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Quotes about Decay

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Thy decay's still impregnate with divinity.

- Byron, Lord

Show me one thing here on earth which has begun well and not ended badly. The proudest palpitations are engulfed in a sewer, where they cease throbbing, as though having reached their natural term: this downfall constitutes the heart's drama and the negative meaning of history.

- Cioran, E. M.

Just as the constant increase of entropy is the basic law of the universe, so it is the basic law of life to be ever more highly structured and to struggle against entropy.

- Havel, Vaclav

I have always looked upon decay as being just as wonderful and rich an expression of life as growth.

- Miller, Henry

'Tis but an hour ago since it was nine, and after one hour more twill be eleven. And so from hour to hour we ripe and ripe, and then from hour to hour we rot and rot. and thereby hangs a tale.

- Shakespeare, William

There are people who, like houses, are beautiful in dilapidation.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

Old age cannot be cured. An epoch or a civilization cannot be prevented from breathing its last. A natural process that happens to all flesh and all human manifestations cannot be arrested. You can only wring your hands and utter a beautiful swan song.

- Winegarten, Renee



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