

Norman O. Brown

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I am what is mine. Personality is the original personal property.

~Norman O. Brown

Love without attachment is light.

~Norman O. Brown

Freedom is poetry, taking liberties with words, breaking the rules of normal speech, violating common sense. Freedom is violence.

~Norman O. Brown

To be seen is the ambition of ghosts, and to be remembered is the ambition of the dead.

~Norman O. Brown

The dynamics of capitalism is postponement of enjoyment to the constantly postponed future.

~Norman O. Brown

The money complex is the demonic, and the demonic is God's ape; the money complex is therefore the heir to and substitute for the religious complex, an attempt to find God in things.

~Norman O. Brown

The boundary line between self and external world bears no relation to reality; the distinction between ego and world is made by spitting out part of the inside, and swallowing in part of the outside.

~Norman O. Brown

To love is to transform; to be a poet.

~Norman O. Brown

History is the enactment of ritual on a permanent and universal stage; and its perpetual commemoration.

~Norman O. Brown

Meaning is not in things but in between them.

~Norman O. Brown

The human body is not a thing or a substance, given, but a continuous creation.

~Norman O. Brown

All currency is neurotic currency.

~Norman O. Brown

The insane do not share the normal prejudice in favor of external reality.

~Norman O. Brown

Psychoanalysis can provide a theory of 'progress,' but only by viewing history as a neurosis.

~Norman O. Brown

Resisting madness is the maddest way of being mad.

~Norman O. Brown

To be is to be vulnerable.

~Norman O. Brown

Whoever expects to walk peacefully in the world must be money's guest.

~Norman O. Brown

Truth is error burned up.

~Norman O. Brown

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