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Jean-Paul Charles Aymard Sartre (June 21, 1905 April 15, 1980) was a French existentialist philosopher, dramatist, novelist and critic.

It is only in our decisions that we are important.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Life begins on the other side of despair.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

One is still what one is going to cease to be and already what one is going to become.

One lives one's death, one dies one's life.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Fascism is not defined by the number of its victims, but by the way it kills them.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

To eat is to appropriate by destruction.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Freedom is what you do with what's been done to you.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

The poor don't know that their function in life is to exercise our generosity.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Generosity is nothing else than a craze to possess. All which I abandon, all which I give, I enjoy in a higher manner through the fact that I give it away. To give is to enjoy possessively the object which one gives.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Hell is other people.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Man is a useless passion.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Everything has been figured out, except how to live.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Every existing thing is born without reason, prolongs itself out of weakness, and dies by chance.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

If literature isn't everything, it's not worth a single hour of someone's trouble.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

If you are lonely when you are alone, you are in bad company.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Everything comes to us from others. To Be is to belong to someone.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Being is. Being is in-itself. Being is what it is.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

We must act out passion before we can feel it.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

When the rich wage war it is the poor who die.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

I hate victims who respect their executioners.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Man is condemned to be free; because once thrown into the world, he is responsible for everything he does.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

I am responsible for everything except for my very responsibility, for I am not the foundation of my being. Therefore everything takes place as if I were compelled to be responsible. I am abandoned in the world... in the sense that I find myself suddenly alone and without help, engaged in a world for which I bear the whole responsibility without being able, whatever I do, to tear myself away from this responsibility for an instant.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Three o'clock is always too late or too early for anything you want to do.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Once you hear the details of victory, it is hard to distinguish it from a defeat.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Words are loaded pistols.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

All human actions are equivalent... and all are on principle doomed to failure.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul



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