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Andre Paul Guillaume Gide (November 22, 1869 February 19, 1951) was a French author and winner of the Nobel prize in literature in 1947. Gide's career spanned from the symbolist movement to the advent of anticolonialism in-between the two World Wars.

Are you then unable to recognize unless it has the same sound as yours?

- Gide, Andre

Complete possession is proved only by giving. All you are unable to give possesses you.

- Gide, Andre

A straight path never leads anywhere except to the objective.

- Gide, Andre

It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not.

- Gide, Andre

Man is more interesting than men. God made him and not them in his image. Each one is more precious than all.

- Gide, Andre

It is not always by plugging away at a difficulty and sticking to it that one overcomes it; often it is by working on the one next to it. Some things and some people have to be approached obliquely, at an angle.

- Gide, Andre

The most decisive actions of our life -- I mean those that are most likely to decide the whole course of our future -- are, more often than not, unconsidered.

- Gide, Andre

Know thyself. A maxim as pernicious as it is ugly. Whoever studies himself arrests his own development. A caterpillar who seeks to know himself would never become a butterfly.

- Gide, Andre

Most quarrels amplify a misunderstanding.

- Gide, Andre

Only those things are beautiful which are inspired by madness and written by reason.

- Gide, Andre

Not everyone can be an orphan.

- Gide, Andre

The abominable effort to take one's sins with one to paradise.

- Gide, Andre

It is easier to lead men to combat, stirring up their passion, than to restrain them and direct them toward the patient labors of peace.

- Gide, Andre

The sole art that suits me is that which, rising from unrest, tends toward serenity.

- Gide, Andre

Old hands soil, it seems, whatever they caress, but they too have their beauty when they are joined in prayer. Young hands were made for caresses and the sheathing of love. It is a pity to make them join too soon.

- Gide, Andre

There is no prejudice that the work of art does not finally overcome.

- Gide, Andre

It is good to follow one's own bent, so long as it leads upward.

- Gide, Andre

Sin is whatever obscures the soul.

- Gide, Andre

Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.

- Gide, Andre

The most gifted natures are perhaps also the most trembling.

- Gide, Andre

No theory is good unless it permits, not rest, but the greatest work. No theory is good except on condition that one use it to go on beyond.

- Gide, Andre

Believe those who are seeking truth, doubt those who find it.

- Gide, Andre

Nothing is so silly as the expression of a man who is being complimented.

- Gide, Andre

Fish die belly upward, and rise to the surface. Its their way of falling.

- Gide, Andre





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