

Susanne Katherina Langer

Quotes

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Discovery, Philosopher, Facts, Dream, Music Is, Common Sense, Music,
Purpose, Tragedy, Culture, Men*

The seeds of civilization are in every culture, but it is city life that brings them to fruition.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Art is the objectification of feeling, and the subjectification of nature.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Most new discoveries are suddenly-seen things that were always there. A new idea is a light that illuminates presences which simply had no form before the light fell on them.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

The first impression of a work of art is its otherness from reality.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Fire is a natural symbol of life and passion, though it is the one element in which nothing can actually live.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

The Past, being in the mode of memory, is closed, inalienable, and irreparable.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Music is the tonal analogue of emotive life.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

The secret of 'fusion' is the fact that the artist's eye sees in nature... an inexhaustible wealth of tension, rhythms, continuities, and contrasts which can be rendered in line and color.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

If a work of art is a projection of feeling, its kinship with organic nature will emerge, no matter through how many transformations, logically and inevitably.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

The fairytale is irresponsible; it is frankly imaginary, and its purpose is to gratify wishes, as a dream doth flatter.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

The high intellectual value of images, however, lies in the fact that they usually, and perhaps always, fit more than one actual experience.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

A philosophy is characterized more by the formulation of its problem than by its solution of them.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

It is significant that people who refuse to tell their children fairytales do not fear that the children will believe in princes and princesses, but that they will believe in witches and bogeys.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

We have no physical model of this endless rhythm of individuation and involvement, we do have its image in the world of art, most purely in dance.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Every artistic form reflects the dynamism that is constantly building up the life of feeling.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

A mind that is very selective to forms... is apt to use its images metaphorically, to exploit their possible significance for the conception of remote or intangible ideas.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Language is, without a doubt, the most momentous and at the same

time the most mysterious product of the human mind.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

The function of art is to acquaint the beholder with something he has not known before.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Pioneering is the work of individuals.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

The historian does not locate known facts in a hypothetical, general pattern of processes; his aim is to link fact to fact, one unique knowable event to another individual one that begot it.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Feeling, in the broad sense of whatever is felt in any way, as sensory stimulus or inward tension, pain, emotion or intent, is the mark of mentality.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Ritual is the most primitive reflection of serious thought, a slow deposit, as it were, of people's imaginative insight into life.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

If we would have new knowledge, we must get a whole world of new questions.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

The continual pursuit of meanings-wider, clearer, more negotiable, more articulate meanings- is philosophy.

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the wide discrepancy between reason and feeling may be unreal; it is not improbable that intellect is a high form of feeling - a specialized, intensive feeling about intuitions.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Music is our myth of the inner life.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

One can bear anything of which one is able to conceive.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Art is the creation of forms symbolic of human feeling.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

All persistent practices in art have a creative function. They may serve several ends, but the chief one is the shaping of the work.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Speech is the mark of humanity. It is the normal terminus of thought.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Is it conceivable that mysticism is a mark of inadequate art?

~Susanne Katherina Langer

The development of beings with minds is probably the highest individuation the world has ever known, and its prehistory is the history of life on earth.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Common-sense knowledge is prompt, categorical, and inexact.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

The intellectual treatment of any datum, any experience, any subject, is determined by the nature of our questions, and only carried out in the answers.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Cinema is like dream.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

common sense is a very tricky instrument; it is as deceptive as it is indispensable.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

A signal is comprehended if it serves to make us notice the object or situation it bespeaks. A symbol is understood when we conceive the idea it presents.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Real thinking is possible only in the light of genuine language, no matter how limited, how primitive.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Only a creature that can think symbolically about life can conceive of its own death. Our knowledge of death is part of our knowledge of life.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Philosophizing is a process of making sense out of experience.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

As comedy presents the vital rhythm of self-preservation, tragedy exhibits that of self-consummation.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

Art is just as comprehensible as science, but in its own terms.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

What is artistically good is whatever articulates and presents feeling to our understanding.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

The way a question is asked limits and disposes the ways in which any answer to it-right or wrong-may be given.

~Susanne Katherina Langer

value exists only where there is consciousness. Where nothing ever is felt, nothing matters.

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