

Karl Jaspers

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The moment is the sole reality.

~Karl Jaspers

Greatness of mind becomes an object of love only when the power at work in it itself has a noble character

~Karl Jaspers

What makes us afraid is our great freedom in the face of the emptiness that has still to be filled.

~Karl Jaspers

We must learn to talk with each other, and we mutually must understand and accept one another in our extraordinary differences.

~Karl Jaspers

There is no God, cry the masses more and more vociferously; and with the loss of God man loses his sense of values "is, as it were, massacred because he feels himself of no account.

~Karl Jaspers

Only in those moments when I exercise my freedom am I fully myself.

~Karl Jaspers

On the question of the world as a whole, science founders. For scientific knowledge the world lies in fragments, the more so the more precise our scientific knowledge becomes.

~Karl Jaspers

Reason is like an open secret that can become known to anyone at any time; it is the quiet space into which everyone can enter through his own thought

~Karl Jaspers

Philosophy as practice does not mean its restriction to utility or

applicability, that is, to what serves morality or produces serenity of soul.

~Karl Jaspers

A scientific approach means knowing what one knows and what one doesn't. Absolute or complete knowledge is unscientific.

~Karl Jaspers

At the present moment, the security of coherent philosophy, which existed from Parmenides to Hegel, is lost.

~Karl Jaspers

Only then, approaching my fortieth birthday, I made philosophy my life's work.

~Karl Jaspers

I discovered that the study of past philosophers is of little use unless our own reality enters into it. Our reality alone allows the thinker's questions to become comprehensible.

~Karl Jaspers

The study of law left me unsatisfied, because I did not know the aspects of life which it serves. I perceived only the intricate mental juggling with fictions that did not interest me.

~Karl Jaspers

Everything depends therefore on encountering thought at its source. Such thought is the reality of man's being, which achieved consciousness and understanding of itself through it.

~Karl Jaspers

The soul of a landscape, the spirits of the elements, the genius of every place will be revealed to a loving view of nature.

~Karl Jaspers

The more determinedly I exist, as myself, within the conditions of the time, the more clearly I shall hear the language of the past, the nearer I shall feel the glow of its life.

~Karl Jaspers

Nietzsche, driven by the absolute demand of his existential truthfulness, could not abide the bourgeois world, even when its representative had human nobility.

~Karl Jaspers

To decide to become a philosopher seemed as foolish to me as to decide to become a poet.

~Karl Jaspers

When language is used without true significance, it loses its purpose as a means of communication and becomes an end in itself.

~Karl Jaspers

Philosophic meditation is an accomplishment by which I attain Being and my own self, not impartial thinking which studies a subject with indifference.

~Karl Jaspers

Philosophy can only be approached with the most concrete comprehension.

~Karl Jaspers

Only as an individual can man become a philosopher.

~Karl Jaspers

My own being can be judged by the depths I reach in making these historical origins my own.

~Karl Jaspers

I began the study of medicine, impelled by a desire for knowledge of facts and of man. The resolution to do disciplined work tied me to both laboratory and clinic for a long time to come.

~Karl Jaspers

All democracies demand common public education because nothing makes people so much alike as the same education.

~Karl Jaspers

Nietzsche's ideas and plans: for example, the idea of giving up the whole wretched academic world to form a secular monastic community.

~Karl Jaspers

As a universal history of philosophy, the history of philosophy must become one great unity.

~Karl Jaspers

Philosophy is tested and characterised by the way in which it appropriates its history.

~Karl Jaspers

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