

Susan Griffin

Quotes

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A story is told as much by silence as by speech.

~Susan Griffin

And if the professional rapist is to be separated from the average dominant heterosexual (male), it may be mainly a quantitative difference.

~Susan Griffin

In one sense I feel that my book is a one-woman argument against determinism.

~Susan Griffin

Philosophy means nothing unless it is connected to birth, death, and the continuance of life. Anytime you are going to build a society that works, you have to begin from nature and the body.

~Susan Griffin

Poetry is a good medium for revolutionary hope.

~Susan Griffin

The mind can forget what the body, defined by each breath, subject to the heart beating, does not.

~Susan Griffin

I think artists can go to a level of vision that can often save us from a situation which seems to have no solution whatsoever.

~Susan Griffin

Before a secret is told, one can often feel the weight of it in the atmosphere.

~Susan Griffin

we are nature. We are nature seeing nature. We are nature with a concept of nature. Nature weeping. Nature speaking of nature to

nature.

~Susan Griffin

It is a grief over the fate of the Earth that contains within it a joyful hope, that we might reclaim this Earth.

~Susan Griffin

... This is the paradox of vision: Sharp perception softens our existence in the world.

~Susan Griffin

Even in the grimmest of circumstances, a shift in perspective can create startling change.

~Susan Griffin

I am not so different in my history of abandonment from anyone else after all. We have all been split away from the earth, each other, ourselves.

~Susan Griffin

What is buried in the past of one generation falls to the next to claim.

~Susan Griffin

We are nature. We are nature seeing nature. The red-winged blackbird flies in us.

~Susan Griffin

Society, like nature, is one body, really.

~Susan Griffin

At the museum a troubled woman destroys a sand painting meticulously created over days by Tibetan monks. The monks are not disturbed. The work is a meditation. They simply begin again.

~Susan Griffin

One can find traces of every life in each life.

~Susan Griffin

But still, the other voice, the intuitive, returns, like grass forcing its way through concrete.

~Susan Griffin

Each life reverberates in every other life. Whether or not we acknowledge it, we are connected, woven together in our needs and desires, rich and poor, men and women alike.

~Susan Griffin

We keep secrets from ourselves that all along we know.

~Susan Griffin

What always seems miraculous is when aesthetic necessities yield an insight which otherwise I would have missed.

~Susan Griffin

Perhaps every moment of time lived in human consciousness remains in the air around us.

~Susan Griffin

There is always a time to make right what is wrong.

~Susan Griffin

How many small decisions accumulate to form a habit? What a multitude of decisions, made by others, in other times, must shape our lives now.

~Susan Griffin

Ordinary women attempt to change our bodies to resemble a pornographic ideal. Ordinary women construct a false self and come to hate this self.

~Susan Griffin

Language is filled with words for deprivation images so familiar it is hard to crack language open into that other country the country of being.

~Susan Griffin

Waging war is not a primary physical need.

~Susan Griffin

Telling a story of illness, one pulls a thread through a narrow opening flanked on one side by shame and the other by trivia.

~Susan Griffin

Susan Bordo's *Unbearable Weight* is a masterpiece of complex and nuanced thinking not only about a significant problem that faces women but about our culture. A very valuable book.

~Susan Griffin

Every time I deny myself I commit a kind of suicide.

~Susan Griffin

Far more frightening than the thought of dying was the experience of erasure already occurring in my life. My fear of becoming someone who did not count.

~Susan Griffin

War starts in the mind, not in the body.

~Susan Griffin

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