

Mircea Eliade

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The great cosmic illusion is a hierophany.... One is devoured by Time, not because one lives in Time, but because one believes in its reality, and therefore forgets or despises eternity.

~Mircea Eliade

Man becomes aware of the Sacred because it manifests itself, shows itself, as something wholly different from the Profane.

~Mircea Eliade

As long as you have not grasped that you have to die to grow, you are a troubled guest on the dark earth".

~Mircea Eliade

The way towards 'wisdom' or towards 'freedom' is the way towards your inner being. This is the simplest definition of metaphysics.

~Mircea Eliade

Light does not come from light, but from darkness.

~Mircea Eliade

The primitive magician, the medicine man or shaman is not only a sick man, he is above all, a sick man who has been cured, who has succeeded in curing himself.

~Mircea Eliade

The Experience of Sacred Space makes possible the founding of the world: where the sacred Manifests itself in space, the real unveils itself, the world comes into existence.

~Mircea Eliade

If we pay no attention to it, time does not exist.

~Mircea Eliade

It would be frightening to think that in all the Cosmos, which is so

harmonious, so complete and equal to itself, that only human life is happening randomly, that only one's destiny lacks meaning.

~Mircea Eliade

I don't want to be mediocre, this is the fear of my soul and my body.

~Mircea Eliade

Water symbolizes the whole of potentiality - the source of all possible existence.

~Mircea Eliade

And I realize how useless wails are and how gratuitous melancholy is.

~Mircea Eliade

To whatever degree he may have desacralized the world, the man who has made his choice in favor of a profane life never succeeds in completely doing away with religious behavior.

~Mircea Eliade

to have solely one thought, but it to be capable to destroy the universe.

~Mircea Eliade

The crude product of nature, the object fashioned by the industry of man, acquire their reality, their identity, only to the extent of their participation in a transcendent reality.

~Mircea Eliade

To believe that I could, at twenty-three, sacrifice history and culture for the Absolute was further proof that I had not understood India. My vocation was culture, not sainthood.

~Mircea Eliade

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