

Authenticity: Some Quotations

1. "Born Originals, how comes it to pass that we die Copies?"

2. "I know my heart, and have studied mankind. I am not made like anyone else I have been acquainted with, perhaps like no one in existence; if not better, I at least claim originality, and whether Nature did wisely in breaking the mold with which she formed me, can only be determined after having read this work."

3. "The search for authenticity, nearly everywhere we find it in modern times is bound up with a radical rejection of things as they are. ... the desire for authenticity has emerged in modern society as one of the most politically explosive of human impulses."

4. "If authenticity is madness, we should all be a little crazy in order to become what we cherish most: our own true self."

5. "One is not born, but becomes, a woman."

6. "Authenticity itself becomes a lie the moment it becomes authentic, that is, in reflecting on itself, in postulating itself as genuine, in which it already oversteps the identity that it lays claim to in the same breath."

7. "I fake it so real I am beyond fake."

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