

# David LaChapelle

## Quotes

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I shoot fantasy. If you want reality, ride the bus

~David LaChapelle

My pictures are about getting as far away from reality as possible.  
Dreams should be part of our everyday life.

~David LaChapelle

If you want reality take the bus.

~David LaChapelle

People say photographs don't lie, mine do.

~David LaChapelle

I think we're in a post-pornographic time and nothing seems shocking,  
but everything remains carnal no matter what you do.

~David LaChapelle

Prostitutes go to heaven. It's their clients that go to hell.

~David LaChapelle

I wanted it to provide an escape route, I wanted to make pictures that  
were fantastic and took you into another world, one that was brighter. I  
started off with this idea.

~David LaChapelle

I'm a photographer, period. I love photography, the immediacy of it. I  
like the craft, the idea of saying 'I'm a photographer.'

~David LaChapelle

I didn't see any difference between being a photographer or being an  
artist. I didn't make those boundaries. If someone wants to think it's art,  
that's great, but I'll let history decide.

~David LaChapelle

I have no interest in being famous. I just want to make famous photographs.

~David LaChapelle

As an artist you have a choice. You can add more confusion and darkness to the world or you can shine a light, make a beauty.

~David LaChapelle

The adornment of the body is a human need. I don't see anything superficial about it unless your life becomes very materialistic.

~David LaChapelle

I'm part of what I consider the entertainment industry. For my photos to be entertaining, they have to be provocative and new.

~David LaChapelle

There's nothing that symbolizes loss or grief more than a mother losing a child.

~David LaChapelle

I like thinking about the fragility of the human flesh and our bodies - our decay and eventual death.

~David LaChapelle

I have this idea that you can use glamour and still have it represent something that matters.

~David LaChapelle

My dream since I was a kid was to show in a gallery.

~David LaChapelle

What's shocking is cruelty and torture, and that's become our entertainment. Kids can play violent video games, but God forbid they look at a naked woman. That's pornography, that's perverse. No!

~David LaChapelle

I'll let criticism spoil breakfast, but I don't let it affect my lunch.

~David LaChapelle

You just do what you love, and then a style happens later on.

~David LaChapelle

My work is about making candy for the eyes. It's about grabbing your attention.

~David LaChapelle

There are going to be people doing the talking and people who get talked about, choose, which one do you want to be?

~David LaChapelle

There is nothing ugly in sexuality or in the body. It's human!

~David LaChapelle

I had this duality growing up with my dad being a strict Catholic and his brother being a priest and my mother finding God in nature, so I've taken a little from both [traditions].

~David LaChapelle

I think that the world is really in very dark ages. In America this could have never been showed, we are even more lost over there than in Europe. We are very lost!

~David LaChapelle

The cruelty, war and violence, this is evil, wrong and dark and that's what we should hide from the children, not a human body!

~David LaChapelle

I still go to church occasionally. I went the other day and found peace.

~David LaChapelle

In the fashion world, I was always an outsider, but I made people look good, so I had a career.

~David LaChapelle

I believe in a visual language that should be as strong as the written word.

~David LaChapelle

I've never wanted to be part of an inner circle of any scene. I've always been an outsider looking to question and subvert.

~David LaChapelle

I never wanted to be famous. I always wanted to take famous photographs.

~David LaChapelle

I like the consistency of having people in my life for a long time.

~David LaChapelle

Success to me is being a good person, treating people well.

~David LaChapelle

I went to art high school and thought I'd be a painter. Unfortunately I didn't finish high school, but that's always been part of my work.

~David LaChapelle

I love fashion, beauty, glamour. It's the mark of civilisation.

~David LaChapelle

People get devalued in Hollywood when they age, despite all their efforts to stay relevant and beautiful and young. They can't get jobs anymore.

~David LaChapelle

I never want people to be repulsed with my pictures; I always want to attract people.

~David LaChapelle

The tools I learned photographing celebrities, now I want to use them to sell ideas.

~David LaChapelle

Just as Renaissance artists provided narratives for the era they lived in, so do I. I'm always looking beyond the surface. I've done that ever since I first picked up a camera.

~David LaChapelle

I like the Eiffel Tower in Las Vegas more than the actual one.

~David LaChapelle

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I was always painting when I was a kid. But then when I handled a camera when I was 17, that was it for me. I loved photography. I would work 4 or 5 hours a day. It was like a calling.

~David LaChapelle

I am not God. But I can only do my role here on this planet. The role I feel I was given since I was a kid was to be making art and I only wanted to give and I never let money be my God.

~David LaChapelle

We have the ability to make the connection, make the time to pray and meditate. We have to find our inner voice that will guide us. But we can only find it if we get quiet.

~David LaChapelle

I'm not condemning the Catholic Church - it's too big, it's like condemning a nation and that would be prejudiced.

~David LaChapelle

I love fashion and beauty and all those things, I still do but I think that it has changed the shift, that the greed is ruling the planet right now.

~David LaChapelle

I love when people write about something, I learn what I'm doing through the eyes of a good critic, positive or negative. It's still a learning experience.

~David LaChapelle

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