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I tend to think you're fearless when you recognize why you should be scared of things, but do them anyway.

~Christian Bale

Whatever you do, do it completely. Don't do it half-arsed. Do it more than anybody else would.

~Christian Bale

The art of survival is a story that never ends.

~Christian Bale

It's about pursuing it rather than waiting to see what comes along.

~Christian Bale

It's the actors who are prepared to make fools of themselves who are usually the ones who come to mean something to the audience.

~Christian Bale

I think trying too hard to be sexy is the worst thing in the world a woman can do.

~Christian Bale

I find something fascinating about the quiet man in the background who has no desire to be the center of attention.

~Christian Bale

Art is something to be proud of. Art is no compromise. As an actor, you're giving it up, you're at the mercy of so many other people.

~Christian Bale

But I learned that there's a certain character that can be built from embarrassing yourself endlessly. If you can sit happy with embarrassment, there's not much else that can really get to ya.

I only sound intelligent when there's a good script writer around.

~Christian Bale

You have to treat yourself like a mushroom to some degree, in order to keep on discovering things.

~Christian Bale

You say something bad about Newsies and you have an awful lot of people to answer to.

~Christian Bale

I think it's important when you're acting to be as relaxed as possible even if you're doing something intense. You're basically in a state of dynamic relaxation.

~Christian Bale

Were all conning ourselves, one way or another, just to get through life.

~Christian Bale

The only thing that I'm obsessed with is sleeping, and actually, it is more than an obsession, it is a pleasure.

~Christian Bale

What the hell kind of man decides to dress up as a bat and run around the city? There's got to be something a little bit loose in there.

~Christian Bale

I seek â€l the means to fight injustice. To turn fear against those who prey on the fearful.

~Christian Bale

It's not who I am underneath but what I do that defines me.

I never want to feel that I'm playing it safe.

~Christian Bale

I have a fear of being boring.

~Christian Bale

An actor should never be larger than the film he's in.

~Christian Bale

I never, in any city I've ever been in, never remember the names of streets. The longest place I ever lived in was for five years and I didn't know the name of the next street over.

~Christian Bale

All I've ever ended up with in terms of achievements is the movie, some really stupid anecdotes, a bunch of crosswords that I didn't finish and maybe some old bicycle that I found lying around on set.

~Christian Bale

I have this theory that, depending on your attitude, your life doesn't have to become this ridiculous charade that it seems so many people end up living.

~Christian Bale

I always want to confuse people in terms of any kind of image and be unpredictable in any kind of movie I make.

~Christian Bale

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Certainly I have no attraction to misery. I don't intentionally go for dark.

I feel like I'm pretty good but I don't like to toot my own horn, you know. I want to let the work speak for itself and kind of move on to the next thing.

~Christian Bale

And I not only inherited an aversion to the nine-to-five routine, but the sense from my parents that being bored and boring is the worst thing that you can be.

~Christian Bale

The only thing I would unequivocally say is that I have never had any interest in romantic comedy I just couldn't do it. I think I'd be terrible.

~Christian Bale

Sometimes the truth isn't good enough. Sometimes people have got to have their faith rewarded.

~Christian Bale

How serious can a movie about time-traveling robots be? You want it to be cool and fun.

~Christian Bale

Nuclear apocalypse-who do you need? Actors are probably not top of the list. What can I do for you? I can pretend to be somebody who can grow you some nice crops.

~Christian Bale

The interesting thing about a movie is the movie.

~Christian Bale

I do like taking stuff seriously that a lot of people look at as nonsense. I enjoy the insanity of that. And I like the commitment that is needed for that.

It's got to do with putting yourself in other people's shoes and seeing how far you can come to truly understand them. I like the empathy that comes from acting.

~Christian Bale

I don't personally look to my own life experiences for answers about how to play a scene.

~Christian Bale

I would have been very happy just cruising around and enjoying the unexpected. I've never been ambitious.

~Christian Bale

For me, I think the harder the shoot, the more I feel like I'm enjoying myself.

~Christian Bale

When it comes to films, people often don't differentiate between the message of a bad central character and the message of the film itself. They are two separate things.

~Christian Bale

'Batman' took 10 months to film, and by the time I stopped working on it, it took a long time before my English accent came out again. I was actually having to try for it.

~Christian Bale

I certainly liked performing [Patrick Bateman], but it was because he thinks he's so [bloody] cool and just the [stuff], but is really such a cheesy dork.

~Christian Bale

There have been many times when you spend a number of months and the finished product is not what you wanted to see. And 'Batman

Begins' was what I wanted to see.

~Christian Bale

Directors go their whole career without being able to tell personal stories and to work with a cast as talented as they are.

~Christian Bale

I won't kill you but I don't have to save you.

~Christian Bale

You're creating a different world and the actor's job is to be able to convince the audience to enter into that world, whether it be actually something that you recognize from your own life or not.

~Christian Bale

After the modest success of my first film, I found it very daunting to have to live with that kind of burden of expectations.

~Christian Bale

Planning a career, I always find a tricky thing, because I don't have much of a plan, really.

~Christian Bale

I'm English. Our dentistry is not world famous. But I made sure I got moldings of my old teeth beforehand because I miss them.

~Christian Bale

Well, it's embarrassing to be a star.

~Christian Bale

There's nothing like boxing for getting you in shape.

~Christian Bale

I become a bit of a blank page in public. And that's precisely why I like

## acting.

~Christian Bale

I don't think I'm like any of the characters I've played. They're all really far from who I am.

~Christian Bale

I swear, the bigger your muscles get, the duller you are. You become fascinated with carbs and protein and ripped abs and things that are just not interesting at all.

~Christian Bale

I like being responsible for myself

~Christian Bale

Look, I've got incredible pride for my family. I've absolutely fallen into that cliche of a dad who could just happily talk about my daughter endlessly.

~Christian Bale

I'm not really looking forward to wearing a black rubber suit in the summertime in humid Chicago. If you see a pool of sweat through the city, follow it and you will find me.

~Christian Bale

There's a level of confidence in the actor you're working with that really helps a lot. It makes all the difference.

~Christian Bale

If something's true and sincere, it happens regardless of marketing. The more I talk about it, the more I'm telling people how they should react. And that is an asshole.

Essentially, I'm untrained, so I just go with my imagination and try to put myself as solidly as I can into the shoes of whatever person I'm going to be playing.

~Christian Bale

I like the idea of movies having a magic element. How many times have you seen an actor in a movie who you know only as the character? It's wonderful, isn't it?

~Christian Bale

Working out is incredibly boring. I swear it's true that the bigger your muscles get, the fewer brain cells you have.

~Christian Bale

I want to do good work. I want the opportunity to work with good people, and the only way I'm gonna do that is to commit 110% - you get out what you put in.

~Christian Bale

If you're doing your job properly, you take the risk of feeling slightly foolish and delve in and bring out the emotions.

~Christian Bale

If everyone really knew what a jerk I am in real life, I wouldn't be so adored in the slightest.

~Christian Bale

It was a great honor to be called a mo-fo by Sam Jackson.

~Christian Bale

The blue collar milieu was something that I really understood and resonated with me and I thought was underrepresented in American cinema.

As an actor, I don't feel like it's necessary to watch a great deal of films. In fact, I think it can lead to imitation and unhealthy competition, which just isn't needed.

~Christian Bale

In honesty, there are probably a lot of stories that can be told with Batman. I like the idea of him growing older and he can't quite do it as much anymore.

~Christian Bale

Being misunderstood is not a bad thing as an actor. I know the truth.

~Christian Bale

My dad was the biggest influence on my life because he was never boring.

~Christian Bale

I'm English. Our dentistry is not world famous.

~Christian Bale

I was born in Wales but I'm not Welsh - I'm English.

~Christian Bale

I'm an actor I'm not a politician. I always kick myself when I talk too much about family, or personal things.

~Christian Bale

Planning a career, I always find that such a tricky thing, because I don't have much of a plan, really.

~Christian Bale

I'm not really into musicals.

I think there's a limited amount of planning you can do, at least in the position I'm in. Maybe more successful actors can plan more than I'm able to.

~Christian Bale

If you're smart you're just gonna be all about the work. But as a young person, you want to going out to clubs and doing all the stuff. I'm just glad I survived it.

~Christian Bale

Any planning that I have in my career is totally accidental really.

~Christian Bale

I quite like it when you're working with people and you only get to know them through the scenes that you're doing together.

~Christian Bale

I never applied to any acting schools. I don't know if that's just bad reporting, or - sometimes I just make stuff up.

~Christian Bale

I don't ever really sit back and look at roles I've taken and look at any similarities.

~Christian Bale

The risk element only came from acknowledging other people's attitudes toward it, and realizing that they considered it to be a risk for me to do.

~Christian Bale

In everyday life, my wife is the most wonderful. We're in love with each other beyond belief.

A lot of actors say that theater's the thing for them. And that's great, and I'm not one to speak with any authority about it because of not having done it properly. For me, movies are what I love.

~Christian Bale

I started my career without fans.

~Christian Bale

It was just the two of us, inside there with just mirrors, all the way around us. Everywhere we looked, there were these two freaks, sitting at a table, eyeballing each other.

~Christian Bale

What I like about it is that I'm not somebody who's in movies. I'm a guy who's not very good going around the track with a bunch of guys who are a hell of a lot better.

~Christian Bale

The point of having a director is that they make the final decision; it's their point of view, they set the rhythm and they make the final decisions.

~Christian Bale

I think mostly it's the adventure that I will have in making the movie. That's what I look for.

~Christian Bale

I think the harder the shoot, the more I feel like I'm enjoying myself.

~Christian Bale

It's a wonderful thing when your trainer is actually the person you're playing.

I want to be able to just act and never do any interview, but I don't have the balls to stand up to the studio and say, "I'm never doing another interview in my life!"

~Christian Bale

I don't have acknowledged preferences of characters.

~Christian Bale

I find what I do for a living really funny. I mean, acting is kind of a hilarious thing for a grown man to call a job.

~Christian Bale

I start from scratch with each movie; I wipe the slate and I certainly don't rely on some bag of acting tricks I've amassed over the years.

~Christian Bale

And being as I'm somebody who loves movies like The Machinist, I also love going along to big mass entertainment movies. I get in the mood for all kinds of movies, and so I like to try each of them.

~Christian Bale

A teenager usually wants to try to get people to notice him in some way, to feel like someone gives a damn. Me, all that attention, I just wanted to fade into the background. Be invisible. Disappear.

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