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Luigi Pirandello (June 28, 1867 – December 10, 1936) was an Italian dramatist and novelist, awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1934.

Each of us, face to face with other men, is clothed with some sort of dignity, but we know only too well all the unspeakable things that go on in the heart.

- Pirandello, Luigi

In bed my real love has always been the sleep that rescued me by allowing me to dream.

- Pirandello, Luigi

A fact is like a sack -- it won't stand up if it's empty. To make it stand up, first you have to put in it all the reasons and feelings that caused it in the first place.

- Pirandello, Luigi

When the characters are really alive before their author, the latter does nothing but follow them in their action, in their words, in the situations which they suggest to him.

- Pirandello, Luigi

It is misery, you know, unspeakable misery for the man who lives alone and who detests sordid, casual affairs; not old enough to do without women, but not young enough to be

able to go and look for one without shame!

- Pirandello, Luigi

Anyone can be heroic from time to time, but a gentleman is something you have to be all the time.

- Pirandello, Luigi

Every true man, sir, who is a little above the level of the beasts and plants does not live for the sake of living, without knowing how to live; but he lives so as to give a meaning and a value of his own to life.

- Pirandello, Luigi

Whoever has the luck to be born a character can laugh even at death. Because a character will never die! A man will die, a writer, the instrument of creation: but what he has created will never die!

- Pirandello, Luigi

Nature uses human imagination to lift her work of creation to even higher levels.

- Pirandello, Luigi

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

I present myself to you in a form suitable to the relationship I wish to achieve with you.

- Pirandello, Luigi

Woman -- for example, look at her case! She turns tantalizing inviting glances on you. You seize her. No sooner does she feel herself in your grasp than she closes her eyes. It is a sign of her mission, the sign by which she says to man: Blind yourself, for I am blind.

- Pirandello, Luigi

I would love to spend all my time writing to you; I'd love to share with you all that goes through my mind, all that weighs on my heart, all that gives air to my soul; phantoms of art, dreams that would be so beautiful if they could come true.

- Pirandello, Luigi



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