

Semir Zeki

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Perhaps there is a minimum distance that should separate one exhibit from another... Indeed those specialized in psychophysics have actually come up with some rules.

~Semir Zeki

As soon as your brain starts telling you that you can't have a tree that is blue then you stop being able to paint trees.

~Semir Zeki

When politicians deny anything fiercely, there is a good chance that it will happen.

~Semir Zeki

What is creative is the seeking of perfection - and not attaining it.

~Semir Zeki

The Japanese, if I understand them, are masters of the unsaid and the unstated, of subtlety and ambiguity, all of which constitute powerful stimulants to the imagination.

~Semir Zeki

In the fight between biology and morality, biology has commonly won in the end.

~Semir Zeki

Artists erase reality to a greater or lesser extent, and substitute their own reality - created by their brains, instead.

~Semir Zeki

I gather that the dopaminergic system in the reward centres of the brain respond even more vigorously to the expectation of reward than to reward itself. Hence, perhaps, the disappointment.

~Semir Zeki

I can really recommend a beautifully but sparsely furnished room with empty walls!

~Semir Zeki

I always expect the worst from this evil and wicked world and am often pleasantly surprised when the worst does not come to pass, but never or rarely surprised or upset when it does.

~Semir Zeki

Self-censorship, whether known or unknown, is an unwelcome brake on creativity; it stifles self-expression and hence prevents a work from reaching the heights of great art.

~Semir Zeki

The reaction was immediate. The blood flow was in proportion to how much the painting was liked.

~Semir Zeki

Why does not the brain adapt to repeated exposure and become indifferent, instead of satisfied?

~Semir Zeki

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