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, beauty means something , yet we must not seek to interpret the meaning. If we glimpse the unutterable , it is unwise to try to utter it , nor should we seek to invest with significance that which we cannot grasp. Beauty in terms of our human meanings is meaningless.

a. 1. 强烈的, 剧烈的, 紧张的 2. 认真的, 专注的 3. 热情的, 热切的

intensify v. (使)增强, (使)加剧

aesthetic a. 1. 美学的, 审美的 2. 悦目的, 雅致的

gleam vi. 1. 闪亮, 闪烁 2. 闪现, 流露 n. 1. 闪光, 闪亮 2. 闪现, 流露 [联想词]

sparkle vi. 1. 发光, 闪耀, 闪烁 2. 活跃, 焕发 n. 1. 发光, 闪耀, 闪烁 2. 活力, 生气

glitter vi. 闪闪发光, 闪耀 n. 闪光, 灿烂的光辉 2. 耀眼, 辉煌

dazzle vt. 使眩目 n. 1. 耀眼的光 2. 令人赞叹的东西

serenity n. 1. 平静, 安详 2. 晴朗, 明朗

denial n. 1. 否认 2. 拒绝

undeniable a. 不可否认的

vulgar a. 1. 粗野的, 下流的 2. 庸俗的, 粗俗的 [联想词]

boscene a. 1. 淫秽的, 下流的 2. 可憎的, 可恶的

flare vi. 1. (火焰)闪耀 2. 突发, 突然发怒 n. 闪光信号, 照明弹 [联想词]

erupt vi. 1. (火山等)喷发 2. (战争等)爆发, 突然发生

ignite vt. 点燃, 引发

radiant a. 1. 容光焕发的, 喜形于色的 2. 光芒四射的, 光辉灿烂的 3. 辐射的 [联想词]

radiate v. 1. 发出(光或热), 辐射 2. 流露, 显示

radioactive a. 放射性的, 有辐射的

bray vi. 1. (驴)叫 2. 以响而粗的声音说(或笑)

whimsy n. 1. 怪念头, 离奇的想法 2. 稀奇古怪 [联想词]

bizarre a. 怪诞的, 奇形怪状的

weird a. 1. 古怪的, 离奇的 2. 怪诞的, 神秘可怕的

mock vt. 1. 嘲笑, 嘲弄 2. (为了取笑)模仿 vi. 嘲笑, 嘲弄

a. 1. 模拟的, 学习的 2. 假的, 假装的

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