

Gems Final Quotes

To the illumined mind the whole world burns and sparkles with light." -

Ralph Waldo Emerson (Journals, 1831) American poet, lecturer and essayist, 1803-1882

"The feeling remains that God is on the journey, too." Teresa of Avila

The Spirit is Life, movement, color, radiance, restorative stillness in the din.

***The Spirit's power makes all withered sticks and souls green
again with the juice of life.***

The Spirit plays music in the soul...gathers the perplexed, strengthens and heals.

The Spirit awakens mighty hope, blowing everywhere the winds of renewal in creation.

And this is the Mystery of God in whom we live and move and have our being.

Hildegard of Bingen was a physician, artist, musician, poet, preacher, reformer, and consultant to popes and kings in the early 1100's. Hildegard wrote two treatises on medicine and natural history (she made unique contribution to gynecology), reflecting a quality of scientific observation rare in the early 1100s. She wrote about herbs, animals, and gem stones. She founded two monasteries, went on four extended preaching tours, argued ecclesiastical matters, painted, wrote poetry and composed music. (Listen to the beautiful cd *A Feather on the Breath of God* to hear her music.)

William Blake

If the doors of perception were cleansed everything would appear to
man as it is, infinite.

Emily Dickinson

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

We carry within us the wonders we seek without us. Thomas Browne

Mystery...propels us ... to find out what our heart knows is there. – *John Paul Jackson* ("7 Days Behind The Veil", p.39 para 1)

Faith is the daring of the soul to go farther than it can see. - William
Newton Clarke

God Himself paints Himself in the depths of our souls. - *Brother Lawrence* – "The Practice
of the Presence of God"; p.87

The place where He dwells is moving, living, breathing creativity. –

John Paul Jackson ("7 Days Behind The Veil", p.62 para 2)

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To be added:

I want to be with those who know secret things or else alone.

- [Rainer Marie Rilke](#) Austrian-German-Swiss (Czech-born) lyric poet (1875 - 1926)

Maybe:

Thomas Carlyle

Stop a moment, cease your work, and look around you.