

# Claude Levi-Strauss

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The wise man doesn't give the right answers, he poses the right questions.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Language is a form of human reason, which has its internal logic of which man knows nothing.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

The world began without man, and it will complete itself without him.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Objects are what matter. Only they carry the evidence that throughout the centuries something really happened among human beings.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Nor must we forget that in science there are no final truths.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

I am the place in which something has occurred.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

The scientist is not a person who gives the right answers, he is one who asks the right questions.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

I think that a society cannot live without a certain number of irrational beliefs. They are protected from criticism and analysis because they are irrational.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Just as the individual is not alone in the group, nor anyone in society alone among the others, so man is not alone in the universe.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Animals are good to think with.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Understanding arises from reducing one type of reality into another.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

I have never known so much naive conviction allied to greater intellectual poverty.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Anthropology found its Galileo in Rivers, its Newton in Mauss.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Our system is the height of absurdity, since we treat the culprit both as a child, so as to have the right to punish him, and as an adult, in order to deny him consolation.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

No contact with savage Indian tribes has ever daunted me more than the morning I spent with an old lady swathed in woolies who compared herself to a rotten herring encased in a block of ice.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Scientific knowledge advances haltingly and is stimulated by contention and doubt.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

With all its technical sophistication, the photographic camera remains a coarse device compared to the human hand and brain.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Not all poisonous juices are burning or bitter nor is everything which is burning and bitter poisonous.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Natural man did not precede society, nor is he outside it.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

There is one fact that can be established. The only phenomenon which, always and in all parts of the world, seems to be linked with the appearance of writing

~Claude Levi-Strauss

I can't help thinking that science would be more appealing if it had no practical use.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

How can my old photographs fail to create in me a feeling of emptiness and sorrow? They make me acutely aware that this second deprivation will be final this time.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

I hate travelling and explorers

~Claude Levi-Strauss

All the essentials of humanity's artistic treasures can be found in New York.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

Teaching and research are not to be confused with training for a profession. Their greatness and their misfortune is that they are a refuge or a mission.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

[Photography] remains servile to a thoughtless vision of the world... As the term snapshot suggests, photography seizes the moment and exhibits it.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

These facts make the creator of music a being like the gods, and make music itself the supreme mystery of human knowledge.

~Claude Levi-Strauss

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