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Quotes about Reality

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Given that external reality is a fiction, the writer's role is almost superfluous. He does not need to invent the fiction because it is already there.

- Ballard, J. G.

There are. intangible realities which float near us, formless and without words; realities which no one has thought out, and which are excluded for lack of interpreters.

- Barney, Natalie Clifford

The very definition of the real becomes: that of which it is possible to give an equivalent reproduction. The real is not only what can be reproduced, but that which is always already reproduced. The hyper real.

- Baudrillard, Jean

One might speak to great length of the three corners of reality what was seen, what was thought to be seen, and what was thought ought to be seen.

- Bell, Marvel

Fear not what is not real, never was and never will be. What is real, always was and cannot be destroyed.

- Bhagavad Gita

The reality of life is that your perceptions -- right or wrong -- influence everything else you do. When you get a proper perspective of your perceptions, you may be surprised how many other things fall into place.

- Birkman, Roger

The world is so constructed, that if you wish to enjoy its pleasures, you must also endure its pains. Whether you like it or not, you cannot have one without the other.

- Brahmanada, Swami

He who thinks he is raising a mound may only in reality be digging a pit.

- Bramah, Ernest

Literary works cannot be taken over like factories, or literary forms of expression like industrial methods. Realist writing, of which history offers many widely varying examples, is likewise conditioned by the question of how, when and for what class it is made use of.

- Brecht, Bertolt

This sort of adoration of the real is but a heightening of the beau ideal.

- Byron, Lord

Realism should only be the means of expression of religious genius... or, at the other extreme, the artistic expressions of monkeys which are quite satisfied with mere imitation.

In fact, art is never realistic though sometimes it is tempted to be. To be really realistic a description would have to be endless.

- Camus, Albert

Reality, if rightly interpreted, is grander than fiction.

- Carlyle, Thomas

To hell with reality! I want to die in music, not in reason or in prose. People don't deserve the restraint we show by not going into delirium in front of them. To hell with them!

- Celine, Louis-Ferdinand

Facts as facts do not always create a spirit of reality, because reality is a spirit.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Nothing is more important than reconnecting with your bliss. Nothing is as rich. Nothing is more real.

- Chopra, Deepak

True realism consists in revealing the surprising things which habit keeps covered and prevents us from seeing.

- Cocteau, Jean

Reality is neither good nor bad; it just is.

- Dale, Arbie M.

In an age of synthetic images and synthetic emotions, the chances of an accidental encounter with reality are remote indeed.

- Daney, Serge

We must learn to tailor our concepts to fit reality, instead of trying to stuff reality into our concepts.

- Daniels, Victor

Everything is self-evident.

- Descartes, Rene

Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away.

- Dick, Philip K.

Reality is whatever refuses to go away when I stop believing in it.

- Dick, Philip K.

Realists do not fear the results of their study.

- Dostoevsky, Fyodor

How hard it is, sometimes, to trust the evidence of one's senses! How reluctantly the mind

consents to reality.

- Douglas, Norman

Our intention creates our reality.

- Dyer, Wayne

Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.

- Einstein, Albert

We must find our duties in what comes to us, not in what might have been.

- Eliot, George

Humankind cannot bear very much reality.

- Eliot, T. S.

You cannot do wrong without suffering wrong.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

A cause a day keeps reality away.

- Fraser, Jim

It is astonishing what force, purity, and wisdom it requires for a human being to keep clear of falsehoods.

- Fuller, Margaret

Reality in our century is not something to be faced.

- Greene, Graham

The stupendous fact that we stand in the midst of reality will always be something far more wonderful than anything we do.

- Gutkind, Erich

Meaning and reality were not hidden somewhere behind things, they were in them, in all of them.

- Hesse, Hermann

To be realistic today is to be visionary. To be realistic is to be starry-eyed.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Realism, whether it be socialist or not, falls short of reality. It shrinks it, attenuates it, falsifies it; it does not take into account our basic truths and our fundamental obsessions: love, death, astonishment. It presents man in a reduced and estranged perspective. Truth is in our dreams, in the imagination.

- Ionesco, Eugene

The supreme reality of our time is the vulnerability of this planet.

- Kennedy, John F.

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

It has sometimes been said that we find nowhere in nature an analogue of the difference between happens and is, on the one hand, and ought, on the other hand.

- Kohler, Wolfgang

People see the world not as it is, but as they are.

- Lee, Al

Take things as they are. Punch when you have to punch. Kick when you have to kick.

- Lee, Bruce

Reality leaves a lot to the imagination.

- Lennon, John

The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Your goals, minus your doubts, equal your reality.

- Marston, Ralph

All the things you think you should have done that you didn't do, and all of the things that you shouldn't have done, accept them. You did (or did not) do them. That's reality. That's happened. No changing the past.

- McWilliams, Peter

Reality is not protected or defended by laws, proclamations, ukases, cannons and armadas. Reality is that which is sprouting all the time out of death and disintegration.

- Miller, Henry

Reality is something you rise above.

- Minnelli, Liza

Reality can destroy the dream; why shouldn't the dream destroy reality?

- Moore, George

A theory must be tempered with reality.

- Nehru, Jawaharlal

It takes only one other person to say it's so-one other point of reality to make something real.

- Pancoast, Mal

Reality is a prison, where one vegetates and always will. All the rest --thought, action --is just a pastime, mental or physical. What counts then, is to come to grips with reality. The rest can go.

- Pavese, Cesare

Reality is for people who can't face drugs.

- Peter, Laurence J.

You too must not count too much on your reality as you feel it today, since like yesterday, it may prove an illusion for you tomorrow.

- Pirandello, Luigi

Whatever is a reality today, whatever you touch and believe in and that seems real for you today, is going to be -- like the reality of yesterday -- an illusion tomorrow.

- Pirandello, Luigi

There are occasions when it is undoubtedly better to incur loss than to make gain.

- Plautus, Titus Maccius

Reality isn't the way you wish things to be, nor the way they appear to be, but the way they actually are.

- Ringer, Robert J.

I prefer the honest jargon of reality to the outright lies of books.

- Rostand, Jean

Reality is a question of perspective; the further you get from the past, the more concrete and plausible it seems --but as you approach the present, it inevitably seems incredible.

- Rushdie, Salman

The realist is the man, who having weighed all the visible factors in a given situation and having found that the odds are against him, decides that fighting is useless.

- Sales, Raoul De

In nature, the emphasis is in what is rather than what ought to be.

- Smith, Huston

The successful people of this world take life as it comes. They just go out and deal with the world as it is.

- Stein, Ben

The unreal is natural, so natural that it makes of unreality the most natural of anything natural. That is what America does, and that is what America is.

- Stein, Gertrude

The genuine artist is never true to life. He sees what is real, but not as we are normally aware of it. We do not go storming through life like actors in a play. Art is never real life.

- Stevens, Wallace

What our eyes behold may well be the text of life but one's meditations on the text and the disclosures of these meditations are no less a part of the structure of reality.

- Stevens, Wallace

Reality is nothing but a collective hunch.

- Tomlin, Lily

In the American metaphysic, reality is always material reality, hard, resistant, unformed, impenetrable, and unpleasant.

- Trilling, Lionel

The truly educated man is that rare individual who can separate reality from illusion.

- Unknown, Source

If someone offers to furnish a sure test, ask what the test was which made the sure test sure.

- Unknown, Source

Why is it that reality, when set down untransposed in a book, sounds false?

- Weil, Simone

A test of what is real is that it is hard and rough. Joys are found in it, not pleasure. What is pleasant belongs to dreams.

- Weil, Simone

I accept reality and dare not question it.

- Whitman, Walt

I hate vulgar realism in literature. The man who could call a spade a spade should be compelled to use one. It is the only thing he is fit for.

- Wilde, Oscar

What is meant by reality? It would seem to be something very erratic, very undependable -- now to be found in a dusty road, now in a scrap of newspaper in the street, now a daffodil in the sun. It lights up a group in a room and stamps some casual saying

- Woolf, Virginia

No authority is higher than reality.

- Zarlenga, Peter Nivio

What is a lie? It is to say what is real is not real. It is to deny the existence of what exists.

- Zarlenga, Peter Nivio

Reality is what we take to be true. What we take to be true is what we believe. What we believe is based upon our perceptions. What we perceive depends upon what we look for. What we look for depends upon what we think. What we think depends upon what we perceive. What we perceive determines what we believe. What we believe determines what we take to be true. what we take to be true is our reality.

- Zukav, Gary

We are all living inside a box and we get our information from a box. The box is not real, but we are.

- Dye, James



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