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A belief to me proves only the phenomenon of belief, not the content of the belief.

-Carl Jung, "Memories, Dreams, Reflections"

Every form of addiction is bad, no matter whether the narcotic be alcohol or morphine or idealism.

-Carl Jung, "Memories, Dreams, Reflections"

Touching evil brings with it the grave peril of succumbing to it.

-Carl Jung, "Memories, Dreams, Reflections"

The individual is so unconscious that he fails to see his own potentialities for decision. Instead he is constantly and anxiously looking around for external rules and regulations which can guide him in his perplexity.

-Carl Jung, "Memories, Dreams, Reflections"

Meaninglessness inhibits fullness of life and is therefore equivalent to illness. Meaning makes a great many things endurable - perhaps everything.

-Carl Jung, "Memories, Dreams, Reflections"

It is really the individual's task to differentiate himself from all the others and stand on his own feet. All collective identities, such as membership in organizations, support of "isms," and so on, interfere with the fulfillment of this task.

-Carl Jung

Statements concerning possibility or impossibility are valid only in specialized fields; outside those fields they are merely arrogant presumptions.

-Carl Jung, "Memories, Dreams, Reflections"

In my medical experience, as well as in my own life, I have again and again been faced with the mystery of love, and have never been able to explain what it is.

-Carl Jung, "Memories, Dreams, Reflections"

A man who has not passed through the inferno of his passions has never overcome them.

-Carl Jung, "Memories, Dreams, Reflections"

The greatest limitation for man is the “self”; it is manifested in the experience: “I am only that!”… As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being.

-Carl Jung, "Memories, Dreams, Reflections"

The unexpected and the incredible belong in this world. Only then is life whole.

-Carl Jung, "Memories, Dreams, Reflections"

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“I am astonished, disappointed, pleased with myself. I am distressed, depressed, and rapturous. I am all these things at once, and cannot add up the sum.

I am incapable of determining ultimate worth or worthlessness; I have no judgment about myself and my life. There is nothing I am quite sure about.

I have no definite convictions – not about anything, really. I know only that I was born and exist, and it seems to me that I have been carried along.

I exist on the foundation or something I do not know.

In spite of all uncertainties, I feel a solidity underlying all existence and a continuity in my mode of being. ” — Carl Jung, Memories Dreams and Reflections.