

Theodore Zeldin

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When will we make the same breakthroughs in the way we treat each other as we have made in technology?

~Theodore Zeldin

Art is, nowadays, our new religion and museums are our cathedrals.

~Theodore Zeldin

The kind of conversation I like is one in which you are prepared to emerge a slightly different person.

~Theodore Zeldin

A dream is what makes people love life even when it is painful.

~Theodore Zeldin

Only when people learn to converse will they begin to be equal.

~Theodore Zeldin

Each person is an enigma. You're a puzzle not only to yourself but also to everyone else, and the great mystery of our time is how we penetrate this puzzle.

~Theodore Zeldin

I think the hero in our generation is not the individual but the pair, two people who together add up to more than they are apart.

~Theodore Zeldin

The past is what provides us with the building blocks. Our job today is to create new buildings out of them.

~Theodore Zeldin

We should strive to be employed in such a way that we don't realize that what we're doing is work.

~Theodore Zeldin

All invention and progress comes from finding a link between two ideas that have never met.

~Theodore Zeldin

Change the way you think, and you are halfway to changing the world.

~Theodore Zeldin

Forks and spoons have probably done more to reconcile people who cannot agree than guns and bombs ever did

~Theodore Zeldin

The great thing about marriage is that it creates trust, the most precious of things.

~Theodore Zeldin

The violent have been victorious for most of history because they kindled the fear with which everyone is born.

~Theodore Zeldin

To idolise a person means you don't get to know them, and the idea that you can become one is a myth, and it also means that you don't need to talk to one another because you're the same person.

~Theodore Zeldin

The institution of marriage, if you look at it over many centuries, has come and gone.

~Theodore Zeldin

Brilliant lecturers shouldn't be wasted in lecture rooms: they should appear on TV. We need black market universities, in which people just help each other, and which don't leave out the poor.

~Theodore Zeldin

Conversation creates a new kind of network within organizations.

Current networks are used for competitive advantage, but conversation is focused on encouraging people to realize their potential.

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Breaking accepted rules does bring people together.

~Theodore Zeldin

One of the great ambitions is to discover the diversity of the world, to discover who inhabits the world.

~Theodore Zeldin

People in this world of superficial communication find themselves isolated and lonely and have difficulty in talking about personal things that really matter to them.

~Theodore Zeldin

The English reputation for humour is a way by which people avoid revealing themselves and have superficial relationships, so that you can engage in banter without making yourself vulnerable.

~Theodore Zeldin

Never before have humans been so ambitious, have they thought that they could be much more than their parents were.

~Theodore Zeldin

The French have made conversation their claim to civilisation.

~Theodore Zeldin

Two individuals, conversing honestly, can be inspired by the feeling that they are engaged in a joint enterprise, aiming at inventing an art which has not been tried before.

~Theodore Zeldin

To be a catalyst is the ambition most appropriate for those who see the

world as being in constant change, and who, without thinking that they can control it, wish to influence its direction.

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