

David Chipperfield

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The difference between good and bad architecture is the time you spend on it.

~David Chipperfield

A building is no good if someone's got to explain to you why it's good. You can't say you don't know enough about architecture - that's ridiculous. It's got to work on many levels.

~David Chipperfield

You don't restore 'The Last Supper' by filling in the missing bits - you preserve. You accept the material that has somehow survived.

~David Chipperfield

I suppose I'm trying to build an architecture that's as timeless as possible, although we're all creatures of our age.

~David Chipperfield

I may not be the most interesting architect, but I'm still out there and have maintained some position of integrity.

~David Chipperfield

Most architects work in Â-studios largely divorced from academia, as if ideas, criticism and Â-historical Â-research were irrelevant.

~David Chipperfield

I don't think architecture is radical. How can something that takes years and costs millions be radical?

~David Chipperfield

Britain gets the architecture it deserves. We don't value architecture, we don't take it seriously, we don't want to pay for it and the architect isn't trusted.

~David Chipperfield

I'm suspicious of the idea of architects acting like business executives, brand managers, or purveyors of luxury goods.

~David Chipperfield

It is difficult to separate oneself from one's design moralities.

~David Chipperfield

I do very little industrial design. I'm asked a lot, but I certainly don't see myself as an industrial designer.

~David Chipperfield

Britain loves a bargain, but you don't get good, lasting architecture on the cheap.

~David Chipperfield

If you look at a building by Mies van der Rohe, it might look very simple, but up close, the sheer quality of construction, materials and thought are inspirational.

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