

# Agnes Denes

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Done, Unconscious, Expression, Humanity, Precedence, Two, Wonderful,  
Cafes, Use, Earth, Reality*

People always understand everything in retrospect.

~Agnes Denes

Anything important has to be almost invisible. And underrated. So the understructure should be underrated, but strong enough to hold the earth.

~Agnes Denes

Public art existed all along, but ecological art just naturally grew out of my thinking and writings in that area for years. I didn't get involved in it; I started what then became a movement.

~Agnes Denes

People are always fighting reality until it's pushed down their throats.

~Agnes Denes

Most wonderful things are unconscious.

~Agnes Denes

People have too many problems during the day; they don't want to think.

~Agnes Denes

When I'm gone, you'll be sitting in a cafe and say, "Do you remember Agnes?"

~Agnes Denes

People don't hurt what they love.

~Agnes Denes

I went through about six or seven painting methods just to see what I didn't want to do. And then I got off the wall, and went into the environment.

~Agnes Denes

Thinking has an understructure and underpinnings.

~Agnes Denes

I wish I didn't have daily problems to deal with, so that I could just concentrate on learning more, every single day.

~Agnes Denes

I'm mostly self-taught. I didn't learn much in school.

~Agnes Denes

I always was alone. And I'm alone today. It's fine. I have lots of friends, but not in terms of working together.

~Agnes Denes

I hate to put tags on things, because tags change, and they change with the requirements made on them.

~Agnes Denes

We use up words as we use up images. We use up everything, and that's good, because it makes us grow.

~Agnes Denes

There's no precedent for women philosophers and there's no precedence for most of the things I did.

~Agnes Denes

Philosophy gets its ugly head into everything, but I don't think we live philosophy anymore. It's done.

~Agnes Denes

I never considered myself a performance artist.

~Agnes Denes

Every one of my works, when I'm looking back, becomes some kind of

solution, or something to concentrate on. Something to pay attention to and maybe change direction.

~Agnes Denes

My work is about helping humanity.

~Agnes Denes

I had drawings that were the first time that mathematics was put into visual form.

~Agnes Denes

Words are changing. I find that old expressions are outdated, so when I write something, I try to find a new expression that hasn't been born yet. It's difficult.

~Agnes Denes

What I did for my last act as a painter, if you call me a painter, was to photograph the weave of the canvas, and enlarge it and enlarge it until it became like a landscape.

~Agnes Denes

If I like a person, I like them. I may like the art and not like the person.

~Agnes Denes

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