

# Frederic Raphael

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Great restaurants are, of course, nothing but mouth-brothels. There is no point in going to them if one intends to keep one's belt buckled.

~Frederic Raphael

The television critic, whatever his pretensions, does not labour in the same vineyard as those he criticizes; his grapes are all sour.

~Frederic Raphael

Talk isn't work. Work is when you have pages in the evening that you didn't have in the morning.

~Frederic Raphael

One can watch hours and hours of TV without actually losing interest, but, as with Chinese food, one is rarely left with much residue of nourishment.

~Frederic Raphael

As Oscar Wilde should have said, when bad ideas have nowhere else to go, they emigrate to America and become university courses.

~Frederic Raphael

Your idea of fidelity is not having more than one man in bed at the same time.

~Frederic Raphael

The great networks are there to prove that ideas can be canned like spaghetti. If everything ends up by tasting like everything else, is that not the evidence that it has been properly cooked?

~Frederic Raphael

Truth maybe stranger than fiction, but fiction is truer.

~Frederic Raphael

Vichy proves one thing: if you don't want to know how low your fellow

citizens can fall, and crawl, don't lose a war.

~Frederic Raphael

People resent articulacy, as if articulacy were a form of vice.

~Frederic Raphael

At last, after innumerable glamorous and frightful years, mankind approaches a war which is totally predictable from beginning to end.

~Frederic Raphael

Words, isolated in the velvet of radio, took on a jeweled particularity. Television has quite the opposite effect: words are drowned in the visual soup in which they are obliged to be served.

~Frederic Raphael

I could do without sex. Don't really like it that much. If I could just feel complete.

~Frederic Raphael

We thought philosophy ought to be patient and unravel people's mental blocks. Trouble with doing that is, once you've unravelled them, their heads fall off.

~Frederic Raphael

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