**Reality**

**No live organism can continue for long to exist sanely under conditions of absolute reality. *(Shirley Jackson)***

**What we call reality is an agreement that people have arrived at to make life more livable. (*Louise Nevelson, Russian-American artist)***

**You’ve got to keep selling yourself a bill of goods, and some people are better at lying to themselves than others. If you face reality too much, it kills you. *(Woody Allen)***

**If reality were always pleasant, always clear, or even always interesting, it wouldn’t be what it is. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**There is another reality, the genuine one, which we lose sight of. This other reality is always sending us hints, which without art, we can't receive. *(Saul Bellow)***

**Sometimes the appropriate response to reality is to go insane. *(Philip K. Dick)***

**Why should I believe in reality, when there’s so much else I’d rather believe in? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Every time I close the door on Reality, it comes in through the window. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in I May Not Be Totally Perfect, but Parts of Me Are Excellent)***

**Reality is one of the possibilities I cannot afford to ignore. (*Leonard Cohen*)**

**Create a concept, and reality leaves the room. *(Jose Ortega y Gasset, philosopher)***

**Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away.**

***(Philip K. Dick)***

**All my dreams have come and gone, except one: a dream called reality. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Reality is hard. It's no walk in the park, this thing called life. *(Patty Duke)***

**The only way to escape reality may be by going farther into it. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**I'll face reality when I come to it -- but not a moment sooner. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**In 1992, MTV’s Real World became the first American “reality” show. (Don Voorhees, in The Essential Book of Useless Information, p. 16)**

**The things we hate about ourselves aren’t more real than the things we like about ourselves. *(Ellen Goodman, columnist)***

**Goodnight, reality – see you in the morning. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**To be a realist in Israel, you have to believe in miracles. *(David Ben Gurion)***

Sometimes you have to look reality in the eye, and deny it. *(Garrison Keillor)*

In real life, I assure you, there is no such thing as algebra. *(Fran Lebowitz)*

**The evening news is so depressing. It makes me long for the fake, fantasy world of ‘reality’ shows. *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**If someone tells you he is going to make “a realistic decision,” you immediately understand that he is going to do something bad. *(Mary McCarthy, author)***

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**The wallpaper with which men of science have covered the world of reality is falling to tatters. *(Henry Miller, writer)***

**Chaos is the score upon which reality is written. *(Henry Miller)***

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**Reality is something you rise above. *(Liza Minnelli)***

**A couple of months after President Reagan’s inaugural, former Vice President Walter Mondale was sitting in a San Francisco TV studio in a small holding room, waiting to be interviewed on a morning talk show. Two other interviewees were also waiting for their appearances. As Mondale described the scene: “I asked them why they were on the program. The guy ahead of me was on because he’d run an ad in the San Francisco Chronicle looking for a wife. The guy after me was on because, the day before, he’d jumped off a 50-foot platform into a bathtub full of snakes. “I suddenly realized I was back in reality.” *(Nina Totenberg, in Parade magazine)***

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**Never ever, ever look at reality unless it is perfect in every way. *(Abraham/Hicks)***

**One thing about reality: it’s never too good to be true. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

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**Reality has no intention of hurting you – in fact, reality may have no intentions at all. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**From the time of the ancient Greek philosophers on, it was held that the atom was the smallest building block of matter. Physicists discovered the existence of sub-atomic particles in the 19th century, but recent findings about the nature of sub-atomic particles have shattered old maps of reality. Sub-atomic particles have been found to have no location in space and time, therefore they do not really exist, as we normally term existence. *(Gregory Barrette, Unity minister)***

**Ziggy to doctor: “Put me in touch with reality? Do you have something less drastic than that?” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Human beings are interested in two things. They are interested in reality and interested in telling about it. *(Gertrude Stein)***

**There's as much reality where you are right now as there is anywhere else. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Reality is the leading cause of stress among those in touch with it. *(Lily Tomlin)***

**I could see much farther, if my vision weren’t blocked by reality. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Reality is what I see, not what you see. *(Anthony Burgess, English novelist, critic, screenwriter and composer)***

**Reality is just a crutch for people who can’t deal with drugs. *(Robin Williams)***

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