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# Quotes about Insanity

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No excellent soul is exempt from a mixture of madness.

- Aristotle

There is in every madman a misunderstood genius whose idea, shining in his head, frightened people, and for whom delirium was the only solution to the strangulation that life had prepared for him.

- Artaud, Antonin

We are all born mad. Some remain so.

- Beckett, Samuel

The great proof of madness is the disproportion of one's designs to one's means.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Man disavows, and Deity disowns me: hell might afford my miseries a shelter; therefore hell keeps her ever-hungry mouths all bolted against me.

- Cowper, William

Where does one go from a world of insanity? Somewhere on the other side of despair.

- Eliot, T. S.

Insanity destroys reason, but not wit.

- Emmons, Nathaniel

I doubt if a single individual could be found from the whole of mankind free from some form of insanity. The only difference is one of degree. A man who sees a gourd and takes it for his wife is called insane because this happens to very few people.

- Erasmus, Desiderius

A man should not strive to eliminate his complexes, but to get into accord with them; they are legitimately what directs his conduct in the world.

- Freud, Sigmund

I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness, starving hysterical naked.

- Ginsberg, Allen

Better mad with the rest of the world than wise alone.

- Gracian, Baltasar

Insanity is often the logic of an accurate mind overtaken.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

You want to hear about insanity? I was found running naked through the jungles in

Mexico. At the Mexico City airport, I decided I was in the middle of a movie and walked out on the wing on takeoff. My body... my liver... okay, my brain... went.

- Hopper, Dennis

I teach that all men are mad.

- Horace

I may be crazy but it keeps me from going insane.

- Jennings, Waylon

Everyone is more or less mad on one point.

- Kipling, Rudyard

There's a fine line between genius and insanity. I have erased this line.

- Levant, Oscar

Insanity is hereditary. You get it from your children.

- Levenson, Samuel

I'm a nut, but not just a nut.

- Murray, Bill

Insanity in individuals is something rare -- but in groups, parties, nations, and epochs it is

the rule.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

If you commit a big crime then you are crazy, and the more heinous the crime the crazier you must be. Therefore you are not responsible, and nothing is your fault.

- Noonan, Peggy

I became insane, with long intervals of horrible sanity.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

For virtue's self may too much zeal be had; the worst of madmen is a saint run mad.

- Pope, Alexander

Whom God wishes to destroy, he first makes mad.

- Proverb

Insanity is doing the same thing in the same way and expecting a different outcome.

- Proverb, Chinese

All of us are crazy in one way or another.

- Proverb, Yiddish

What is madness but nobility of soul. At odds with circumstance?

- Roethke, Theodore

Though this be madness, yet there is method in it. 'Hamlet';

- Shakespeare, William

Let us consider that we are all partially insane. It will explain us to each other; it will unriddle many riddles; it will make clear and simple many things which are involved in haunting and harassing difficulties and obscurities now.

- Twain, Mark

When we remember that we are all mad, the mysteries disappear and life stands explained.

- Twain, Mark

The way it is now, the asylums can hold the sane people but if we tried to shut up the insane we would run out of building materials.

- Twain, Mark

How strange to have failed as a social creature -- even criminals do not fail that way -- they are the law's Loyal Opposition, so to speak. But the insane are always mere guests on earth, eternal strangers carrying around broken decalogues that they cannot read.

- Unknown, Source

Only the insane have strength enough to survive. Only the survivors determine what is sane.

- Unknown, Source

There is no insanity so devastating in man's life as utter sanity.

- White, William Allen

You must always be puzzled by mental illness. The thing I would dread most, if I became mentally ill, would be your adopting a common sense attitude; that you could take it for granted that I was deluded.

- Wittgenstein, Ludwig

You know, a long time ago being crazy meant something. Nowadays everybody's crazy.

- Manson, Charles





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