

Lanzarote- Michel Houellebecq

“The people of Lanzarote, I went on enthusiastically, are exactly like all other natives when it comes to beauty. Completely insensible to the splendor of his surroundings, the native generally sets about destroying it, to the anguish of the tourist, a sensitive creature in the pursuit of happiness. Once the tourist has pointed out this beauty, the native becomes capable of perceiving it, preserving it and systematizing its exploitation in the form of excursions.”

“What had, at the beginning, been a joyous party with no taboos, gradually turned into a joyless exercise in depravity, there was something very cold and very narcissistic about it.”

“These were criminal charges brought against private individuals; that they were members of a particular religious faith was a fact, but could not, under any circumstances, be the basis for a case against them.”