

Ben Nicholson

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I'm interested in locating the holy grail of the minimum means to express the most complex ideas.

~Ben Nicholson

I deeply believe in pluralism. I believe in the close proximity of multiple systems or agnostic systems.

~Ben Nicholson

The beast for me is greed. Whether you read Dante, Swift, or any of these guys, it always boils down to the same thing: the corruption of the soul.

~Ben Nicholson

We are pushing hard to find quality advertising clients.

~Ben Nicholson

I'm just interested in meditating on certain ideas, and I like to draw: that's my way of thinking.

~Ben Nicholson

I feel most strongly about Jerusalem, because architects ultimately have to address that city.

~Ben Nicholson

'Painting' and 'religious experience' are the same thing. It is a question of the perpetual motion of a right idea.

~Ben Nicholson

I started producing work with an ecstatic addiction.

~Ben Nicholson

Any ideal system is its own worst enemy, and as soon as you start to implement these visions of grandeur, they just fall apart and turn into a complete tyranny.

~Ben Nicholson

The corruption of the American soul is consumerism.

~Ben Nicholson

The latest page I've been working is about the organization of the pantheon of the gods. Who's indebted to whom, how they are related, who screwed whose uncle or grandmother, all of that.

~Ben Nicholson

'Realism' has been abandoned in the search for reality: the 'principal objective' of abstract art is precisely this reality.

~Ben Nicholson

At this present time, matter is still the best way to think of architecture, but I'm not so sure for very long. The computer is radicalizing the way we think about our world.

~Ben Nicholson

When I left school I went on trip around the world - I only got as far as Australia, but like a bloody fool I cut it short because of a girl. It's probably one of my big regrets in life.

~Ben Nicholson

The Irish and British, they love satire, its a large part of the culture.

~Ben Nicholson

I have a book of buildings from 25,000 BC. These are huts built out of mammoth bones. These buildings were beautifully made, from the bones of the body into shelter.

~Ben Nicholson

I see man more as an instrument or an agent more than anything else.

~Ben Nicholson

Student journeys which were important to me were Sicily, Greece, and Egypt, where I really saw these buildings, and that is where you're able to grasp what things mean.

~Ben Nicholson

You can just drift unhappily towards this vision of heaven on earth, and ultimately that is what architecture is a vision of: Heaven on earth, at it's best.

~Ben Nicholson

I'm not an expert, but I want to be.

~Ben Nicholson

Satire is fascinating stuff. It's deadly serious, and when politics begin to break down, there is a drift towards satire, because it's the only thing that makes any sense.

~Ben Nicholson

If you're into architecture and you're from the West, everything is hors d'oeuvres for working to rebuild the Temple. Ultimately you're led there. You can't escape it.

~Ben Nicholson

What I feel bad about is not having published very much in the last few years.

~Ben Nicholson

Very rarely are we directing or cutting someone else's boards. We concept, direct, shoot, animate and edit almost everything that comes through here.

~Ben Nicholson

I haven't done any building designs since the Loaf House.

~Ben Nicholson

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