

It's easy to recognize how profound it is, that a single piece of artwork brings millions of people together.

The Mona Lisa keeps people coming back with at least one common desire;

to recognize a deeper meaning.

Maybe You Love The Multifaceted Mystery Behind the famous painting. Besides the iconic smile, there's something magnetic about the Mona Lisa. Her gaze, for instance.

At a distance it's as though her eyes meet yours, precisely. Her gaze seems locked onto you.

Yet the closer you stand to her the less she appears to be looking directly into your eyes.

The more ambivalent she appears to be to your presence.

This is because Mona Lisa's gaze is directed about 15 degrees to the right of the observer. This becomes obvious the closer you stand to the painting.

The Mona Lisa is more than a soft-spark for curiosity. And it's my belief that she probably ignited something similar within Leonardo Da Vinci well before he painted her.

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