

Laura Riding Quotes

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Until the missing story of ourselves is told, nothing besides told can suffice us: we shall go on quietly craving it.

~Laura Riding

Nature is what you don't have to trouble about. It looks after itself.

~Laura Riding

Poetry brings all possible experience to the same degree: a degree in the consciousness beyond which the consciousness itself cannot go.

~Laura Riding

I met God. 'What,' he said, 'you already?' 'What,' I said, 'you still?'

~Laura Riding

In religion is much tiredness of people, a giving over of their doing to Someone Else.

~Laura Riding

People get wisdom from thinking, not from learning.

~Laura Riding

Truth rings no bells.

~Laura Riding

Woman has two works to perform: a work of differentiation, of man from herself, and a work of unification, of man with herself. ... We, woman, are now entering upon our second work.

~Laura Riding

We live on the circumference of a hollow circle. We draw the circumference, like spiders, out of ourselves: it is all criticism of criticism.

~Laura Riding

Appearances do not deceive if there are enough of them.

~Laura Riding

Every thought sounds like a footfall, Till a thought like a boot kicks down the wall.

~Laura Riding

To a poet the mere making of a poem can seem to solve the problem of truth—but only a problem of art is solved in poetry.

~Laura Riding

Polygamy and polyandry distribute the frightening physical solidarity of monogamy. Monogamous couples are always hungry for company: to dilute sex.

~Laura Riding

Shakespeare alternated between musical surrenders to social prestige and magnificent fits of poetic remorse.

~Laura Riding

Women, ever since there have been women, have had a way of being people.

~Laura Riding

we shall know that we have begun to speak true by an increased hunger for true-speaking; we shall have the whole hunger only after we have given ourselves the first taste of it.

~Laura Riding

Women are strangers in the country of man.

~Laura Riding

rummaging in the storehouses of religious or literary history for myth-matter for ideational uses is of the nature of spiritual vulgarity.

~Laura Riding

If what you write is true, it will not be so because of what you are as a writer but because of what you are as a being. There can be no literary equivalent to truth.

~Laura Riding

Poetry is a sleep-maker for that which sits up late in us listening for the footfall of the future on to-day's doorstep.

~Laura Riding

Ideas are the old-age of art. Artists have to keep young; they must not think too much - thought is death, while art is life. Such was Emile's viewpoint.

~Laura Riding

She [Venison] had never travelled and so could invent all kinds of strange places without being limited, as travelled people are, by knowledge of certain places only.

~Laura Riding

Conversation succeeds conversation, Until there's nothing left to talk about Except truth, the perennial monologue, And no talker to dispute it but itself.

~Laura Riding

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My function as a writer is not story-telling but truth-telling: to make things plain.

~Laura Riding

I believe that misconceptions about oneself that one does not correct

where possible act as a bad magic.

~Laura Riding

... whatever is not happening now is unimportant; it is merely curious.

~Laura Riding

Anger is precious because it is an immediate, undeniable clue to what our minds (so much more cautious in rejection and resistance than our bodies) will not tolerate.

~Laura Riding

We wait, all, for a story of us that shall reach to where we are. We listen for our own speaking; and we hear much that seems our speaking, yet makes us strange to ourselves.

~Laura Riding

Every woman must live by some sense of victory over disappointments, and Olympias was not the sort of woman to find compensation in her own powers of self-control and endurance.

~Laura Riding

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