

Brian Aldiss

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Whatever creativity is, it is in part a solution to a problem.

~Brian Aldiss

It is at night... that the mind is most clear, that we are most able to hold all our life in the palm of our skull.

~Brian Aldiss

There are two kinds of writer: those that make you think, and those that make you wonder.

~Brian Aldiss

When childhood dies, its corpses are called adults and they enter society, one of the politer names of hell. That is why we dread children, even if we love them, they show us the state of our decay.

~Brian Aldiss

Relax, enjoy yourself. Have another drink. It's patriotic to overconsume.

~Brian Aldiss

Civilization is the distance man has placed between himself and his excreta.

~Brian Aldiss

Science fiction is no more written for scientists than ghost stories are written for ghosts.

~Brian Aldiss

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Feedback is a pleasant thing. I get a lot of letters from unexpected people in unexpected places.

~Brian Aldiss

Why had I become a writer in the first place? Because I wasn't fit for society; I didn't fit into the system.

~Brian Aldiss

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What were several fewer species of animals compared with a hundred-mile advance and another medal on another general?

~Brian Aldiss

A writer should say to himself, not, How can I get more money?, but How can I reach more readers (without lowering standards)?

~Brian Aldiss

I am a writer and always was; being a writer is an integral part of my identity. Being published, being well regarded, is a component of that identity.

~Brian Aldiss

My briefest ever definition of science fiction is 'Hubris clobbered by Nemesis.'

~Brian Aldiss

Keep violence in the mind Where it belongs (Barefoot in the Head)

~Brian Aldiss

Let's have a toast - to the future generation of consumers, however many heads or assholes they have!

~Brian Aldiss

Science fiction is for real, space opera is for fun.

~Brian Aldiss

I can't help believing that these things that come from the subconscious mind have a sort of truth to them. It may not be a scientific truth, but it's psychological truth.

~Brian Aldiss

Obeying an inalienable law, things grew, growing riotous and strange in their impulse for growth.

~Brian Aldiss

I was hardly fit for human society. Thus destiny shaped me to be a science fiction writer.

~Brian Aldiss

To be a standard shape is not all in life. To know is also important.

~Brian Aldiss

Most SF is about madness, or what is currently ruled to be madness; this is part of its attraction - it's always playing with how much the human mind can encompass.

~Brian Aldiss

When knowledge becomes formulated into a science, then it does take on a life of it's own, often alien to the human spirit that conceived it.

~Brian Aldiss

It is comparatively easy to become a writer; staying a writer, resisting formulaic work, generating ones own creativity - thats a much tougher matter.

~Brian Aldiss

That's the artist's role - to strike out always for something new, to break away, to defy, to... grapple with the unfamiliar.

~Brian Aldiss

I have had wealth, rank and power, but, if these were all I had, how wretched I should be.

~Brian Aldiss

If more people had put their fellow human beings before abstractions last century, we shouldn't be where we are now.

~Brian Aldiss

The feat represents immense achievement for the neotenic ape, species *Homo sapiens*. But behind this lie two old attributes of the ape: tribalism and inquisitiveness.

~Brian Aldiss

Fantasy is literature for teenagers.

~Brian Aldiss

The prose poem *Walk The Red Road* is great stuff and deserves to be read aloud. It compares quite favorably to *The Walls Of Emerald* by Li Chiang Yen, a Chinese poet of the late Tang period.

~Brian Aldiss

It's a national failing to think of politics as something that goes on in Parliament. It isn't; it's something that goes on inside us.

~Brian Aldiss

Man was an accident on this world or it would have been made better for him!

~Brian Aldiss

The day of the android has dawned.

~Brian Aldiss

However you envisage your role in life, all you can do is perform it as best you can.

~Brian Aldiss

I've no objection to morality, except that it's obsolete.

~Brian Aldiss

The shuffle only demonstrated people's fatuous belief in a political cure for a human condition.

~Brian Aldiss

When you are young, you enjoy a sustained illusion that sooner or later something marvelous is going to happen, that you are going to transcend your parents' limitations.

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