

Barnett Newman

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I prefer to leave the paintings to speak for themselves.

~Barnett Newman

When painters feel the need to make a shift toward self-discovery, they turn to black and white for a time.

~Barnett Newman

Aesthetics is for the artist like ornithology is for the birds.

~Barnett Newman

Sculpture is what you bump into when you back up to see a painting.

~Barnett Newman

Painting, like passion, is a living voice, which, when I hear it, I must let it speak, unfettered.

~Barnett Newman

A painter is a choreographer of space.

~Barnett Newman

I hope that my painting has the impact of giving someone, as it did me, the feeling of his own totality, of his own separateness, of his own individuality.

~Barnett Newman

It is our function as artists to make the spectator see the world our way not his way.

~Barnett Newman

The impulse of modern art was this desire to destroy beauty.

~Barnett Newman

Any art worthy of its name should address 'life', 'man', 'nature', 'death' and 'tragedy'.

~Barnett Newman

I know that it is impossible to talk about my work. And since it's impossible for me or anybody else to talk about my work, I feel I might as well talk about it.

~Barnett Newman

We are in the process of making the world, to a certain extent, in our own image.

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The problem of a painting is physical and metaphysical, the same as I think life is physical and metaphysical.

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We have lost contact with man's natural desire for the exalted, for a concern with our relation to absolute emotions.

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From the very beginning I felt that I would do a series.

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