

Alexander McQueen Quotes

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Men*

You've got to know the rules to break them. That's what I'm here for, to demolish the rules but to keep the tradition.

~Alexander McQueen

The world needs fantasy, not reality. We have enough reality today

~Alexander McQueen

Fashion should be a form of escapism, and not a form of imprisonment.

~Alexander McQueen

There is no better designer than nature

~Alexander McQueen

People don't want to see clothes, they want to see something that fuels the imagination.

~Alexander McQueen

I think there is beauty in everything. What 'normal' people would perceive as ugly, I can usually see something of beauty in it.

~Alexander McQueen

I use things that people want to hide in their heads. War, religion, sex; things we all think about, but don't bring to the forefront. But I do and I force them to watch it

~Alexander McQueen

If you're lucky enough to use something you see in a dream, it is purely original. It's not in the world - it's in your head. I think that is amazing.

~Alexander McQueen

When I'm dead and gone, people will know that the twenty-first century was started by Alexander McQueen.

~Alexander McQueen

There comes a time in your life when you focus solely on what you believe is right, regardless of what everybody else is doing.

~Alexander McQueen

For me, what I do is an artistic expression which is channeled through me. Fashion is just the medium.

~Alexander McQueen

Fashion is self confident and fearless.

~Alexander McQueen

It's a new era in fashion - there are no rules. It's all about the individual and personal style, wearing high-end, low-end, classic labels, and up-and-coming designers all together.

~Alexander McQueen

Style is not about the clothes, it's about the individual

~Alexander McQueen

I want people to be afraid of the women I dress.

~Alexander McQueen

Give me time and I'll give you a revolution.

~Alexander McQueen

I came to terms with not fitting in a long time ago. I never really fitted in. I don't want to fit in. And now people are buying into that.

~Alexander McQueen

For people who know McQueen, there is always an underlying message. It's usually only the intellectual ones who understand what's going on in what I do.

~Alexander McQueen

It's almost like putting armor on a woman. It's a very psychological way of dressing.

~Alexander McQueen

There is no way back for me now, I'm going to take you on journeys you've never dreamed possible

~Alexander McQueen

I oscillate between life and death, happiness and sadness, good and evil.

~Alexander McQueen

The reason I'm patriotic about Scotland is because I think it's been dealt a really hard hand. It's marketed the world over as . . . haggis . . . bagpipes. But no one ever puts anything back into it.

~Alexander McQueen

I find beauty in melancholy.

~Alexander McQueen

For a long time I was looking for my perfect equilibrium, my mojo. And now I think I'm getting there: I've found my customer, my silhouette, my cut.

~Alexander McQueen

You can only go forward by making mistakes.

~Alexander McQueen

If you're an open book, there's no allure.

~Alexander McQueen

British fashion is self confident and fearless. It refuses to bow to commerce, thus generating a constant flow of new ideas whilst drawing in British heritage.

~Alexander McQueen

Clothes and jewellery should be startling, individual. When you see a woman in my clothes, you want to know more about them. To me, that is what distinguishes good designers from bad designers.

~Alexander McQueen

There's beauty in anger, and anger for me is a passion.

~Alexander McQueen

I used flowers because they die. My mood was darkly romantic at the time.

~Alexander McQueen

Beauty can come from the strangest of places, even the most disgusting of places.

~Alexander McQueen

I like things to be modern and still have a bit of tradition

~Alexander McQueen

Of course I make mistakes. I'm human. If I didn't make mistakes, I'd never learn. You can only go forward by making mistakes.

~Alexander McQueen

Menswear is about subtlety. It's about good style and good taste.

~Alexander McQueen

There is a hidden agenda in the fragility of romance.

~Alexander McQueen

It needs to connect with the earth. Things that are processed and reprocessed lose their substance.

~Alexander McQueen

I find beauty in the grotesque, like most artists.

~Alexander McQueen

When you see a woman wearing McQueen, there's a certain hardness to the clothes that makes her look powerful. It kind of fends people off.

~Alexander McQueen

People find my things sometimes aggressive. But I don't see it as aggressive. I see it as romantic, dealing with a dark side of personality.

~Alexander McQueen

Women should look like women. A piece of cardboard has no sexuality.

~Alexander McQueen

If you ask any lady they want to be taller, they want to be slimmer, you know, and they want a waist. I'm not here to make people look like a sack of potatoes.

~Alexander McQueen

It's the ugly things I notice more, because other people tend to ignore the ugly things.

~Alexander McQueen

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There's blood beneath every layer of skin.

~Alexander McQueen

As a designer, you've always got to push yourself forward; you've always got to keep up with the trends or make your own trends. That's what I do.

~Alexander McQueen

Let me not forget the use of my own hands, that of a craftsman with eyes... that reflect the technology around me.

~Alexander McQueen

Life to me is a bit of a (Brothers) Grimm fairy tale.

~Alexander McQueen

It's good to know where you come from. It makes you what you are today. It's DNA, it's in your blood.

~Alexander McQueen

I'm not interested in being liked.

~Alexander McQueen

I feel more Scottish than Norman.

~Alexander McQueen

The turnover of fashion is just so quick and so throwaway, and I think that is a big part of the problem. There is no longevity.

~Alexander McQueen

Animals fascinate me because you can find a force, an energy, a fear that also exists in sex.

~Alexander McQueen

I'm not big on women looking naive.

~Alexander McQueen

I always wanted to be a designer. I read books on fashion from the age of 12.

~Alexander McQueen

I don't want to be too proud, but I have a good personal style.

~Alexander McQueen

I can design a collection in a day and I always do, cause I've always got a load of Italians on my back, moaning that it's late.

~Alexander McQueen

I spent a long time learning how to construct clothes, which is important to do before you can deconstruct them.

~Alexander McQueen

I think there is beauty in everything.

~Alexander McQueen

I never look at other people's work. My mind has to be completely focused on my own illusions.

~Alexander McQueen

You've got to know the rules to break them.

~Alexander McQueen

I'm interested in designing for posterity.

~Alexander McQueen

I think I should be a president. President of the United States.

~Alexander McQueen

There are only a handful of designers that influence other designers, and I have to keep one step ahead of the game.

~Alexander McQueen

I come from a different era and I design clothes for our era. I think of people I want to dress when I design.

~Alexander McQueen

I think the idea of mixing luxury and mass-market fashion is very modern, very now - no one wears head-to-toe designer anymore.

~Alexander McQueen

I don't want to do a cocktail party. I'd rather people left my shows and vomited.

~Alexander McQueen

I am a melancholy type of person.

~Alexander McQueen

When a woman gets dressed up to go out at night, she wants to give 50% away, and hold the rest back. If you're an open book, there's no allure.

~Alexander McQueen

It's not my vision when I cover a woman's face with a chador. I got the idea from a 'National Geographic' photo. I'm just showing their plight in the world.

~Alexander McQueen

Sting's my ideal man, because he's a real man.

~Alexander McQueen

The police need to come down to street level.

~Alexander McQueen

Really, what I'm aiming for is world domination!

~Alexander McQueen

You can get insular with fashion.

~Alexander McQueen

I'm mad in the front of my mind, but business-minded in the back.

~Alexander McQueen

You can only go forward by making mistakes. I'm twenty-seven, not fifty-seven. I'm not Givenchy, I'm Alexander McQueen.

~Alexander McQueen

London's where I was brought up. It's where my heart is and where I get my inspiration.

~Alexander McQueen

I am married to work.

~Alexander McQueen

I work with people I admire and respect. It's never because of who they are.

~Alexander McQueen

What I do is look at ancient African tribes, and the way they dress. The rituals of how they dress. . . . There's a lot of tribalism in the collections.

~Alexander McQueen

I believe in that one-on-one sell. I don't really believe in flooding the market with loads of goods that don't mean much, and you lose your identity.

~Alexander McQueen

I like the idea of infiltrating an area that is not really exposed to me or my work.

~Alexander McQueen

I'm the pink sheep in the family.

~Alexander McQueen

You can hide so much behind theatrics, and I don't need to do that any more.

~Alexander McQueen

Youth culture now really looks back and embraces the past, but keeps it contemporary but not sticking to one particular style.

~Alexander McQueen

I can't get sucked into that celebrity thing, because I think it's just crass.

~Alexander McQueen

Now I design what I want to wear, and it works that way.

~Alexander McQueen

I'm about what goes through people's minds. The stuff that people don't want to admit or face up to. The shows are about what's buried in people's psyches.

~Alexander McQueen

I want to empower women.

~Alexander McQueen

I was never a big networker, but I was a spin doctor, all those shock shows, that's how I got my first backers. But fashion's a scary industry to be in, especially if you've not grown up with it.

~Alexander McQueen

Rap music's been around for too long now to be inspirational. The words are, but the music isn't.

~Alexander McQueen

I hate it when people romanticize Scotland.

~Alexander McQueen

Some couture collections have everything including the kitchen sink! Everything gets thrown on to make it look expensive.

~Alexander McQueen

I've had good times; I've had bad times.

~Alexander McQueen

You find a lot of ideas from my shows in adverts now. I find it a compliment.

~Alexander McQueen

Fame should be left to the film stars.

~Alexander McQueen

I was three years old when I started drawing. I did it all my life.

~Alexander McQueen

I'm prepared to forget about money if it affects my creativity because, remember, I started off with nothing. And I can do that again.

~Alexander McQueen

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~Alexander McQueen

There has to be a balance between your mental satisfaction and the financial needs of your company.

~Alexander McQueen

I just want to be a wallflower. Nondescript. Just not anything. I don't want to see me.

~Alexander McQueen

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