

Paul Ricoeur

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The logic of validation allows us to move between the two limits of dogmatism and skepticism.

~Paul Ricoeur

On a cosmic scale, our life is insignificant, yet this brief period when we appear in the world is the time in which all meaningful questions arise.

~Paul Ricoeur

If you want to change people's obedience then you must change their imagination.

~Paul Ricoeur

Man is this plural and collective unity in which the unity of destination and the differences of destinies are to be understood through each other

~Paul Ricoeur

I find myself only by losing myself.

~Paul Ricoeur

If it is true that there is always more than one way of construing a text, it is not true that all interpretations are equal.

~Paul Ricoeur

If the Resurrection is resurrection from the dead, all hope and freedom are in spite of death.

~Paul Ricoeur

We are not capable of producing a concept of time that is at once cosmological, biological, historical and individual

~Paul Ricoeur

The moral law commands us to make the highest possible good in a world the final object of all our conduct.

~Paul Ricoeur

To put it in a few words, the true malice of man appears only in the state and in the church, as institutions of gathering together, of recapitulation, of totalization.

~Paul Ricoeur

Ordinary language carries with it conditions of meaning which it is easy to recognize by classifying the contexts in which the expression is employed in a meaningful manner.

~Paul Ricoeur

Although there has always been a hermeneutic problem in Christianity, the hermeneutic question today seems to us a new one.

~Paul Ricoeur

Testimony demands to be interpreted because of the dialectic of meaning and event that traverses it

~Paul Ricoeur

It is always possible to argue against an interpretation, to confront interpretations, to arbitrate between them and to seek for an agreement, even if this agreement remains beyond our reach.

~Paul Ricoeur

Wisdom finds its literary expression in wisdom literature.

~Paul Ricoeur

The spectacle is at the same time the mirage of self in the mirror of things.

~Paul Ricoeur

There is no shorter path for joining a neutral existential anthropology, according to philosophy, with the existential decision before God,

according to the Bible.

~Paul Ricoeur

Testimony gives something to be interpreted.

~Paul Ricoeur

Myth expresses in terms of the world - that is, of the other world or the second world - the understanding that man has of himself in relation to the foundation and the limit of his existence.

~Paul Ricoeur

Beyond the desert of criticism, we wish to be called again.

~Paul Ricoeur

So long as the New Testament served to decipher the Old, it was taken as an absolute norm.

~Paul Ricoeur

Narrative identity takes part in the story's movement, in the dialectic between order and disorder

~Paul Ricoeur

The dictionary contains no metaphors.

~Paul Ricoeur

But myth is something else than an explanation of the world, of history, and of destiny.

~Paul Ricoeur

Hope, insofar as it is hope of resurrection, is the living contradiction of what it proceeds from and what is placed under the sign of the Cross and death.

~Paul Ricoeur

First, it is not unimportant that the legislative texts of the Old Testament are placed in the mouth of Moses and within the narrative framework of the sojourn at Sinai.

~Paul Ricoeur

This is perhaps the most profound meaning of the book of Job, the best example of wisdom.

~Paul Ricoeur

This atheism concerning the gods of men pertains hereafter to any possible faith

~Paul Ricoeur

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