

What is Magic?

“Part of the inspiration for my career is the realization that you can get up in front of audiences and say how the world is and, to a small degree and for a limited time and in limited space, it shimmers and recasts itself and becomes the thing that we say that it is. The mind is somehow a co-creator in the process of reality through acts of language. And language is very, very mysterious. It is true magic. People run all over the place looking for paranormal abilities but notice that, when I speak, if your internal dictionary matches my internal dictionary that my thoughts cross through the air as an acoustical pressure wave and are reconstructed inside your cerebral cortex as your thought, your understanding of my words... All so-called primitive people know that the world is made of language – that you sing it into existence. That what you say it is, is what it is... ~ Terence McKenna”

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What Is Magic? (part 1) – Spoken by Terence McKenna (Video)

“The syntactical nature of reality, the real secret of magic, is that the world is made of words. And if you know the words that the world is made of, you can make of it whatever you wish.”

Quotes from Terence McKenna:

“Science is the special province of the ego. And magic and art are the special province of something else. I could name it, but I won’t. It prefers to be unnamed.”

“Nature loves courage. You make the commitment and nature will respond to that commitment by removing impossible obstacles. Dream the impossible dream and the world will not grind you under, it will lift you up. This is the trick. This is what all these teachers and philosophers who really counted, who really touched the alchemical gold, this is what they understood. This is the shamanic dance in the waterfall. This is how magic is done. By hurling yourself into the abyss and discovering its a feather bed.”