

Alfred Bester

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One of the things that everybody knows about space travel but never mentions is its aphrodisiac quality.

~Alfred Bester

Don't ask the world to stop moving because you have doubts.

~Alfred Bester

Gully Foyle is my name
And Terra is my nation
Deep space is my dwelling place
The stars my destination

~Alfred Bester

Faith in faith' he answered himself. 'It isn't necessary to have something to believe in. It's only necessary to believe that somewhere there's something worthy of belief

~Alfred Bester

The mind is the reality. You are what you think.

~Alfred Bester

Millions for nonsense, but not one cent for entropy.

~Alfred Bester

I'm not much interested in extrapolating science and technology; I merely use extrapolation as a means of putting people into new quandaries which produce colorful pressures and conflicts.

~Alfred Bester

Life is a freak. That's its hope and glory.

~Alfred Bester

No matter how we defend ourselves against the outside we're always licked by something from the inside. There's no defense against betrayal, and we all betray ourselves.

~Alfred Bester

I've handed life and death back to the people who do the living and the dying.

~Alfred Bester

I'm a great believer in people and their untapped potential.

~Alfred Bester

The man who gives his own decisions priority over society is a criminal.

~Alfred Bester

Most science fiction, quite frankly, is silly nonsense.

~Alfred Bester

This was an age of extremes, a fascinating century of freaks... but nobody loved it.

~Alfred Bester

We always do what's natural, only sometimes we shouldn't do it.

~Alfred Bester

Tenser, said the Tensor. Tension, apprehension, and dissension have begun.

~Alfred Bester

If you can have everything at fifty that you wanted when you were fifteen, you're happy.

~Alfred Bester

The damnable frustration of revenge. Revenge is for dreams...never for reality.

~Alfred Bester

Eight, sir; seven, sir; Six, sir; five, sir; Four, sir; Three, sir; Two, sir; one!

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~Alfred Bester

The whole point of extravagance is to act like a fool and feel like a fool, but enjoy it.

~Alfred Bester

Intellect is the ability to avoid belaboring the obvious.

~Alfred Bester

That's me," he said, motioning to the robot. "That's all of us. We prattle about free will, but we're nothing but response...mechanical reaction in prescribed grooves.

~Alfred Bester

I challenge you, me. Die or live and be great.

~Alfred Bester

The test of intellect is the refusal to belabor the obvious.

~Alfred Bester

It's obvious we can't all be a Gully Foyle, but most of us energize at such a low level, so far short of our real capabilities, we could all be more, do more.

~Alfred Bester

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