

Pascal Mercier

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Given that we can live only a small part of what there is in us -- what happens with the rest?

~Pascal Mercier

We leave something of ourselves behind when we leave a place, we stay there, even though we go away. And there are things in us that we can find again only by going back there.

~Pascal Mercier

We are stratified creatures, creatures full of abysses, with a soul of inconstant quicksilver, with a mind whose color and shape change as in a kaleidoscope that is constantly shaken.

~Pascal Mercier

When dictatorship is a fact, revolution is a duty!

~Pascal Mercier

Life is not what we live; it is what we imagine we are living.

~Pascal Mercier

Loyalty... A will, a decision, a resolution of the soul.

~Pascal Mercier

A feeling is no longer the same when it comes the second time. It dies through the awareness of its return. We become tired and weary of our feelings when they come too often and last too long.

~Pascal Mercier

There were people who read and there were the others. Whether you were the a reader or a non-reader was soon apparent. There was no greater distinction between people.

~Pascal Mercier

But when we set out to understand somebody's inside? Is that a trip

that ever ends? Is the soul a place of facts? Or are the alleged facts only the deceptive shadows of our stories?

~Pascal Mercier

So, the fear of death might be described as the fear of not being able to become whom one had planned to be.

~Pascal Mercier

Isn't it true that it's not people who meet, but rather the shadows cast by their imaginations?

~Pascal Mercier

To understand yourself: Is that a discovery or a creation?

~Pascal Mercier

I love tunnels. They 're the symbol of hope: sometime it will be bright again. If by chance it is not night.

~Pascal Mercier

Kitsch is the most pernicious of all prisons. The bars are covered with the gold of simplistic, unreal feelings, so that you take them for the pillars of a palace.

~Pascal Mercier

Sometimes, we are afraid of something because we're afraid of something else.

~Pascal Mercier

What is it that we call loneliness. It can't simply be the absence of others, you can be alone and not lonely, and you can be among people and yet be lonely. So what is it?

~Pascal Mercier

Our lives are rivers, gliding free to that unfathomed, boundless sea, the

silent grave!

~Pascal Mercier

I am still there, at that distant place in time, I never left it, but live expanded in the past, or out of it.

~Pascal Mercier

Human beings can't bear silence. It would mean that they would bear themselves.

~Pascal Mercier

[Vanity] is an unrecognised form of stupidity, you have to forget the cosmic meaninglessness of all our acts to be able to be vain and that's a glaring form of stupidity.

~Pascal Mercier

To live for the moment: it sounds so right and so beautiful. But the more I want to, the less I understand what it means.

~Pascal Mercier

What did I know of your fantasies? Why do we know so little about the fantasies of our parents? What do we know of somebody if we know nothing of the images passed to him by his imagination?

~Pascal Mercier

Then there was a silence he had never before experienced: in it, you could hear the years.

~Pascal Mercier

It is not the pain and the wounds that are the worst. The worst is the humiliation.

~Pascal Mercier

We are all patchwork, and so shapeless and diverse in composition that

each bit, each moment, plays its own game. And there is as much difference between us and ourselves as between us and others

~Pascal Mercier

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