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Science fiction writers foresee the inevitable, and although problems and catastrophes may be inevitable, solutions are not.

- Asimov, Isaac

Individual science fiction stories may seem as trivial as ever to the blinder critics and philosophers of today -- but the core of science fiction, its essence has become crucial to our salvation if we are to be saved at all.

- Asimov, Isaac

Everything is becoming science fiction. From the margins of an almost invisible literature has sprung the intact reality of the 20th century.

- Ballard, J. G.

Science fiction writers, I am sorry to say, really do not know anything. We can't talk about science, because our knowledge of it is limited and unofficial, and usually our fiction is dreadful.

- Dick, Philip K.

The fancy that extraterrestrial life is by definition of a higher order than our own is one that soothes all children, and many writers.

- Didion, Joan

In sci-fi convention, life-forms that hadn't developed space travel were mere prehistory -- horse-shoe crabs of the cosmic scene -- and something of the humiliation of being stuck on a provincial planet in a galactic backwater has stayed with me ever since.

- Ehrenreich, Barbara

What the hell is nostalgia doing in a science-fiction film? With the whole universe and all the future to play in, Lucas took his marvelous toys and crawled under the fringed cloth on the parlor table, back into a nice safe hide hole, along with Flash Gordon and the Cowardly Lion and Luke Skywalker and the Flying Aces and the Hitler Jugend. If there's a message there, I don't think I want to hear it.

- Guin, Ursula K. Le

If science fiction is the mythology of modern technology, then its myth is tragic.

- Guin, Ursula K. Le

Where everything is possible miracles become commonplaces, but the familiar ceases to be self-evident.

- Hoffer, Eric

Space or science fiction has become a dialect for our time.

- Lessing, Doris

Science fiction films are not about science. They are about disaster, which is one of the oldest subjects of art.

- Sontag, Susan

I have been a soreheaded occupant of a file drawer labeled Science Fiction and I would like out, particularly since so many serious critics regularly mistake the drawer for a urinal.

- Vonnegut Jr., Kurt



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