

G. I. Gurdjieff

Quotes

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Awakening begins when a man realizes that he is going nowhere and does not know where to go.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

The evolution of man is the evolution of his consciousness, and 'consciousness' cannot evolve unconsciously. The evolution of man is the evolution of his will, and 'will' cannot evolve involuntarily.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

If you meditate and the Devil comes, make the Devil meditate.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Two things in life are infinite; the stupidity of man and the mercy of God.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

It is only by grounding our awareness in the living sensation of our bodies that the 'I Am,' our real presence, can awaken.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Never think of results, just do!

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Conscious faith is freedom. Emotional faith is slavery. Mechanical faith is foolishness.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

He who has gotten rid of the disease of "tomorrow" has a chance of achieving what he is here for.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Without self knowledge, without understanding the working and functions of his machine, man cannot be free, he cannot govern himself and he will always remain a slave.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

One of the best means for arousing the wish to work on yourself is to realize that you may die at any moment. But first you must learn how to keep it in mind.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

In order to understand the interrelation of truth and falsehood in life, a man must understand falsehood in himself, the constant incessant lies he tells himself.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Practice love first on animals, they are more sensitive.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

All who have come to me must have enema each day.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

What you need to know is very little, but to know that little takes very very much.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

If you help others, you will be helped, perhaps tomorrow, perhaps in one hundred years, but you will be helped. Nature must pay off the debt. It is a mathematical law and all life is mathematics.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

The first reason for people's slavery is our ignorance, and above all, our ignorance of ourselves.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Believe nothing, not even yourself.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Real love is a cosmic force which goes through us. If we crystallize it, it becomes the greatest power in the world.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

You can never awaken using the same system that put you to sleep in the first place.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Better to die than live in sleep.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

There is a cosmic law which says that every satisfaction must be paid for with a dissatisfaction.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

One of the strongest motives for wishing to work on yourself is the realization that you may die at any moment - only you must first realize this.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Patience is the mother of will.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

It is the greatest mistake to think that man is always one and the same. A man is never the same for long. He is continually changing. He seldom remains the same even for half an hour.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

I ask you to believe nothing that you cannot verify for yourself.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

From looking at your neighbor and realizing his true significance, and that he will die, pity and compassion will arise in you for him and finally you will love him.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

That which is easy is bad for your inner life.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Begin with the possible; begin with one step.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

If you want to lose your faith, make friends with a priest.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Remember you come here having already understood the necessity of struggling with yourself – only with yourself. Therefore thank everyone who gives you the opportunity.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Consciousness is a state in which a man knows all at once everything that he in general knows and in which he can see how little he does know and how many contradictions there are in what he knows.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

It is very difficult also to sacrifice one's suffering. A man will renounce any pleasures you like but he will not give up his suffering.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Remember yourself always and everywhere.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

By teaching others you will learn yourself.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Humanity is moving in a circle. The progress in mechanical things of the past hundred years has proceeded at the cost of losing many other things which perhaps were much more important for it.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

The only type of sexual relations possible are those with someone who is as advanced and capable as oneself.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

As long as our ideas are the same, we will never be apart.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Laughter relieves us of superfluous energy, which, if it remained unused, might become negative, that is, poison. Laughter is the antidote.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

The greatest untold story is the evolution of God.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Without struggle, no progress and no result. Every breaking of habit produces a change in the machine.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Hope of consciousness is strength. Hope of feelings is slavery. Hope of body is disease.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Wish' is the most powerful thing in the world. Higher than God.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

The highest that a man can attain is to be able to do.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

If you can serve a cup of tea right, you can do anything.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Would a CONSCIOUS human being destroy himself through war, and crime, and quarrels? No, a man simply knows not what he does to himself.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Practice love on animals first; they react better and more sensitively.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Love without knowledge is demonic.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Time began when you were born. It will end when you die.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Man must use what he has, not hope for what is not.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Religion is doing; a man does not merely think his religion or feel it, he 'lives' his religion as much as he is able, otherwise it is not religion but fantasy or philosophy.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

To know means to know all. Not to know all means not to know. In order to know all, it is only necessary to know a little. But, in order to know this little, it is first necessary to know pretty much.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Those who have not sown anything during their responsible life will have nothing to reap in the future.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

With thorns in the inner world there will always be roses in the outer world, in law-able compensation.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

A miracle is not the breaking of physical laws, but rather represents laws which are incomprehensible to us.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Take the understanding of the East and the knowledge of the West-and then seek.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Life is real only then, when "I am".

~G. I. Gurdjieff

What is possible for individual man is impossible for the masses.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Common aim is stronger than blood.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

The degree of consciousness corresponds to the degree of density or the speed of vibrations. The denser the matter, the less conscious it is.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Only super-efforts count.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Love of consciousness evokes the same in response Love of feeling evokes the opposite Love of body depends only on type and polarity.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Nothing can be attained without suffering but at the same time one must begin by sacrificing suffering.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Every grown-up man consists wholly of habits, although he is often unaware of it and even denies having any habits at all.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Man has the possibility of existence after death. But possibility is one thing and the realization of the possibility is quite a different thing.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

My way is to develop the hidden potentialities of man; a way that is against Nature and against God.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Blessed is he who has a soul, blessed is he who has none, but woe and grief to him who has it in embryo.

~G. I. Gurdjieff

Personality in man is what is "not his own" . . . what come from outside, what he has learned, or reflects, all traces of exterior impressions left in the memory.

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To know all, it is necessary to know very little; but to know that very little, one must first know pretty much.

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The man has the possibilities of getting free gradually from the mechanical laws.

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