

# Ananda Coomaraswamy

## Quotes

*Art, Men, Becoming, Artist, Mean, Said, Thinking, Perception, Hero, Absolute  
Truth, Independent, Makers, Painting, He Man, Real, Spiritual, Special,  
Brutality, Grades, Attractive*

The artist is not a special kind of man, but every man is a special kind of artist.

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

Myth embodies the nearest approach to absolute truth that can be stated in words.

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

From one point of view becoming is a humiliation, and from another a royal procession.

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

All that is best for us comes of itself into our hands-but if we strive to overtake it, it perpetually eludes us.

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

It is only when the maker of things is a maker of things by vocation, and not merely holding down a job, that the price of things is approximate to their real value. . . .

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

Man's activity consists in either a making or doing. Both of these aspects of the active life depend for their correction upon the contemplative life (that is, the Hero).

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

It is the natural instinct of a child to work from within outwards; "First I think, and then I draw my think." What wasted efforts we make to teach the child to stop thinking, and only to observe!

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

Becoming is not a contradiction of being but the epiphany of being.

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

We have come to think of art and work as incompatible, or at least independent categories and have for the first time in history created an industry without art.

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

What I have sought is to understand what has been said.

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

Beauty is the attractive power of perfection.

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

Industry without art is brutality.

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

No creature can attain a higher grade of nature without ceasing to exist.

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

The man incapable of contemplation cannot be an artist, but only a skillful workman.

~Ananda Coomaraswamy

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