

Alan Moore

Quotes

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No. Not even in the face of Armageddon. Never compromise.

~Alan Moore

There's no flesh or blood within this cloak to kill. There's only an idea. Ideas are bulletproof.

~Alan Moore

Remember, remember the fifth of November of gunpowder treason and plot. I know of no reason why the gun powder treason should ever be forgot.

~Alan Moore

It was Kovacs who said "Mother" then, muffled under latex. It was Kovacs who closed his eyes. It was Rorschach who opened them again.

~Alan Moore

Behind this mask there is more than just flesh. Beneath this mask there is an idea... and ideas are bulletproof.

~Alan Moore

Art is, like magic, the science of manipulating symbols, words or images to achieve changes in consciousness

~Alan Moore

Once you realize what a joke everything is, being the Comedian is the only thing that makes sense.

~Alan Moore

You wear a mask for so long, you forget who you were beneath it.

~Alan Moore

People shouldn't be afraid of their government. Governments should be afraid of their people.

~Alan Moore

If you're functional, it doesn't matter if you're mad.

~Alan Moore

A world grows up around me. Am I shaping it, or do its predetermined contours guide my hand?

~Alan Moore

As people get more desperate, history suggests that they're not going to rise in a mighty proletarian tidal wave and wash away their oppressors. They're gonna turn on each other.

~Alan Moore

Ideas are bulletproof.

~Alan Moore

If light is outlawed, then only outlaws will be able to see where they're going.

~Alan Moore

The past can't hurt you anymore, not unless you let it.

~Alan Moore

I think that in an increasingly virtual world, lovingly produced artefacts are at a premium.

~Alan Moore

We're all puppets, Laurie. I'm just a puppet who can see the strings.

~Alan Moore

Roses are red Violets are blue Everything's possible Nothing is true.

~Alan Moore

Authority, when first detecting chaos at its heels, will entertain the vilest schemes to save its orderly facade.

~Alan Moore

Nothing is insoluble. Nothing is hopeless. Not while there's life.

~Alan Moore

The multiplying villainies of nature do swarm upon him... [from Macbeth]

~Alan Moore

To some degree Satanism is purely a kind of disease of Christianity. You've got to really be Christian to believe in Satan.

~Alan Moore

Love your rage, not your cage.

~Alan Moore

Look at him now, poor fellow. That's what a dose of reality does for you...Never touch the stuff myself, you understand. Find it gets in the way of the hallucinations.

~Alan Moore

Authority allows two roles: the torturer and the tortured. Twists people into joyless mannequins that fear and hate, while culture plunges into the abyss.

~Alan Moore

Art makes us feel less alone. It makes us think: somebody else has thought this, somebody else has had these feelings.

~Alan Moore

Happiness is the most insidious prison of all.

~Alan Moore

For me, there is very little difference between magic and art. To me, the ultimate act of magic is to create something from nothing: It's like when the stage magician pulls the rabbit from the hat.

~Alan Moore

Artists use lies to tell the truth. Yes, I created a lie. But because you believed it, you found something true about yourself.

~Alan Moore

As far as I can see, it's not important that we have free will, just as long as we have the illusion of free will to stop us going mad.

~Alan Moore

Everybody is special. Everybody. Everybody is a hero, a lover, a fool, a villain. Everybody. Everybody has their story to tell.

~Alan Moore

There's no such thing as quitting. Just sometimes there's a longer pause between relapses.

~Alan Moore

Why do we argue? Life's so fragile, a successful virus clinging to a speck of mud, suspended in endless nothing.

~Alan Moore

Famously, there's not really anywhere to go after nihilism. It's not progressing toward anything, it's a statement of outrage, however brilliant.

~Alan Moore

Everybody has their story to tell.

~Alan Moore

Who makes the world? Perhaps the world is not made. Perhaps

nothing is made. Perhaps it simply is, has been, will always be thereâ€¦a clock without a craftsman.

~Alan Moore

To paint comic books as childish and illiterate is lazy. A lot of comic books are very literate - unlike most films.

~Alan Moore

Knowledge, like air, is vital to life. Like air, no one should be denied it.

~Alan Moore

I'm the king of the 20th century. I'm the boogeyman, the villain, the black sheep of the family.

~Alan Moore

Never despair. Never surrender.

~Alan Moore

I didn't really sign up to be a celebrity, I only signed up to be a writer.

~Alan Moore

I wouldn't be the person I am today if it wasn't for the opportunities the library gave me.

~Alan Moore

I enjoy putting my mind into different situations rather than my body.

~Alan Moore

...My point is, I went crazy. When I saw what a black, awful joke the world was. I went crazy as a coot! I admit it! Why can't you?

~Alan Moore

The one place gods inarguably exist is in the human mind.

~Alan Moore

I did it thirty-five minutes ago.

~Alan Moore

While a truncheon may be used in lieu of conversation, words will always retain their power.

~Alan Moore

Magic and art tend to share a lot of the same language. They both talk about evocation, invocation, and conjuring.

~Alan Moore

If the audience knew what they wanted then they wouldn't be the audience, they would be the artist.

~Alan Moore

None of you understand. I'm not locked up in here with YOU. You're locked up in here with ME.

~Alan Moore

American love â€” like coke in green glass bottles...they don't make it anymore.

~Alan Moore

This city is dying of rabies. Is the best I can do to wipe random flecks of foam from its lips?

~Alan Moore

Yes, of course, the whole idea is utterly inane, but to let its predictable inanities blind you to its truly fabulous and breathtaking aspects is to do both oneself and the genre a disservice.

~Alan Moore

They say that life's a game, & then they take the board away.

~Alan Moore

Our masters have not heard the people's voice for generations and it is much, much louder than they care to remember.

~Alan Moore

Madness is the emergency exit. You can just step outside, and close the door on all those dreadful things that happened. Forever.

~Alan Moore

Existence is random. Has no pattern save what we imagine after staring at it for too long. No meaning save what we choose to impose.

~Alan Moore

One of the advantages of travelling the world is that you get to know the world broadly. And one of the advantages of staying in one place is that you get to know the world deeply.

~Alan Moore

Now everything is wonderful and hazardous and nothing's hypothetical.

~Alan Moore

This is not anarchy, Eve. This is chaos.

~Alan Moore

In the human mind, the number of possible connections that can be made between neurons greatly exceeds the number of atoms in the universe.

~Alan Moore

All it takes is one bad day to reduce the sanest man alive to lunacy. That's how far the world is from where I am. Just one bad day.

~Alan Moore

London has been used as the emblematic English city, but it's far from

representative of what life in England is actually about.

~Alan Moore

Dan, I'm not a Republic serial villain. Do you seriously think I'd explain my master-stroke if there remained the slightest chance of you affecting its outcome? I did it thirty-five minutes ago.

~Alan Moore

Truly, whoever we are, wherever we reside, we exist upon the whim of murderers.

~Alan Moore

Perhaps this is the purpose of all art, all writing, on the murders, fiction and non-fiction: Simply to participate.

~Alan Moore

Your pretty empire took so long to build, now, with a snap of history's fingers, down it goes.

~Alan Moore

All we ever see of stars are their old photographs.

~Alan Moore

Please, don't go. It's lonely. There's a hole in my head as big as the world and it's so very lonely.

~Alan Moore

With so much chaos, someone will do something stupid. And when they do, things will turn nasty.

~Alan Moore

The more I look at most of the art movements, it's all occultism, when you get down to it. The Surrealists were openly talking about being magicians.

~Alan Moore

The ending is nearer than you think, and it is already written. All that we have left to choose is the correct moment to begin.

~Alan Moore

Who? Who is but the form following the function of what, and what I am is a man in a mask.

~Alan Moore

A lot of the critique of our growing mechanization was actually at its strongest, and arguably at its most perceptive, during the late '60s.

~Alan Moore

War is a perversion of sex.

~Alan Moore

It seems strange that my life should end in such a terrible place, but for three years I had roses, and apologized to no one.

~Alan Moore

There is an inverse relationship between imagination and money.

~Alan Moore

I think that the Occupy movement is, in one sense, the public saying that they should be the ones to decide who's too big to fail.

~Alan Moore

I live my life free of compromise, and step into the shadows without complaint or regret.

~Alan Moore

I don't think there's really any difference between art - or writing, or music - and magic. And I particularly draw the link between magic and

writing. I think that they are profoundly connected.

~Alan Moore

If we can come up with all sorts of imaginative ways in which people die, then I really don't see what the problem is with coming up with imaginative ways in which people can procreate.

~Alan Moore

I was kind of a selfish child, who always wanted things his way, and I've kind of taken that over into my relationship with the world.

~Alan Moore

The world's a stage, & everything else is Vaudeville.

~Alan Moore

I love the smell of paper in the morning; it smells like victory.

~Alan Moore

We gaze continually at the world and it grows dull in our perceptions. Yet seen from another's vantage point, as if new, it may still take the breath away.

~Alan Moore

There are two worlds we live in: a material world, bound by the laws of physics, and the world inside our mind, which is just as important.

~Alan Moore

I didn't put you in a prison, Evey. I just showed you the bars.

~Alan Moore

I'm 65 years old. Everyday the future looks a little bit darker. But the past, even the grimy parts of it, well, it just keeps on getting brighter all the time.

~Alan Moore

The past can't hurt you anymore. Not unless you let it. They made you into a victim, Evey. They made you into a statistic. But, that's not the real you. That's not who you are inside.

~Alan Moore

I am watching the stars, admiring their complex trajectories through space and time. I am trying to give a name to the force that set them in motion.

~Alan Moore

If I have to have a past, then I prefer it to be multiple choice.

~Alan Moore

Who imprisoned me here? Who keeps me here? Who can release me? Who's controlling and constraining my life except...me?

~Alan Moore

Language comes first. It's not that language grows out of consciousness, if you haven't got language, you can't be conscious.

~Alan Moore

Does the human heart know chasms so abysmal?

~Alan Moore

Sexually progressive cultures gave us literature, philosophy, civilization and the rest, while sexually restrictive cultures gave us the Dark Ages and the Holocaust.

~Alan Moore

It is the oldest ironies that are still the most satisfying: man, when preparing for bloody war, will orate loudly and most eloquently in the name of peace.

~Alan Moore

Don't leave home without your sword - your intellect.

~Alan Moore

The Rudderless World is not shaped by vague metaphysical Forces. It is not God who kills the Children. Not Fate that butchers them or Destiny that feeds them to the Dogs. ... It's us. Only us.

~Alan Moore

No one will ever forget that night, and what it meant for this country. But I will never forget the man and what he meant to me.

~Alan Moore

I've never watched any of the adaptations of my books. I've never wanted to, and there's absolutely no chance of me doing so in the future.

~Alan Moore

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