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Krishnamurti's essential message is that, to find truth, we must go beyond the limits of ordinary thought. In public talks worldwide, he strove to free listeners from conventional beliefs and psychological mind-sets in order to understand what is. This 3-volume series records his meetings with individual seekers from all walks of life, during which he comments on the struggles common to those who work to break the boundaries of personality and self-limitation. In the first volume Krishnamurti discusses many topics, including knowledge, belief, simplicity of the heart, love in relationship, ambition, and clarity in action.

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Pet says

"t?t c? ??u thanh bình khi t?t c? ??u hiu h?t m?t mìnhanh."

Yerneni says

I love this man

Deniz Oztas says

Türkçesi Ya?am Üzerine Yorumlamalar - I
Her zaman okunulabilir bir kitap...

You can always read...

Navaneet J says

If you are feeling anger, pride, loneliness, envy, gossip, indgination, burdened with knowledge or just lost... This book can help. Rather than giving doctrines or belief systems, it gives you a chance to ask yourself the question 'why you are feeling what you are feeling' in the right way.

Robert Day says

Those who are seriously into spirituality will love this tour through the notebooks of Jiddu Krishnamurti. Each of the 88 topics e.g. Time, Virtue, Sleep, Silence and Work is given around 3 pages of explanation split into 3 sections: a description of the scenery of the day, a description of the person that the subject addresses and an explanation of the correct way to see the subject.

Jiddu comes over as very deep and wise and rather argumentative, always returning to his favourite point of view. The last couple of sentences in each chapter are usually the spiritual 'punch-line' so if you want to get the essence of this very good book quickly, then read these.

Now - back to the Zombie Books!

Adrienne Michetti says

This book was as I expected. It is a series of anecdotes, almost like parables, as they follow a structure. In

each anecdote is a person who has come to the master for help. There is a description of some kind of idyllic scenery to set the stage, and then dialogue between the master and the person who is in need of enlightenment, almost always ending with the latter acknowledging all the wrong they've done or seen or not understood, and finding solutions to move forward in their lives.

It was a predictable formula, but it was useful and practical, even if the master's advice conflicted from time to time. This is reality, right? Good to think that it's dependent on context. :)

E.W. Harrington says

I first read Krishnamurti when I was in my twenties. For some, reading him is tedious. For others, life changing.

I don't recommend him as the greatest literature (but it's not bad, either); that's not his concern. One suspects he wrote these meditations for himself.

When I was younger, I would take the bus downtown in summer, sit on a bench, and observe, and write. I wanted to be Krishnamurti.

He's someone who questioned education, self-discipline, great ideas, every religion, every grand human preoccupation.

I had never heard the like before.

But, let's face it, even Krishnamurti was creating a marketable image. I know that sounds unspiritual, slightly depressing, particularly for anyone who returns to these Commentaries as a kind of daily devotional, as I did.

Isn't it curious how many of us seem to need to do that, create infallible Persons?

Krishnamurti never mentions last night's sex. He does, however, say that sex is necessary for health, which, even today (and no longer twenty--far from it!), I think is a pretty cool thing to say, for a Great Teacher.

Researching whether Krishnamurti had really fathered a child, I ran across a wonderful quote attributed to him:

"It is no measure of health to be well adjusted to a profoundly sick society."

No, the Krishnamurti of the Commentaries is a cool observer, as if he didn't pick up pen and paper until he'd meditated for at least an hour.

That's why, for me, he's so wonderful to read.

Will Moritz says

p98 about answers vs problems

81 is great. would be interestedi see how das responds to it.

Tom Wamser says

A bit repetitive, but incredibly insightful on human psychology and motivation.

Srinivas says

This book came to me very highly recommended as one of the most sophisticated books on the philosophy of life. It's a collection of essays, so I randomly sampled a few of them, and I don't think I have even completed a single essay. The prose is beautifully written, but the content hadn't resonated with me. Most of the philosophical points he makes are based on word play. I'm too pragmatic to get lost in a philosophy derived from word play. I have seen many self proclaimed spiritual Gurus use this technique to charm over the confused masses. These gurus generally don't add to the understanding of life or reality through their talks. From what I have heard Krishnamurti definitely doesn't belong to this category of fake gurus. However his commentaries on living seem to be at the same level of intellectual gibberish. Any philosophy that deals with such complex subjects as life has to base its axioms on reality to make any sense to me. It can't just use clever word play to draw its conclusions. How does it matter what the word 'truth' or 'life' mean? you can't make profound statements on life based on esoteric constructs of human language.

I have read very little from this book and there is a high chance that I have made my judgment too quickly.

[through Shivam:]

Timothy Warnock says

It's almost impossible not to reflect on the nature of your own thoughts while reading Krishnamurti's commentaries. I suspect a continuous inquiry into your own thinking as you read these commentaries may be beneficial while reading, which I suppose means long pauses, embracing the tranquil silence between thoughts.

Binoj Mukundan says

A new dimension indeed..

Stjepan says

Worth reading in slow pace.
Deep philosophy.

Ty says

This book is broken up into many topics that Jiddu Krishnamurti as lectured about. It's not a book about one topic but many that will only go on about 3 pages per topic.

Each topic starts out by describing his surroundings visually that last for one paragraph that relates to the topic of discussion. I found myself halfway through the book wanting to skip to a topic I was most interested in.

I've read a couple of other books by him and it seems to cherry pick from his other books.

The book has a lot of value to deeply think about the "conflicts of consciousness" and focuses on the understanding of self. (which I do love)

I would give it three stars, but I am biased for J.Krishnamurti and see more value of what he is trying to teach.

Peter says

I almost always read one of his Commentaries early in the morning.
Beautiful written. Deep. Very deep...
