

Benedict Cumberbatch

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I remember very clearly someone saying, 'Don't shake hands with the cactus,' and I thought, 'Well, why not? What could possibly go wrong?' Shaking hands is a friendly gesture.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Pull the hair on my head the wrong way, and I would be on my knees begging for mercy. I have very sensitive follicles.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I'm a high-functioning sociopath, do your research.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Looking for happiness is a sure way to sadness, I think. You have to take each moment as it comes.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Enjoy the journey of life and not just the endgame. I'm also a great believer in treating others as you would like to be treated.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Being a posh actor in England you cannot escape the class-typing from whatever side you look at it.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

The further you get away from yourself, the more challenging it is. Not to be in your comfort zone is great fun.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

You come into this world as you leave it, on your own. It's made me want to live a life slightly less ordinary.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I keep myself amused and others confused

~Benedict Cumberbatch

If you have an over-preoccupation with perception and trying to please people's expectations, then you can go mad.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Cumberbatch - it sounds like a fart in a bath, doesn't it? What a fluffy old name. I can never say it on a Monday morning. When I became an actor, Mum wasn't keen on me keeping it.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Mystique is rare now, isn't it? There aren't that many enigmas in this modern world.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

People always want to knock you when you're up.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I can feel infinitely alive curled up on the sofa reading a book.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I suppose my bodily proportions are quite flattering. I'm ripped, doing something I wouldn't normally do with my body, or having done to it, involving Watson.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I think with any characterization there's a point where you empathize, no matter how much of a deviance his or her actions may be from your understanding of humanity.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

One of the best things about being an actor is that it's a meritocracy.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Our daily lives are so mundane, we get taken over by what is immediately in front of us and we don't see beyond that.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I'm not very geeky. I'm quite homespun. I would say I'm more modern rustic than gadget-orientated. I like woollen things and log fires and whiskey

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Any irrational fears?no, i'm quite a rationalist. i'm not superstitious, i think life is too full of natural wonders and logical complexities to worry about illogical things.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Metaphorically speaking, it's easy to bump into one another on the journey from A to B and not even notice. People should take time to notice, enjoy and help each other.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

We have a lot more unlikely heroes now. It's not just the guy with gunsâ€”it's the guy with brains.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I'm sort of focused on my long-term goal of carving out a career that's for life, rather than being a flash in the pan.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Mum did a lot of commercial theatre and farces in the 1980s and '90s to make sure the school bills were paid.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I thought, well, why am I giving up on my primary dream to work doubly hard, to do something as an alternative to what it really still want to?

~Benedict Cumberbatch

If you can't fail, you can never get better.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

That's something I have to work on: to separate what really matters, to conserve energy by not worrying about what other people think.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Because reading is one of the joys of life, and once you begin, you can't stop, and you've got so many stories to look forward to.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

One of the fears of having too much work is not having time to observe. And once you get recognised, there is nowhere for you to look any more. You can't sit on a night bus and watch it all happen.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

There are things that are a given, that you've already established, and obviously, visually, certain iconic things that can't be completely removed, like a certain hat or a certain coat in my case.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I drive a motorbike, so there is the whiff of the grim reaper round every corner, especially in London.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I'm quite sensitive to people noticing me. There are times when I'm relaxed, then others when it does make me self-conscious.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

We all want to escape our circumstances, don't we? Especially if you are an actor.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

[Stephen Strange] is less strange than other characters I've played. He's lost the power to love, which doesn't make him a nasty person. I

just think he's closed-off.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Not that i had a big arse but even that was toned.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Sometimes being away, on location, I feel like I'm away for much of my own life. I want to be better at staying connected.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I am a PR disaster because I talk too much.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I'm always playing characters with intellects profoundly superior to mine. That's great fun, even though it's as much a fantasy for me as for the people watching me.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I tend to have a cup of tea, try to stop worrying about what I did wrong, cool down and will the audience back in as soon as possible.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Live a life less ordinary.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Enjoy the journey of life and not just the endgame.

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Fame is a weird one. You need to distance yourself from it. People see a value in you that you don't see yourself.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

You have to sometimes just run with the problem rather than trying to solve it with hi-tech wizardry and lots of planning.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

My mum and dad had worked incredibly hard to afford me an education.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

All the backstories are there but not talked about.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

There's no shame in stealing - any actor who says he doesn't is lying. You steal from everything.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Every job is incredibly different, and I love it because you're picking up skill sets and experiences. It's the university of life.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I have an appetite for the normal in my life, as well as the abnormal.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I think I've had very knee-jerk emotional reactions to things, and sometimes I've said things without thinking. Being overly emotional clouded my judgment.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

It's always important to have the blessing.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

When you freefall for 7,000 feet it doesn't feel like you're falling: it feels like you're floating, a bit like scuba diving.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I've always wanted to play a spy, because it is the ultimate acting exercise. You are never what you seem.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I love doing impersonations of people.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I've been reading the books. It's the origination, it's the primary source. You should always go back to the books.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Sherlock [Holmes] is on the side of the angels, but don't think he's one of them. He uses similar means, but it seems to be for a better purpose, one would hope.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I've been quite a late developer on the clothes front, but I've suddenly realised it is one of life's joys.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

If I'd had fame early on, I'd have been able to abuse it in the way that a young man should.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I know he [Julian Assange] is a man of fierce determination, and now living under the strain of house arrest in the Ecuadorean embassy as a "political exile," as he calls himself.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

When you're a kid, 'Star Trek' is a slower burn. It's funny, it's entertaining, but it also has a maturity about it - which is its universal appeal, I think.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I'm interested in art for all. I don't want it to be only the sons and daughters of Tory MPs who get to see my plays.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

[Season 4 of Sherlock Holmes will be] myopically dark. You're talking about the end of the universe darkness. You can't see in front of you and would walk into everything dark.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Honestly, it's very satisfying, and I'm very, very happy about how successful the last few years have been... It's great for the people who supported me early on to see the success I'm enjoying now.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

There's so much in the 21st century that is stymied by bureaucracy and mediocrity and committee.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

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I just increasingly enjoy the quiet moments when I can be on my own with my friends and family, or with a book, having a live experience. That's really what I crave, and I always have done.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Upper class to me means you are either born into wealth or you're Royalty.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

When you see a good horseman, you're unable to tell where the instruction is coming from. It's like telepathy.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Conan Doyle is amazing in the way he has Watson describe Sherlock's

posture, mood swings, his hand gestures, and so forth in the novels.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I tell my wife all my secrets.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I've been broody since I was 12, but I can't just get anyone pregnant. It has got to be the right person.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Talking about class terrifies me. There is no way of winning.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

It still makes me giggle that I'm paid to act.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I'd shift disciplines, whether it was musical instruments or sports or whatever, and it's the same with that.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I love theatre, and you learn too much as an actor and enjoy too much of it not to want to go back a lot.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I was always performing, doing silly voices. The teachers realized I could go one of two ways: be creative or destructive.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

As an actor, to be part of that story's [Marvel universe] terrific. I've enjoyed it so much as a fan and now I'm getting to have a go myself.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I'm aware of [Doctor Strange] place within the comic pantheon of it all, the Marvelverse, but I don't email saying, "When are we doing next

film?" I'm excited to see.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Even though Doctor Strange is an established character, when you're doing an origin story there's a lot of room for manoeuvre.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I'm a Prince of Wales Trust ambassador, so I'm all about giving youth an education, a voice and a chance to not take the wrong road.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

For brain surgeons it's particularly difficult to deal with failure. It was fascinating to learn about that whole world.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

There are moments when, like all of us, you get a bit self-conscious and you'd rather not be living any of your day in public. Those are the awkward times, but you've got to have fun with it.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

The world of 'Sherlock Holmes' and the world that we live in now is big enough to take more than one interpretation.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Do I like being thought of as attractive? I don't know anyone on Earth who doesn't, but I do find it funny.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I'm not an overnight success. I've been doing it for 12 years. It's been lovely and varied so far.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Actor is an odd profession, and sometimes people get jealous, but I haven't really experienced any of that. Everyone's been really happy for

me, which is really, really great.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

The awful lesson of history is that we too often ignore people, just because they're foreigners or different from us.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I never really got obsessed about one thing for long. I was a bit of a butterfly and a magpie.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I drag a lot of stuff round with me that I don't need.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I'd love to do a noir. I think Steve McQueen is so cool. But a classic film is a classic film, and perhaps the fantasy of being those characters should be left alone. You're treading on very thin ice.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

The more charming person is the person who admits the other person is more charming.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Sherlock being the most prevalent, and they've been really good fun.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Maybe it's because I was an only child, but I've always wanted kids.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

The armoury of having any academic education does not necessarily set you up for being a good or better actor.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

Anyone who works in the NHS has superpowers. It's a miracle, it is

magic.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I was the boy that turned a girlfriend into the most celebrated lesbian on television. I got so much stick for that.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

There's still nearly the same amount of slavery, if not more, in the world today, as there was at the height of the slave trade.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I ate healthily, but there was no snacking, no drinking, no bread, no sugar, no smoking. Afterwards I had a pork belly roast.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I think the characters are supposed to be an open book, blank canvas.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

I have actual acting scars.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

[Doctor Strange] is a really rich character. It's an easy thing to have a good old meal every day. It's great. Yeah, I'm excited.

~Benedict Cumberbatch

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