

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Quotes

*Architecture, Order, Materials, Children, Spiritual, Creative, Less Is More,
Bricks, Discipline, Two, Function, Learning, Expression, Confusion, Art,
Together, Goal, Real, Educational, Building*

No design is possible until the materials with which you design are completely understood

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Architecture is a language. When you are very good, you can be a poet

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Architecture starts when you carefully put two bricks together. There it begins.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

God is in the details.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Less is more.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

We must remember that everything depends on how we use a material, not on the material itself... New materials are not necessarily superior. Each material is only what we make it.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

A chair is a very difficult object. A skyscraper is almost easier. That is why Chippendale is famous.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Architecture is the will of an epoch translated into space.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

I don't want to be interesting. I want to be good.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

We must be as familiar with the functions of our building as with our

materials. We must learn what a building can be, what it should be, and also what it must not be.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

It is better to be good than to be original.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Architecture is the will of the age conceived in spatial terms.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

First you have to learn to do something, then you can go out and do it.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Architecture has the power to create order out of unholy confusion.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

The long path from material through function to creative work has only one goal: to create order out of the desperate confusion of our time.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

God dwells in the details.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

The individual is losing significance; his destiny is no longer what interests us.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Architecture is the real battleground of the spirit.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

True education is concerned not only with practical goals but also with values. Our aims assure us of our material life, our values make possible our spiritual life.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Simply by not owning three medium-sized castles in Tuscany I have saved enough money in the last forty years on insurance premiums alone to buy a medium-sized castle in Tuscany.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

But what if we are dealing with fools?

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

We must have order, allocating to each thing its proper place and giving to each thing is due according to its nature.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Never talk to a client about architecture. Talk to him about his children.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Architecture begins when you place two bricks carefully together.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Architecture wrote the history of the epochs and gave them their names.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Let us guide our students over the road of discipline from materials, through function, to creative work.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Each material is only what we make it.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Means must be subsidiary to ends and to our desire for dignity and value.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

[In art], less is more.

~Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

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