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# Quotes about Despair

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I will indulge my sorrows, and give way to all the pangs and fury of despair.

- Addison, Joseph

Despair, in short, seeks its own environment as surely as water finds its own level.

- Alvarez, A.

So long as we have failed to eliminate any of the causes of human despair, we do not have the right to try to eliminate those means by which man tries to cleanse himself of despair.

- Artaud, Antonin

Action is the antidote to despair.

- Baez, Joan

Intellectual despair results in neither weakness nor dreams, but in violence. It is only a matter of knowing how to give vent to one's rage; whether one only wants to wander like madmen around prisons, or whether one wants to overturn them.

- Bataille, Georges

Then my verse I dishonor, my pictures despise, my person degrade and my temper

chastise; and the pen is my terror, the pencil my shame; and my talents I bury, and dead is my fame.

- Blake, William

To those who despair of everything reason cannot provide a faith, but only passion, and in this case it must be the same passion that lay at the root of the despair, namely humiliation and hatred.

- Camus, Albert

The depth of our despair measures what capability and height of claim we have to hope.

- Carlyle, Thomas

Let judges secretly despair of justice: their verdicts will be more acute. Let generals secretly despair of triumph; killing will be defamed. Let priests secretly despair of faith: their compassion will be true.

- Cohen, Leonard

But what we call our despair is often only the painful eagerness of unfed hope.

- Eliot, George

Despair gives courage to a coward.

- Fuller, Thomas

When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible but in the end, they always fall -- think of it, ALWAYS.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Melancholy has ceased to be an individual phenomenon, an exception. It has become the class privilege of the wage earner, a mass state of mind that finds its cause wherever life is governed by production quotas.

- Grass, Gunther

Despair is the price one pays for setting oneself an impossible aim. It is, one is told, the unforgivable sin, but it is a sin the corrupt or evil man never practices. He always has hope. He never reaches the freezing-point of knowing absolute failure. Only the man of goodwill carries always in his heart this capacity for damnation.

- Greene, Graham

Despair is typical of those who do not understand the causes of evil, see no way out, and are incapable of struggle. The modern industrial proletariat does not belong to the category of such classes.

- Lenin, Vladimir Ilyich

Depression is the inability to construct a future.

- May, Rollo

Despair is the only genuine atheism.

- Paul, Jean

To be thoroughly conversant with a man's heart, is to take our final lesson in the iron-clasped volume of despair.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

All my life I believed I knew something. But then one strange day came when I realized that I knew nothing, yes, I knew nothing. And so words became void of meaning. I have arrived too late at ultimate uncertainty.

- Pound, Ezra

The person who lives by hope will die by despair.

- Proverb, Italian

Life begins on the other side of despair.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Now, God be praised, that to believing souls gives light in darkness, comfort in despair.

- Shakespeare, William

O God, O God, how weary, stale, flat, and unprofitable seem to me all the uses of this world!

- Shakespeare, William

The Christian's chief occupational hazards are depression and discouragement.

- Stott, John R.

Despair is perfectly compatible with a good dinner, I promise you.

- Thackeray, William M.

It is a time when one's spirit is subdued and sad, one knows not why; when the past seems a storm-swept desolation, life a vanity and a burden, and the future but a way to death.

- Twain, Mark

Man dies of cold, not of darkness.

- Unamuno, Miguel De

In a real dark night of the soul it is always three o'clock in the morning, day after day.

- Unknown, Source

Because I remember, I despair. Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair.

- Wiesel, Elie

Through our sunless lanes creeps Poverty with her hungry eyes, and Sin with his sodden

face follows close behind her. Misery wakes us in the morning and Shame sits with us at night.

- Wilde, Oscar





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