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A psychiatrist is a fellow who asks you a lot of expensive questions your wife asks for nothing

-Joey Adams

It is almost impossible to be a doctor and an honest man, but it is obscenely impossible to be a psychiatrist without at the same time bearing the stamp of the most incontestable madness: that of being unable to resist that old atavistic reflex of the mass of humanity, which makes any man of science who is absorbed by this mass a kind of natural and inborn enemy of all genius.

-Antonin Artaud

I myself spent nine years in an insane asylum and I never had the obsession of suicide, but I know that each conversation with a psychiatrist, every morning at the time of his visit, made me want to hang myself, realizing that I would not be able to cut his throat.

-Antonin Artaud

Psychoanalysts seem to be long on information and short on application.

-Gene Fowler

Every morning I woke in dread, waiting for the day nurse to go on her rounds and

announce from the list of names in her hand whether or not I was for shock treatment, the new and fashionable means of quieting people and of making them realize that orders are to be obeyed and floors are to be polished without anyone protesting and faces are to be made to be fixed into smiles and weeping is a crime.

-Janet Frame

It might be said of psychoanalysis that if you give it your little finger it will soon have your whole hand.

-Sigmund Freud

Half a psychiatrist's patients see him because they are married -- the other half because they're not.

-Arnold H. Glasgow

Anyone who goes to a psychiatrist should have his head examined.

-Samuel Goldwyn

To study the abnormal is the best way of understanding the normal.

-William James

Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm schizophrenic, and so am I.

-Oscar Levant

If the nineteenth century was the age of the editorial chair, ours is the century of the psychiatrist's couch.

-Marshall McLuhan

If you are well off and can afford to spend ten or twenty-five dollars a day to hire some patient soul to listen to your troubles you can be readjusted to the crazy scheme of things and spare yourself the humiliation of becoming a Christian Scientist. You can have your ego trimmed or removed, as you wish, just like a wart or bunion.

-Henry Miller

Psychiatry enables us to correct our faults by confessing our parents shortcomings.

-Laurence J. Peter

Work and love; these are the basics. Without them there is neurosis.

-Theodor Reik

Canst thou not minister to a mind diseased, pluck from the memory a rooted sorrow, raze out the written troubles of the brain, and with some sweet oblivious antidote cleanse the fraught bosom of that perilous stuff which weighs upon the heart?

-William Shakespeare

One should only see a psychiatrist out of boredom.

-Muriel Spark

A psychiatrist is a man who goes to the Folies-Bergere and looks at the audience.

-Bishop Mervyn Stockwood

The professional must learn to be moved and touched emotionally, yet at the same time stand back objectively: I've seen a lot of damage done by tea and sympathy.

-Anthony Storr

Psychiatric expert testimony: mendacity masquerading as medicine.

-Thomas Szasz

Involuntary mental hospitalization is like slavery. Refining the standards for commitment is like prettifying the slave plantations. The problem is not how to improve commitment, but how to abolish it.

-Thomas Szasz

Institutional psychiatry is a continuation of the Inquisition. All that has really changed is the vocabulary and the social style. The vocabulary conforms to the intellectual expectations of our age: it is a pseudo-medical jargon that parodies the concepts of

science. The social style conforms to the political expectations of our age: it is a pseudo-liberal social movement that parodies the ideals of freedom and rationality.

-Thomas Szasz

The difference between a neurotic, a psychotic, and a psychiatrist. The neurotic builds castles in the sky, the psychotic lives in them and the psychiatrist collects the rent.

-Source Unknown

You go to psychiatrist when your slightly cracked and keep going until you're completely broke.

-Source Unknown



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