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Because we live in an industrialized, fast-paced world that prefers that the soul remain asleep.

~Bill Viola

Video artists being at the low end of the totem pole economically, one of the ways we survive is to go around showing work and giving these talks.

~Bill Viola

Live your Art. Don't think about it.

~Bill Viola

When I make my work, I am making what I hope to be something functional - a space for individual contemplation and reflection. I want my art to be useful.

~Bill Viola

There's another world out there just beyond the world we're in. It's just on the other side of that translucent, semitransparent surface.

~Bill Viola

People have experiences in art museums today that they used to have in church.

~Bill Viola

You are just as qualified as any expert to make a judgment and have a feeling or a response to any work of art.

~Bill Viola

It only takes a second for an impression to become a vision.

~Bill Viola

Art has always had as its test in the long term the ability to speak to our innermost selves.

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~Bill Viola

Revolution is something that actually starts in individual hearts.

~Bill Viola

The electronic image is not fixed to any material base and, like our DNA, it has become a code that can circulate to any container that will hold it, defying death as it travels at the speed of light.

~Bill Viola

There is an invisible world out there, and we are living in it.

~Bill Viola

I like to keep the meanings in my work flowing and open.

~Bill Viola

A lot of what making art is, is just being open, and empty. And putting yourself in the right place for things to, literally, come together.

~Bill Viola

I don't believe in originality in art. I think we exist on this earth to inspire each other, through our actions, through our deeds, and through who we are. We're always borrowing.

~Bill Viola

I would prefer to be forgotten, then rediscovered in a different age.

~Bill Viola

In the mid- to late '60s to the mid-'70s, when I was a student, there was a major change in the thinking about what art can be and how art is made.

~Bill Viola

The human brain is probably one of the most complex single objects on

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the face of the earth; I think it is, quite honestly.

~Bill Viola

I spend a lot of time writing. I get inspiration from texts rather than images.

~Bill Viola

My works really begin in a very simple way. Sometimes it's an image, and sometimes it's words I might write, like a fragment of a poem.

~Bill Viola

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