

Alec Guinness

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Villa, Trying, Apology, Stations, Space, Knows, Heaven, Design, Hate,
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An actor is totally vulnerable. His total personality is exposed to critical judgment - his intellect, his bearing, his diction, his whole appearance. In short, his ego.

~Alec Guinness

An actor is at his best a kind of unfrocked priest who, for an hour or two, can call on heaven and hell to mesmerize a group of innocents.

~Alec Guinness

Failure has a thousand explanations. Success doesn't need one.

~Alec Guinness

I don't know what else I could do but pretend to be an actor.

~Alec Guinness

There seems to be no end to the senseless wickedness done on this little planet in a minor solar system, and we puny mortals appear to be decreasing in importance so far as the universe is concerned.

~Alec Guinness

All creative people hate mathematics. It's the most uncreative subject you can study.

~Alec Guinness

A person who is keen to shake your hand usually has something up his sleeve.

~Alec Guinness

The applause of all but very good men is no more than the precise measure of their possible hostility.

~Alec Guinness

I never knew how good it is to be unknown until now. The last time I was unknown I was too busy trying to become known to realize the

advantages of obscurity.

~Alec Guinness

I shrivel up every time someone mentions Star Wars to me.

~Alec Guinness

A superb tenor voice, like a silver trumpet muffled in silk.

~Alec Guinness

Essentially, I'm a small-part actor who's been lucky enough to play leading roles for most of his life.

~Alec Guinness

That's no moon. It's a space station.

~Alec Guinness

Best performance of the year: Aston Villa v. Milan, September 1994

~Alec Guinness

Styling is designing for obsolescence.

~Alec Guinness

My contribution to film has always been negligible.

~Alec Guinness

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