

\* A Suite of Quotations\*

And it is utterly true that he who cannot find wonder, mystery, awe, the sense of a new world and an undiscovered realm in the places by the Gray's Inn Road will never find these secrets elsewhere...

--Arthur Machen

If this world isn't good enough for us /then an afterlife won't be enough...

--Fanny Howe

Other world? There is no other world; here or nowhere is the whole fact.

--Emerson

It is impossible the world should be either good or bad

If its colors are beautiful or if they are not beautiful

If parts of it taste good or if no parts of it taste good

It is as remarkable in one case as the other

--George Oppen

It is only among the less interesting artists that the question of the esthetic vs. the political becomes relevant since there is no integration, only superposition.

--Michael Palmer

In art and dream may you proceed with abandon. In life may you proceed with balance and stealth.

--Patti Smith

Balance is balancing.

--John Dewey

[H]uman beings cannot endure the geological chaos they encounter under the soil of their own gardens.

- -Emerson

The self is no mystery, the mystery is/That there is something for us to stand on.

-George Oppen

Landscape can be deceptive. Sometimes landscape seems to be less a setting for the life of its inhabitants than a curtain behind which their struggles, achievements and accidents take place. For those who with the inhabitants are behind the curtain, landmarks are no longer only geographic but also biographical and personal.

-John Berger

[T]here are certain scenes, certain hills and valleys and groves of pines which demand that a story shall be written about them. I would refine; I would say that the emotions aroused by these external things reverberating in the heart are indeed the story; or all that signifies the story.... We translate a hill into a tale, conceive lovers to explain a brook, turn the perfect into the imperfect.

--Arthur Machen

Ultimately, photography is subversive not when it frightens, repels, or even stigmatizes but when it is pensive, when it thinks.

--Roland Barthes

Guided by film...we approach, if at all, ideas no longer on highways leading through the void but on paths that wind through the thicket of things.

--Siegfried Kracauer

No ideas but in things.

---William Carlos Williams

Things keep their secrets.

--Heraclitus

Already, viral contamination offers an initial response to the question of the downside of electronic circuits, but another area of research beckons the area of ecological pollution. The pollution not only of air, water, and other substances, but also the unperceived pollution of distances.

--Paul Virilio

This gridlock of possessives/occupies the place/ once held by distance.

--Rachel Blau du Plessis

The wilderness is what was there before the humans came.. The wasteland—which was once the same thing—is now something else: cultivation gone wild.

--Paul Shepherd

The void is absence but it is also hope, the space of the possible. The indefinite and uncertain is also the absence of limits, an almost oceanic sensation to use one of Freud's terms. The expectation of mobility and wondering....The presence of power invites escape from its all pervasive enterprise, sedentary comfort invites unprotected nomadism, urban order invites the indefinite nature of the terrain vague.

--Ignasi de Sola-Morale

We were thinking about metaphoric voids, gaps, left over in space, places that were not developed....Metaphors in the sense that their interest or value wasn't in their possible use.

--Gordon Matta-Clark

We are often in two places at once. In fact we are usually in at least two places and occasionally the contrast is evident....Here, most often, is nothing more than the best perspective to contemplate there.

--Rebecca Solnit

Travel does not merely broaden the mind. It makes the mind. Our early explorations are the raw materials of our intelligence.... Children need paths to explore, to take bearings on the earth on which they live, as a navigator takes bearings on familiar landmarks. If we excavate the

memories of childhood, we remember the paths first, things and people second—paths down the garden way to school, the way round the house, corridors through the bracken or long grass. Tracking the paths of animals was the first and most important element in the education of early man.

--Bruce Chatwin

[T]o work by elimination implies not a lessening but a trans/lation of intensities: an othering// as we articulate away from ourselves in a continuous elision toward.

--Gustaf Sobin

Our appearance belongs to others, we live in the darkness of the body—part of all darkness but felt.

--Anthony Gormley

A town, a landscape are when seen from afar a town and a landscape; but as one gets nearer, there are houses, trees, tiles leaves, grasses, ants, legs of ants and so on to infinity. All this is subsumed under the name of landscape.

--Blaise Pascal

She who seeks shall find, find all too well, and end up clouding her vision with her own preconceptions.

--Chantal Akerman

Poetry, if it is truly exploratory, continually comes to an edge. It may show something of the known shore, to which the poet clings. But the shore fronts the unknown.

-Jeremy Hooker

There is another world but it is in this one.

--Paul Eluard

We can never truly pin down where our place of dwelling lies: each newly discovered overview of what we call home effectively places it within a new topography, forcing us to redefine what it is we mean when we say "I live there."

--Nick Papadimitriou

We come to our own and would make friends with matter, which the ambitious chatter of the schools would persuade us to despise. We can never part with it; the mind loves its old home: as water to our thirst, so is rock, the ground, to our eyes, and hands, and feet. It is firm water: it is cold flame: what health, what affinity!

--Emerson