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Serge Daney (1944 - 1992) was an influential French movie critic who went on from writing film reviews to developing a television criticism and onto building a personal theory of the image. Although highly regarded in French and European film criticism circles, his work remains little known to English-speaking audiences, largely because it has not been consistently translated.

The media no longer ask those who know something to share that knowledge with the public. Instead they ask those who know nothing to represent the ignorance of the public and, in so doing, to legitimate it.

- Daney, Serge

In an age of synthetic images and synthetic emotions, the chances of an accidental encounter with reality are remote indeed.

- Daney, Serge

The personal appropriation of clichés is a condition for the spread of cultural tourism.

- Daney, Serge

If you can't believe a little in what you see on the screen, it's not worth wasting your time on cinema.

- Daney, Serge



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