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# Quotes about Illusion

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Half the work that is done in this world is to make things appear what they are not.

- Beadle, E. R.

What seems to be, is, to those to whom it seems to be, and is productive of the most dreadful consequences to those to whom it seems to be, even of torments, despair, eternal death.

- Blake, William

A pleasant illusion is better than a harsh reality.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Pray look better, Sir... those things yonder are no giants, but windmills.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

Pleasure can be supported by an illusion; but happiness rests upon truth.

- Chamfort, Sebastien-Roch Nicolas De

We must select the Illusion which appeals to our temperament and embrace it with passion, if we want to be happy.

- Connolly, Cyril

It is respectable to have no illusions, and safe, and profitable and dull.

- Conrad, Joseph

For what we call illusions are often, in truth, a wider vision of past and present realities --a willing movement of a man's soul with the larger sweep of the world's forces --a movement towards a more assured end than the chances of a single life.

- Eliot, George

What difference is there, do you think, between those in Plato's cave who can only marvel at the shadows and images of various objects, provided they are content and don't know what they miss, and the philosopher who has emerged from the cave and sees the real things?

- Erasmus, Desiderius

The impression forces itself upon one that men measure by false standards, that everyone seeks power, success, riches for himself, and admires others who attain them, while undervaluing the truly precious thing in life.

- Freud, Sigmund

Oh, how powerfully the magnet of illusion attracts.

- Gutzkow

People who have realized that this is a dream imagine that it is easy to wake up, and are angry with those who continue sleeping, not considering that the whole world that environs them does not permit them to wake. Life proceeds as a series of optical illusions, artificial needs and imaginary sensations.

- Herzen, Alexander

For me, it is as though at every moment the actual world had completely lost its actuality. As though there was nothing there; as though there were no foundations for anything or as though it escaped us. Only one thing, however, is vividly present: the constant tearing of the veil of appearances; the constant destruction of everything in construction. Nothing holds together, everything falls apart.

- Ionesco, Eugene

It appears to me that almost any man may like the spider spin from his own inwards his own airy citadel.

- Keats, John

Nothing is more sad than the death of an illusion.

- Koestler, Arthur

Therefore trust to thy heart, and to what the world calls illusions.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

Better a dish of illusion and a hearty appetite for life, than a feast of reality and indigestion

therewith.

- Overstreet, Harry A.

We always think every other man's job is easier than our own. The better he does it, the easier it looks.

- Phillpotts, Eden

The fundamental delusion of humanity is to suppose that I am here and you are out there.

- Roshi, Yasutani

A hallucination is a fact, not an error; what is erroneous is a judgment based upon it.

- Russell, Bertrand

Disillusion is a natural stage that follows the holding of an illusion.

- Shaughnessy, Susan

It isn't safe to sit in judgment upon another person's illusion when you are not on the inside. While you are thinking it is a dream, he may be knowing it is a planet.

- Twain, Mark

Artists use frauds to make human beings seem more wonderful than they really are.

Dancers show us human beings who move much more gracefully than human beings really move. Films and books and plays show us people talking much more entertainingly

than people.

- Vonnegut Jr., Kurt

The one person who has more illusions than the dreamer is the man of action.

- Wilde, Oscar





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