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Quotes about Suicide

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No one is promiscuous in his way of dying. A man who has decided to hang himself will never jump in front of a train.

- Alvarez, A.

If I commit suicide, it will not be to destroy myself but to put myself back together again. Suicide will be for me only one means of violently reconquering myself, of brutally invading my being, of anticipating the unpredictable approaches of God. By suicide, I reintroduce my design in nature, I shall for the first time give things the shape of my will.

- Artaud, Antonin

If you must commit suicide... always contrive to do it as decorously as possible; the decencies, whether of life or of death, should never be lost sight of.

- Borrow, George

One said of suicide, As long as one has brains one should not blow them out. And another answered, But when one has ceased to have them, too often one cannot.

- Bradley, Francis H.

There is but one truly serious philosophical problem and that is suicide. Judging whether life is or is not worth living amounts to answering the fundamental question of philosophy.

All the rest -- whether or not the world has three dimensions, whether the mind has nine or twelve categories -- comes afterwards. These are games; one must first answer.

- Camus, Albert

It is not worth the bother of killing yourself, since you always kill yourself too late.

- Cioran, E. M.

The obsession with suicide is characteristic of the man who can neither live nor die, and whose attention never swerves from this double impossibility.

- Cioran, E. M.

There are many who dare not kill themselves for fear of what the neighbors will say.

- Connolly, Cyril

Whenever any affliction assails me, I have the keys of my prison in mine own hand, and no remedy presents it selfe so soone to my heart, as mine own sword. Often meditation of this hath wonne me to a charitable interpretation of their action, who dy so: and provoked me a little to watch and exagitate their reasons, which pronounce so peremptory judgments upon them.

- Donne, John

Each victim of suicide gives his act a personal stamp which expresses his temperament, the special conditions in which he is involved, and which, consequently, cannot be explained by the social and general causes of the phenomenon.

- Durkheim, Emile

The prevalence of suicide, without doubt, is a test of height in civilization; it means that the population is winding up its nervous and intellectual system to the utmost point of tension and that sometimes it snaps.

- Ellis, Havelock

Would Hamlet have felt the delicious fascination of suicide if he hadn't had an audience, and lines to speak?

- Genet, Jean

Human life consists in mutual service. No grief, pain, misfortune, or broken heart, is excuse for cutting off one's life while any power of service remains. But when all usefulness is over, when one is assured of an unavoidable and imminent death, it is the simplest of human rights to choose a quick and easy death in place of a slow and horrible one.

- Gillman, Charlotte P.

However great a man's fear of life, suicide remains the courageous act, the clear-headed act of a mathematician. The suicide has judged by the laws of chance -- so many odds against one that to live will be more miserable than to die. His sense of mathematics is greater than his sense of survival. But think how a sense of survival must clamor to be heard at the last moment, what excuses it must present of a totally unscientific nature.

- Greene, Graham

Sometimes I wonder if suicides aren't in fact sad guardians of the meaning of life.

- Havel, Vaclav

If you are of the opinion that the contemplation of suicide is sufficient evidence of a poetic nature, do not forget that actions speak louder than words.

- Lebowitz, Fran

Here take back the stuff that I am, nature, knead it back into the dough of being, make of me a bush, a cloud, whatever you will, even a man, only no longer make me.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

It is the part of cowardliness, and not of virtue, to seek to squat itself in some hollow lurking hole, or to hide herself under some massive tomb, thereby to shun the strokes of fortune.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

And one of his partners asked Has he vertigo? and the other glanced out and down and said Oh no, only about ten feet more.

- Nash, Ogden

It is always consoling to think of suicide: in that way one gets through many a bad night.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

When one does away with oneself one does the most estimable thing possible: one thereby almost deserves to live.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I am just going outside and may be some time.

- Oates, Lawrence

Razors pain you; rivers are damp; acids stain you; and drugs cause cramp. Guns aren't lawful; nooses give; gas smells awful; you might as well live.

- Parker, Dorothy

No one ever lacks a good reason for suicide.

- Pavese, Cesare

At great periods you have always felt, deep within you, the temptation to commit suicide. You gave yourself to it, breached your own defenses. You were a child. The idea of suicide was a protest against life; by dying, you would escape this longing for death.

- Pavese, Cesare

I have always thought the suicide should bump off at least one swine before taking off for parts unknown.

- Pound, Ezra

Suicide may also be regarded as an experiment -- a question which man puts to Nature, trying to force her to answer. The question is this: What change will death produce in a man's existence and in his insight into the nature of things? It is a clumsy experiment to make; for it involves the destruction of the very consciousness which puts the question and awaits the answer.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

Then is it sin to rush into the secret house of death. Ere death dare come to us?

- Shakespeare, William

He who does not accept and respect those who want to reject life does not truly accept and respect life itself.

- Szasz, Thomas



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