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I have often thought that if photography were difficult in the true sense of the term -- meaning that the creation of a simple photograph would entail as much time and effort as the production of a good watercolor or etching -- there would be a vast improvement in total output. The sheer ease with which we can produce a superficial image often leads to creative disaster.

- Adams, Ansel

Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss.

- Adams, Douglas

In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and has been widely regarded as a bad move.

- Adams, Douglas

There is a theory which states that if ever anybody discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened.

- Adams, Douglas

A common mistake people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.

- Adams, Douglas

I probably hold the distinction of being one movie star who, by all laws of logic, should never have made it. At each stage of my career, I lacked the experience.

- Hepburn, Audrey

The average Hollywood film star's ambition is to be admired by an American, courted by an Italian, married to an Englishman and have a French boyfriend.

- Hepburn, Katharine

If you want to sacrifice the admiration of many men for the criticism of one, go ahead, get married.

- Hepburn, Katharine

In the old days villains had moustaches and kicked the dog. Audiences are smarter today. They don't want their villain to be thrown at them with green limelight on his face. They want an ordinary human being with failings.

- Hitchcock, Alfred

Thomas Jefferson -- still surv

- Adams, John

Friends applaud, the comedy is over.

- Beethoven, Ludwig Van

Drink to me.

- Picasso, Pablo

What is the answer? [Silence] In that case, what is the question?

- Stein, Gertrude

And now, I am dying beyond my means. [Sipping champagne on his deathbed]

- Wilde, Oscar

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

- Twain, Mark

Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky.

- Tagore, Rabindranath

When I die, I want people to play my music, go wild and freak out and do anything they

want to do.

- Hendrix, Jimi

God is a concept by which we measure our pain.

- Lennon, John

Reality leaves a lot to the imagination.

- Lennon, John

I paint objects as I think them not as I see them.

- Picasso, Pablo

Painting is silent poetry and poetry spoken, painting.

- Simonides

Matisse makes a drawing, then he makes a copy of it. He recopies it five times, ten times, always clarifying the line. He's convinced that the last, the most stripped down, is the best, the purest, the definitive one; and in fact, most of the time, it was the first. In drawing, nothing is better than the first attempt.

- Picasso, Pablo

The genius of Einstein leads to Hiroshima.

- Picasso, Pablo

I who have been involved with all styles of painting can assure you that the only things that fluctuate are the waves of fashion which carry the snobs and speculators; the number of true connoisseurs remains more or less the same.

- Picasso, Pablo

To copy others is necessary, but to copy oneself is pathetic.

- Picasso, Pablo

The artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place: from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spider's web.

- Picasso, Pablo

The people who make art their business are mostly impostors.

- Picasso, Pablo

Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.

- Picasso, Pablo

Art is a lie that makes us realize the truth.

- Picasso, Pablo

Fashion is a tyrant from which there is no deliverance; all must conform to its whimsical.

- Proverb, French

Fashions, after all, are only induced epidemics.

- Shaw, George Bernard

We worship not the Graces, nor the Parcae, but Fashion. She spins and weaves and cuts with full authority. The head monkey at Paris puts on a traveler's cap, and all the monkeys in America do the same.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.

- Wilde, Oscar

Those who do not want to imitate anything, produce nothing.

- Dali, Salvador

Imitation is suicide.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Those who talk about individuality the most are the ones who most object to deviation, and in a few years it may be the other way around. Some day everybody will just think what they want to think, and then everybody will probably be thinking alike; that

- Warhol, Andy

The torpid artist seeks inspiration at any cost, by virtue or by vice, by friend or by fiend, by prayer or by wine.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

An idea ran back and forward in his head like a blind man, knocking over the solid furniture.

- Unknown, Source

I am a deeply superficial person.

- Warhol, Andy

Fantasy love is much better than reality love. Never doing it is very exciting. The most exciting attractions are between two opposites that never meet.

- Warhol, Andy

Love and sex can go together and sex and unlove can go together and love and unsex can go together. But personal love and personal sex is bad.

- Warhol, Andy

People sometimes say that the way things happen in the movies is unreal, but actually it's the way things happen to you in life that's unreal. The movies make emotions look so strong and real, whereas when things really do happen to you, it's like watching television

-- you don't feel anything.

- Warhol, Andy

To finish a work? To finish a picture? What nonsense! To finish it means to be through with it, to kill it, to rid it of its soul, to give it its final blow the coup de grace for the painter as well as for the picture.

- Picasso, Pablo

Art is never chaste. It ought to be forbidden to ignorant innocents, never allowed into contact with those not sufficiently prepared. Yes, art is dangerous. Where it is chaste, it is not art.

- Picasso, Pablo

Society often forgives the criminal; it never forgives the dreamer.

- Wilde, Oscar

A dreamer is one who can only find his way by moonlight, and his punishment is that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world.

- Wilde, Oscar

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