

Margaret Visser

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Our perception that we have 'no time' is one of the distinctive marks of modern Western culture.

~Margaret Visser

food is never just something to eat.

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We use eating as a medium for social relationships: satisfaction of the most individual of needs becomes a means of creating community.

~Margaret Visser

The extent to which we take everyday objects for granted is the precise extent to which they govern and inform our lives.

~Margaret Visser

Bread is for us a kind of successor to the motherly breast, and it has been over the centuries responsible for billions of sighs of satisfaction.

~Margaret Visser

It is the nature of human beings not to be able to leave nature alone.

~Margaret Visser

Salt is the policeman of taste: it keeps the various flavors of a dish in order and restrains the stronger from tyrannizing over the weaker.

~Margaret Visser

The ancient Greeks did not have to wrestle with the philosophical problem of the existence of evil. They did not claim their gods were good, just magnificent.

~Margaret Visser

Salt represents the civilized: it requires know-how to get it, and a sophisticated combination of cooking and spoilt, jaded appetites to need it.

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