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Quotes about Disease

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Everyone detected with AIDS should be tattooed in the upper forearm, to protect common needle users, and on the buttock, to prevent the victimization of other homosexuals.

- Buckley, William F.

Which came first the intestine or the tapeworm?

- Burroughs, William S.

Even diseases have lost their prestige, there aren't so many of them left. Think it over... no more syphilis, no more clap, no more typhoid... antibiotics have taken half the tragedy out of medicine.

- Celine, Louis-Ferdinand

A decadent civilization compromises with its disease, cherishes the virus infecting it, loses its self-respect.

- Cioran, E. M.

It is with disease of the mind, as with those of the body; we are half dead before we understand our disorder, and half cured when we do.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

I think the biggest disease this world suffers from is people feeling unloved.

- Diana, Princess of Wales

The worst of all diseases is a nervous ability.

- Dyson, Edward

Disease is an experience of a so-called mortal mind. It is fear made manifest on the body.

- Eddy, Mary Baker

All diseases run into one. Old age.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

He who cures a disease may be the skillfullest, but he that prevents it is the safest physician.

- Fuller, Thomas

Disease is a vital expression of the human organism.

- Groddeck, Georg

One might say, for example, that a patient has a kind of St Vitus's dance; a kind of dropsy; a kind of nerve fever; a kind of ague. One would never say, however (to end once and for all the confusion of these names) He has St. Vitus's dance, He has nerve fever, He has dropsy, He has ague, since there simply are not any fixed, unchanging diseases to be

known by such names.

- Hahnemann, Samuel

Natural forces within us are the true healers of disease

- Hippocrates

Disease generally begins that equality which death completes.

- Johnson, Samuel

Misdirected life force is the activity in disease process. Disease has no energy save what it borrows from the life of the organism. It is by adjusting the life force that healing must be brought about, and it is the sun as transformer and distributor of primal spiritual energy that must be utilized in this process, for life and the sun are so intimately connected.

- Kabbalah

He who considers disease results to be the disease itself, and expects to do away with these as diseases, is insane. It is an insanity in medicine, an insanity that has grown out of the milder forms of mental disorder in science, crazy whims.

- Kent, James Tyler

The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted.

- Mother Teresa

Disease can never be conquered, can never be quelled by emotion's willful screaming or faith's symbolic prayer. It can only be conquered by the energy of humanity and the cunning in the mind of man. In the patience of a Curie, in the enlightenment of a Faraday, a Rutherford, a Pasteur, a Nightingale, and all other apostles of light and cleanliness, rather than of a woebegone godliness, we shall find final deliverance from plague, pestilence, and famine.

- O'Casey, Sean

Once a disease has entered the body, all parts which are healthy must fight it: not one alone, but all. Because a disease might mean their common death. Nature knows this; and Nature attacks the disease with whatever help she can muster.

- Paracelsus, Philipus A.

Diseases are the tax on pleasures.

- Ray, John

The diseases which destroy a man are no less natural than the instincts which preserve him.

- Santayana, George

Disease is not of the body but of the place.

- Seneca

Any important disease whose causality is murky, and for which treatment is ineffectual, tends to be awash in significance.

- Sontag, Susan

With the modern diseases (once TB, now cancer) the romantic idea that the disease expresses the character is invariably extended to assert that the character causes the disease -- because it has not expressed itself. Passion moves inward, striking and blighting the deepest cellular recesses.

- Sontag, Susan

We are so fond on one another because our ailments are the same.

- Swift, Jonathan

Is not disease the rule of existence? There is not a lily pad floating on the river but has been riddled by insects. Almost every shrub and tree has its gall, oftentimes esteemed its chief ornament and hardly to be distinguished from the fruit. If misery loves company, misery has company enough. Now, at midsummer, find me a perfect leaf or fruit.

- Thoreau, Henry David



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