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The love of God is not only the highest form of love, but also in reality the only love of which all other loves are but shadows

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

The quest for truth must be carried out by each person individually. It is like breathing, something which no one else can do for us.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

In traditional societies, nature was seen as one's wife, but the modern West turned it into a prostitute.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

The environmental crisis has deep spiritual, philosophical, and religious roots and causes. It is not merely the result of bad engineering.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

The human soul, provided it is pure and strong enough, can contact the unseen in waking life as well as in dreams: all that is required is withdrawal of the soul from the tumult of sensory life.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

To be modern is to destroy nature.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

Only man can stop being fully man. He can ascend above all degres of universal existence and by the same token fall below the level of the basest of creatures.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

In the traditional Islamic world, the hierarchy of the arts was not based on whether they were "fine" or "industrial" or "minor". It was based upon the effect of art on the soul of the human being.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

Justice is inseparable from truth in human life.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

All Muslims stand before God and they are their own priests.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

I wish someone could get rid of individuality so easily; one never gets rid of one's individuality completely. One gets rid of one's egotism, which is a very different matter.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

Why does one need a doctor if God has given us our body and we pray to Him for our help?

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

Rumi is one of the great spokesmen for the Quranic instruction teaching that all prophets come from God and God does not create one religion, but many religions.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

Love itself cannot be divorced from the suffering which comes from being separated from the object of love.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

Without Sufism, Islam would not have spread into two thirds of what we call the Islamic world.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

One of the greatest problems of humanity is how to live in a multi religious society without losing one's religion - without relativising everything.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

Sufism has always had the function of purifying Islamic ethics and that

fasting and tazkiya is like lighting a lamp.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

The Prophet, peace be on him, presents all the possibilities of the human state in perfection. Now, a part of that of course is love of God.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

If God did not love us, we could not love him. And Sufis are those who have realized this love.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

The Shariah has many other functions but also protects the tarqiah; it protects the spiritual path.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

The Prophet was taken by the order of God to heaven, which is a prototype of all spiritual realization in Islam. But, he had a guide; Gabriel, the angel, was his guide. He took him to heaven.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

The Islamic world doesn't stop in the Arab world or Persia. There is the whole Turkic world, the Central Asian world, South Asian world, Southeast Asian world, and African world.

~Seyyed Hossein Nasr

Love is loss combined with pain.

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