

**Carnival is not a  
spectacle seen by the  
people; they live in it,  
and everyone participates  
because its very idea  
embraces all the people.  
While carnival lasts,  
there is no other life  
outside it. During  
carnival time life is  
subject only to its laws,  
that is, the laws of its  
own freedom.**

**Mikhail Bakhtin**