

# Andres Serrano

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I have never been able to see myself as fitting into one category, and I have never been able to limit my contact with people to one group of people.

~Andres Serrano

I say things, but I say them indirectly. At the same time, I try to make my images as direct as possible.

~Andres Serrano

Oftentimes we love the thing we hate and vice versa.

~Andres Serrano

In my work, I explore my own Catholic obsessions.

~Andres Serrano

I like going to Church for aesthetic reasons, rather than spiritual ones.

~Andres Serrano

There's nothing wrong with provocative art work: I even look forward to the day when I can take pictures which will disturb even me.

~Andres Serrano

An artist is nothing without his or her obsessions.

~Andres Serrano

As a former Catholic, and as someone who even today is not opposed to being called a Christian, I felt I had every right to use the symbols of the Church and resented being told not to.

~Andres Serrano

I like to believe that rather than destroy icons, I make new ones.

~Andres Serrano

My use of the medium - photography - is in some ways traditional.

~Andres Serrano

I have always felt that my work is religious, not sacrilegious.

~Andres Serrano

I am drawn to Christ but I have real problems with the Catholic Church.

~Andres Serrano

Artists are a free society's greatest advocates and its best bulwarks.  
Their triumphs are civilization's triumphs.

~Andres Serrano

My work is intensely personal.

~Andres Serrano

I don't think that because I am Hispanic I should therefore do Hispanic work.

~Andres Serrano

I have always felt that I am the sum total of my parts.

~Andres Serrano

I think if the Vatican is smart, someday they'll collect my work.

~Andres Serrano

I like the aesthetics of the Church.

~Andres Serrano

I have never voted in my life.

~Andres Serrano

I am an artist first and a photographer second.

~Andres Serrano

Being born, especially being born a person of color, is a political act in itself.

~Andres Serrano

One of the things that I am happy about in my life as an artist is that I am not considered a Hispanic artist.

~Andres Serrano

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