

Plotinus Quotes

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Universe, Self, Knowledge, Earth, Two, Light, All Things, Vision, Fall, Action*

Beauty is rather a light that plays over the symmetry of things than that symmetry itself.

~Plotinus

Knowledge has three degrees--opinion, science, illumination. The means or instrument of the first is sense; of the second, dialectic; of the third, intuition.

~Plotinus

Mankind is poised midway between the gods and the beasts.

~Plotinus

Knowing ourselves, we are beautiful; in self-ignorance, we are ugly.

~Plotinus

You can only apprehend the Infinite by a faculty that is superior to reason.

~Plotinus

Each one of us is part of the soul of the universe

~Plotinus

And this is the life of the Gods, and of Godlike men, a life without love of the world, a flight of the Alone to the Alone.

~Plotinus

Knowledge, if it does not determine action, is dead to us.

~Plotinus

We must close our eyes and invoke a new manner of seeing...a wakefulness that is the birthright of us all, though few put it to use.

~Plotinus

We are not separated from spirit, we are in it.

~Plotinus

Never did eye see the sun unless it had first become sun-like, and never can the soul have vision of the First Beauty unless itself be beautiful.

~Plotinus

In this state of absorbed contemplation, there is no longer any question of holding an object in view; the vision is such that seeing and seen are one; object and act of vision have become identical.

~Plotinus

It is precisely because there is nothing within the One that all things are from it.

~Plotinus

Withdraw into yourself and look.

~Plotinus

Fear must be entirely banished. The purified soul will fear nothing.

~Plotinus

Never stop working on your statue until the divine glory of virtue shines out on you, until you see self-mastery enthroned upon its holy seat.

~Plotinus

We ourselves possess Beauty when we are true to our own being; ugliness is in going over to another order.

~Plotinus

I am striving to give back the Divine in myself to the Divine in the All.

~Plotinus

Become vision itself.

~Plotinus

There is one and the same soul in many bodies.

~Plotinus

All things are filled full of signs, and it is a wise man who can learn about one thing from another.

~Plotinus

God is not external to anyone, but is present with all things, though they are ignorant that He is so.

~Plotinus

One principle must make the universe a single complex living creature, one from all.

~Plotinus

Wherever it lies, under earth or over earth, the body will always rot.

~Plotinus

The Soul of each one of us is sent, that the universe may be complete.

~Plotinus

The soul that beholds beauty becomes beautiful.

~Plotinus

A dogma recognized throughout antiquity... (that) the soul expiates its sins in the darkness of the infernal regions and... afterwards... passes into new bodies, there to undergo new trials.

~Plotinus

The world is knowable, harmonious, and good.

~Plotinus

Nature is but an image of wisdom, the last thing of the soul; nature being a thing which doth only do, but not know.

~Plotinus

Being is desirable because it is identical with Beauty, and Beauty is loved because it is Being.

~Plotinus

It is bad enough to be condemned to drag around this image in which nature has imprisoned me. Why should I consent to the perpetuation of the image of this image?

~Plotinus

If someone with the right conduct tries to attain to something that lies outside of it, is his goal not the right conduct.

~Plotinus

Knowing demands the organ fitted to the object.

~Plotinus

It is in virtue of unity that beings are beings.

~Plotinus

Life here with the things of the earth is a sinking, a defeat, a failing of the wing.

~Plotinus

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