

Michel de Certeau

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Everyday life invents itself by poaching in countless ways on the property of others.

~Michel de Certeau

To walk is to lack a place. It is the indefinite process of being absent and in search of a proper.

~Michel de Certeau

A memory is only a Prince Charming who stays just long enough to awaken the Sleeping Beauties of our wordless stories.

~Michel de Certeau

The only freedom supposed to be left to the masses is that of grazing on the ration of simulacra the system distributes to each individual.

~Michel de Certeau

An absence of meaning opens a gap in time.

~Michel de Certeau

The media transforms the great silence of things into its opposite. Formerly constituting a secret, the real now talks constantly. News reports, information, statistics, and surveys are everywhere.

~Michel de Certeau

More than its utilitarian and technocratic transparency, it is the opaque ambivalence of its oddities that makes the city livable.

~Michel de Certeau

It seems possible to give a preliminary definition of walking as a space of enunciation.

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The panorama-city is a 'theoretical' (that is, visual) simulacrum, in short a picture, whose condition of possibility is an oblivion and a misunderstanding of practices.

~Michel de Certeau

The created order is everywhere punched and torn open by ellipses, drifts, and leaks of meaning: it is a sieve-order.

~Michel de Certeau

One is a socialist because one used to be one, no longer going to demonstrations, attending meetings, sending in one's dues, in short, without paying.

~Michel de Certeau

As a first approximation, I define belief not as the object of believing (a dogma, a program, etc.) but as the subject's investment in a proposition, the act of saying it and considering it as true.

~Michel de Certeau

Along with the lazy man... the dying man is the immoral man: the former, a subject that does not work; the latter, an object that no longer even makes itself available to be worked on by others.

~Michel de Certeau

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