

David Cronenberg

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Everybody's a mad scientist, and life is their lab. We're all trying to experiment to find a way to live, to solve problems, to fend off madness and chaos.

~David Cronenberg

As a filmmaker, I ask questions but don't have answers. Moviemaking is a philosophical exploration. I invite the audience to come on the journey and discover what they think and feel.

~David Cronenberg

Everybody's a mad scientist, and life is their lab.

~David Cronenberg

All stereotypes turn out to be true. This is a horrifying thing about life. All those things you fought against as a youth: you begin to realize they're stereotypes because they're true.

~David Cronenberg

I can't imagine a life without humor. Especially if you have an existential understanding of life, you must acknowledge the absurdity of it all.

~David Cronenberg

My understanding of life is very existential. I think that we are our bodies. There's nothing else, and when we die, that's it. No afterlife.

~David Cronenberg

I like to laze around. I think that's a huge part of creativity. You have to let your mind relax and then another part of your brain suddenly connects with the solution you're trying to find.

~David Cronenberg

When I am creating art, I have absolutely no social responsibility. It's like dreaming.

~David Cronenberg

Consciousness is the original sin: consciousness of the inevitability of our death.

~David Cronenberg

I'm not very well organized unless I'm plugged into a structure like the opera or a movie. When I'm doing that, I have to be organized.

~David Cronenberg

The artist's duty to himself is a combination of immense responsibility and immense irresponsibility. I think those two interlock.

~David Cronenberg

Sex is the invention of a very clever venereal disease.

~David Cronenberg

Re-writing is different from writing. Original writing is very difficult.

~David Cronenberg

I have a real aversion to ghosts because I don't believe in them. I think ghosts are actually a religious concept, because it means you believe in an afterlife. And I don't.

~David Cronenberg

The more unique your film is and unusual it is and difficult it is, the harder it is to get it financed. That's why a lot of good filmmakers are doing television. They do HBO movies.

~David Cronenberg

The desire to be loved is really death when it comes to art.

~David Cronenberg

Even Hitchcock liked to think of himself as a puppeteer who was manipulating the strings of his audience and making them jump. He liked to think he had that kind of control.

~David Cronenberg

It's impossible to make a movie out of 'Naked Lunch.' A literal translation just wouldn't work. It would cost \$400 million to make and would be banned in every country of the world.

~David Cronenberg

Do you remember when you found out you wouldn't live forever? People don't talk about this, but everybody had to go through it because you're not born with that knowledge.

~David Cronenberg

I think of horror films as art, as films of confrontation.

~David Cronenberg

If you put yourself in a group of people you cannot work with it's obviously going to be a disaster.

~David Cronenberg

Well I don't think sex and violence have ever stopped a movie from being mainstream.

~David Cronenberg

Let's put it this way, when I was casting, I cast Viggo first and then found someone who could play his wife, rather than the other way around. So for me he's still the lead character.

~David Cronenberg

Your'e seeing me develop, not only as a filmmaker if you've seen my earlier films, but you're seeing me kind of learn how to be a human, how my philosophy has evolved.

~David Cronenberg

So not only can you not imagine dying, you can't really imagine

existence before you were born.

~David Cronenberg

I'm very anti-religious because religion tends to disembody you.

~David Cronenberg

The idea of a mass audience was really an invention of the Industrial Revolution.

~David Cronenberg

The problem with doing a schlocky or big budget studio film is that it wouldn't actually be fun for me. It wouldn't be exciting.

~David Cronenberg

I work with my dreams or nightmares.

~David Cronenberg

My dentist said to me the other day: I've enough problems in my life, so why should I see your films?

~David Cronenberg

To me it's very obvious there are huge cultural differences between Americans and Canadians. But a lot of what we are is American.

~David Cronenberg

The filmmaking process is a very personal one to me, I mean it really is a personal kind of communication. It's not as though its a study of fear or any of that stuff.

~David Cronenberg

I don't have a moral plan, I'm a Canadian.

~David Cronenberg

You start selling the movie before you make it.

~David Cronenberg

All romances end in tragedy. One of the key people in a romance becomes a monster sooner or later.

~David Cronenberg

Nah, I've done sex scenes before, you know, like in video.

~David Cronenberg

Long live the new flesh.

~David Cronenberg

I also think the relationship I have with my audience is a lot more complex than what Hitchcock seemed to want his to be - although I think he had more going on under the surface as well.

~David Cronenberg

More blood! More blood!

~David Cronenberg

Since I see technology as being an extension of the human body, it's inevitable that it should come home to roost.

~David Cronenberg

Many wonderful, creative people have won Oscars, so if you win one, you're in their company.

~David Cronenberg

At a certain point the audience shouldn't worry about catching every word and understanding every twist and turn, because at a certain point that's pretty much impossible.

~David Cronenberg

Technology is us. There is no separation. It's a pure expression of

human creative will. It doesn't exist anywhere else in the universe. I'm rather sure of that.

~David Cronenberg

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