguring drug were of such a kind that we could wake up next morning with a clear head and an undamaged constitution -- then, it seems to me, all our problems (and not merely the one small problem of discovering a novel pleasure) would be wholly solved and earth would become paradise.

- Huxley, Aldous

To punish drug takers is like a drunk striking the bleary face it sees in the mirror. Drugs will not be brought under control until society itself changes, enabling men to use them as primitive man did: welcoming the visions they provided not as fantasies, but as intimations of a different, and important, level of reality.

- Inglis, Brian

Drugs are reality's legal loopholes.

- Johnson, Jeremy P.

Words are the most powerful drugs used by mankind.

- Kipling, Rudyard

The basic thing nobody asks is why do people take drugs of any sort? Why do we have these accessories to normal living to live? I mean, is there something wrong with society that's making us so pressurized, that we cannot live without guarding ourselves against it?

- Lennon, John

The worst drugs are as bad as anybody's told you. It's just a dumb trip, which I can't condemn people if they get into it, because one gets into it for one's own personal, social, emotional reasons. It's something to be avoided if one can help it.

- Lennon, John

Did you know that the White House drug test is multiple choice?

- Limbaugh, Rush

One's condition on marijuana is always existential. One can feel the importance of each moment and how it is changing one. One feels one's being, one becomes aware of the enormous apparatus of nothingness -- the hum of a hi-fi set, the emptiness of a pointless interruption, one becomes aware of the war between each of us, how the nothingness in each of us seeks to attack the being of others, how our being in turn is attacked by the nothingness in others.

- Mailer, Norman

I learned why they're called wonder drugs -- you wonder what they'll do to you.

- Miller, Harlan

Is marijuana addictive? Yes, in the sense that most of the really pleasant things in life are worth endlessly repeating.

- Neville, Richard

Marijuana is self-punishing. It makes you acutely sensitive, and in this world, what worse punishment could there be?

- O'Rourke, P. J.

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We're talking scum here. Air should be illegal if they breathe it.

- Policeman

Thou hast the keys of Paradise, oh just, subtle, and mighty opium!

- Quincey, Thomas De

Let us not forget who we are. Drug abuse is a repudiation of everything America is.

- Reagan, Ronald

I tried to give up drugs by drinking.

- Reed, Lou

They shoulda called me Little Cocaine, I was sniffing so much of the stuff! My nose got big enough to back a diesel truck in, unload it, and drive it right out again.

- Richard, Little

It is in the interests of our society to promote those things that take the edge off, keep us busy with our fixes, and keep us slightly numbed out and zombie like. In this way our modern consumer society itself functions as an addict.

- Schaef, Anne W.

I don't believe in playing hurt, in taking injections to cover the pain.

- Seles, Monica

It's an ordinary day for Brian. Like, he died every day, you know.

- Townsend, Peter

In my day, we didn't have the cocaine, so we went out and knocked somebody over the

head and took the money. But today, all this cocaine and crack, it doesn't give kids a chance.

- White, Barry

Of all that Orient lands can vaunt, of marvels with our own competing, the strangest is the Haschish plant, and what will follow on its eating.

- Whittier, John Greenleaf

Cocaine is God's way of saying you're making too much money.

- Williams, Robin

The human mind is capable of excitement without the application of gross and violent stimulants; and he must have a very faint perception of its beauty and dignity who does not know this.

- Wordsworth, William

A drug is neither moral nor immoral -- it's a chemical compound. The compound itself is not a menace to society until a human being treats it as if consumption bestowed a temporary license to act like an asshole.

- Zappa, Frank

Pharma industry is the art of making billions from milligrams.

- Kocher, Gerhard



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