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Carl Gustav Jung (July 26, 1875 – June 6, 1961) was a Swiss psychiatrist and founder of Analytical Psychology.

We deem those happy who from the experience of life have learnt to bear its ills without being overcome by them.

- Jung, Carl

From the middle of life onward, only he remains vitally alive who is ready to die with life.

- Jung, Carl

It is on the whole probably that we continually dream, but that consciousness makes such a noise that we do not hear it.

- Jung, Carl

An inflated consciousness is always egocentric and conscious of nothing but its own existence. It is incapable of learning from the past, incapable of understanding contemporary events, and incapable of drawing right conclusions about the future. It is hypnotized by itself and therefore cannot be argued with. It inevitably dooms itself to calamities that must strike it dead.

- Jung, Carl

There can be no transforming of darkness into light and of apathy into movement without emotion.

- Jung, Carl

When an inner situation is not made conscious, it appears outside as fate.

- Jung, Carl

Sometimes, indeed, there is such a discrepancy between the genius and his human qualities that one has to ask oneself whether a little less talent might not have been better.

- Jung, Carl

The achievements which society rewards are won at the cost of diminution of personality

- Jung, Carl

Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness, and the word happy would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by sadness. It is far better take things as they come along with patience and equanimity.

- Jung, Carl

Our blight is ideologies -- they are the long-expected Antichrist!

- Jung, Carl

All the works of man have their origin in creative fantasy. What right have we then to depreciate imagination.

- Jung, Carl

Without this playing with fantasy no creative work has ever yet come to birth. The debt we owe to the play of the imagination is incalculable.

- Jung, Carl

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.

- Jung, Carl

The shoe that fits one person pinches another; there is no recipe for living that suits all cases.

- Jung, Carl

Resistance to the organized mass can be effected only by the man who is as well organized in his individuality as the mass itself.

- Jung, Carl

Nothing has a stronger influence psychologically on their environment and especially on their children than the unlived life of the parent.

- Jung, Carl

Knowledge rests not upon truth alone, but upon error also.

- Jung, Carl

The wise man who is not heeded is counted a fool, and the fool who proclaims the general folly first and loudest passes for a prophet and F?hrer, and sometimes it is luckily the other way round as well, or else mankind would long since have perished of stupidity.

- Jung, Carl

As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being.

- Jung, Carl

Where love rules, there is no will to power; where power predominates, there love is lacking. The one is the shadow of the other.

- Jung, Carl

Masses are always breeding grounds of psychic epidemics.

- Jung, Carl

Neurosis is always a substitute for legitimate suffering.

- Jung, Carl

The Christian missionary may preach the gospel to the poor naked heathen, but the

spiritual heathen who populate Europe have as yet heard nothing of Christianity.

- Jung, Carl

Mistakes are, after all, the foundations of truth, and if a man does not know what a thing is, it is at least an increase in knowledge if he knows what it is not.

- Jung, Carl

There is no coming to consciousness without pain.

- Jung, Carl

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

- Jung, Carl

It all depends on how we look at things, and not how they are in themselves.

- Jung, Carl

Through pride we are ever deceiving ourselves. But deep down below the surface of the average conscience a still, small voice says to us, something is out of tune.

- Jung, Carl

The man who promises everything is sure to fulfil nothing, and everyone who promises too much is in danger of using evil means in order to carry out his promises, and is already on the road to perdition.

- Jung, Carl

Psychoanalysis cannot be considered a method of education if by education we mean the topiary art of clipping a tree into a beautiful artificial shape. But those who have a higher conception of education will prize most the method of cultivating a tree so that it fulfils to perfection its own natural conditions of growth.

- Jung, Carl

Good. There are many nights as days, and the one is just as long as the other in the year's course. Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness, and the word happy would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by sadness.

- Jung, Carl

Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you.

- Jung, Carl

If people can be educated to see the lowly side of their own natures, it may be hoped that they will also learn to understand and to love their fellow men better. A little less hypocrisy and a little more tolerance towards oneself can only have good results in respect for our neighbor; for we are all too prone to transfer to our fellows the injustice and violence we inflict upon our own natures.

- Jung, Carl

Nothing is more repulsive than a furtively prurient spirituality; it is just as unsavory as

gross sensuality.

- Jung, Carl

The word belief is a difficult thing for me. I don't believe. I must have a reason for a certain hypothesis. Either I know a thing, and then I know it --I don't need to believe it.

- Jung, Carl

Caution has its place, no doubt, but we cannot refuse our support to a serious venture which challenges the whole of the personality. If we oppose it, we are trying to suppress what is best in man --his daring and his aspirations. And should we succeed, we should only have stood in the way of that invaluable experience which might have given a meaning to life. What would have happened if Paul had allowed himself to be talked out of his journey to Damascus?

- Jung, Carl

In all chaos there is a cosmos, in all disorder a secret order.

- Jung, Carl

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.

- Jung, Carl

The healthy man does not torture others -- generally it is the tortured who turn into

torturers.

- Jung, Carl

If one does not understand a person, one tends to regard him as a fool.

- Jung, Carl

I cannot love anyone if I hate myself. That is the reason why we feel so extremely uncomfortable in the presence of people who are noted for their special virtuousness, for they radiate an atmosphere of the torture they inflict on themselves. That is not a virtue but a vice.

- Jung, Carl

Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakens.

- Jung, Carl

It is a fact that cannot be denied: the wickedness of others becomes our own wickedness because it kindles something evil in our own hearts.

- Jung, Carl

The wine of youth does not always clear with advancing years; sometimes it grows turbid.

- Jung, Carl

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

- Jung, Carl

Man needs difficulties; they are necessary for health.

- Jung, Carl

The cinema, like the detective story, enables us to experience without danger to ourselves all the excitements, passions, and fantasies which have to be repressed in a humanistic age.

- Jung, Carl

A collection of a hundred Great brains makes one big fathead.

- Jung, Carl

The heaping together of paintings by Old Masters in museums is a catastrophe; likewise, a collection of a hundred Great Brains makes one big fathead.

- Jung, Carl

The most intense conflicts, if overcome, leave behind a sense of security and calm that is not easily disturbed. It is just these intense conflicts and their conflagration which are needed to produce valuable and lasting results.

- Jung, Carl

The images of the unconscious place a great responsibility upon a man. Failure to understand them, or a shirking of ethical responsibility, deprives him of his wholeness and imposes a painful fragmentariness on his life.

- Jung, Carl

The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances. If there is any reaction, both are transformed.

- Jung, Carl

Creative powers can just as easily turn out to be destructive. It rests solely with the moral personality whether they apply themselves to good things or to bad. And if this is lacking, no teacher can supply it or take its place.

- Jung, Carl



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