

Passages

Albert Einstein

"The man or woman who possesses no awe or sense of mystery is a candle without a wick."

"You cannot avoid paradise—
you can only avoid seeing it." *Charlotte
Joko Beck*

"Wonder, not doubt, is the root of knowledge."
Abraham Joshua Heschel

"It is good to remember that all ground is sacred where life is honored and that you can build a temple in the space between your eyes."
Jan Phillips

"Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries."
Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Pearl Buck "I am so absorbed in the wonder of the earth and life upon it that I cannot think of heaven and angels. I have enough of this life."

Native American saying
"If we wonder often enough, the gift of knowledge will come."

Crowfoot

"What is life?
It is the flash of a firefly in the night.
It is the breath of a buffalo in the winter time.
It is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset."

Ojibway saying

"Sometimes I go about pitying myself and all the time I am being carried on great winds across the sky."

"We milk the cow of the world,
and as we do we whisper in her ear,
"You are not true."
*Richard
Wilbur*

"I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journey work of the stars. And a mouse a miracle enough to stagger sextillions of infidels."
Walt Whitman

*Albert
Schweitzer* "Let a man once begin to think about the mystery of his life and the links which connect him with the life that fills the world, and he cannot but bring to bear upon his own life, and all other life that comes within his reach, the principle of reverence for life...."

Emily Dickinson

"The soul should always stand ajar, ready to welcome the ecstatic experience."

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"We all grow up fast and lose that first sharp vision of the world. We miss dew sparkle, leaf shadow, spider scuttle, puddle shine. We waste time on worry. And we find the days sweep by, each blurred, each like the other."

Pam Brown

"The man who cannot wonder, who does not habitually wonder and worship, is but a pair of spectacles behind which there is no eye."

Thomas Carlyle

*Braden
McInnes,
4 yrs. old* "Our airplane went higher than the sky, it went higher than the ABC's!"

"The same stream of life that runs through the world runs through my veins."

Rabindranath Tagore

Rumi

"Each thing in the universe is a vessel full to the brim with wisdom and beauty."

"Life is too wonderful, too full, too short, and strength too limited to contain its wonder."

*Ruth
Draper*

André Gide

"I should like to enjoy this summer flower by flower, as if it were to be the last one for me."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"If the stars would appear but one night every thousand years, how man would marvel and adore."

*Henri
Frederic
Amiel*

"Let mystery have its place in you; do not be always turning up your whole ploughshare of self-examination, but leave a little fallow corner in your heart ready for any seed the wind may bring, and reserve a nook of shadow for the passing bird; keep a place in your heart for the unexpected guest, an altar for the unknown God."

"Celebrate your existence!"

William Blake

"Life is this simple: We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent and the Divine is shining through it all the time. This is not just a nice story or fable. It is true."

*Thomas
Merton*

