

Jean-Luc Godard

Quotes

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He who jumps into the void owes no explanation to those who stand and watch.

~Jean-Luc Godard

A story should have a beginning, a middle and an end, but not necessarily in that order.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Cinema is the most beautiful fraud in the world.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Objects exist and if one pays more attention to them than to people, it is precisely because they exist more than the people. Dead objects are still alive. Living people are often already dead.

~Jean-Luc Godard

People like to say, 'What do you mean exactly?' I would answer, 'I mean, but not exactly.'

~Jean-Luc Godard

Photography is truth...and cinema is truth 24 times a second.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I don't think you should feel about a film. You should feel about a woman, not a movie. You can't kiss a movie.

~Jean-Luc Godard

To live in society today is like living in one enormous comic-strip.

~Jean-Luc Godard

"Away, away," says hate. "Closer, closer," says love.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Killing a man in defense of an idea is not defending an idea; it is killing

a man.

~Jean-Luc Godard

What is your greatest ambition in life?' 'To become immortal... and then die.

~Jean-Luc Godard

When we talked, I talked about me, you talked about you, when we should have talked about each other.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I pity the French Cinema because it has no money. I pity the American Cinema because it has no ideas.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Art is not a reflection of reality, it is the reality of a reflection.

~Jean-Luc Godard

If direction is a look, montage is a heartbeat. To foresee is the characteristic of both; but what one seeks to foresee in space, the other seeks in time.

~Jean-Luc Godard

The cinema substitutes for our gaze a world more in harmony with our desires.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Cinema is not a series of abstract ideas, but rather the phrasing of moments.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Why all these signs around us that make me doubt language and submerge me in meanings, drowning reality instead of extracting it from the imaginary?

~Jean-Luc Godard

When you photograph a face . . .you photograph the soul behind it.

~Jean-Luc Godard

First there was Greek civilization. Then there was the Renaissance. Now we're entering the Age of the Ass.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Sometime reality is too complex. Stories give it form.

~Jean-Luc Godard

There is no such thing as intellectual property.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Film begins with DW Griffith and ends with Abbas Kiarostami.

~Jean-Luc Godard

You don't make a movie, the movie makes you.

~Jean-Luc Godard

There is no point in having sharp images when you've fuzzy ideas.

~Jean-Luc Godard

One must confront vague ideas with clear images.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Why must one talk? Often one shouldn't talk, but live in silence. The more one talks, the less the words mean. (Nana Kleinfrankenheim, *Vivre Sa Vie*)

~Jean-Luc Godard

My aesthetic is that of the sniper on the roof.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Give me more. Let's do what has not been done.

~Jean-Luc Godard

One of the most striking signs of the decay of art is when we see its separate forms jumbled together.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I learned from Rossellini that you are rich even if you have a little money.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Once we know the number one, we believe that we know the number two, because one plus one equals two. We forget that first we must know the meaning of plus.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Film is like a personal diary, a notebook or a monologue by someone who tries to justify himself before a camera.

~Jean-Luc Godard

The cinema is truth 24 frames-per-second.

~Jean-Luc Godard

When sex gets problematic, the totalitarianist walks in.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Cinema teaches us about the human body and how we look at things.

~Jean-Luc Godard

the movie is not a thing which is taken by the camera; the movie is the reality of the movie moving from reality to the camera.

~Jean-Luc Godard

The cinema is not an art which films life: the cinema is something

between art and life.

~Jean-Luc Godard

All you need for a movie is a gun and a girl.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Hollywood was invented by hoodlums from central Europe. And today a Hollywood lawyer is not a hoodlum. He's a bureaucrat.

~Jean-Luc Godard

To be or not to be. That's not really a question.

~Jean-Luc Godard

To me style is just the outside of content, and content the inside of style, like the outside and the inside of the human body - both go together, they can't be separated.

~Jean-Luc Godard

If you have \$300,000 to shoot a cigarette on a table, it's an enormous amount of money. Maybe that's why my movies are the way they are. But it's the only way I can make a living.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Self-portraits have been done in painting, but never in music or literature. It has no meaning, it makes no sense. And in movies I was wondering if it could. And how.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I had the feeling that Sarajevo was the perfect place to shoot the film I wanted to shoot. It is the perfect illustration of purgatory.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I am a painter with letters. I want to restore everything, mix everything up and say everything.

~Jean-Luc Godard

You have to continue and discover the grammar of things, of what we can see.

~Jean-Luc Godard

There are no more simple images... The world is too much for an image. You need several of them, a chain of images.

~Jean-Luc Godard

A critic is a soldier that fires on his own men.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I don't know if I am free because I am happy or happy because I am free.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Cinema is movement, after all.

~Jean-Luc Godard

American pictures usually have no subject, only a story. A pretty woman is not a subject. Julia Roberts doing this and that is not a subject.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Through most of my career I've made a decent living making movies no one wants to see.

~Jean-Luc Godard

What I like in pictures whether by an old director or a young director is when I have the feeling he or she is really using the capacity of film.

~Jean-Luc Godard

The world isn't a sad place, it's just big.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Truth is in all things, even partly, in error.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Sometimes reality is too complex for oral communication. But legend embodies it in a form which enables it to spread all over the world.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Words and action in movies are the spirit or the mind. And these days the body is almost completely forgotten. In the beginning the body - nature - was more part of the action.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Cinema is capitalism in its purest form.... There is only one solution - turn one's back on American cinema.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Photography is truth.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Poetry is a game of loser-take-all.

~Jean-Luc Godard

There is no light in electronics. There is lightening. But lightening is not real light.

~Jean-Luc Godard

In movies, comedy and tragedy are all the same.

~Jean-Luc Godard

It makes me laugh when you bring two things together which have nothing to do with one another.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Even with a small video we will always be able to do a small movie with friends and to show it to someone. You won't get the Oscar for it. But, after all, why are you writing and why are you filming?

~Jean-Luc Godard

I believe what Jesus said, but Jesus never said priests couldn't be fools.

~Jean-Luc Godard

If you want to make a documentary you should automatically go to the fiction, and if you want to nourish your fiction you have to come back to reality.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Even with painting, even abstract paintings, you need the incoming of, light on the canvas.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Mirrors should reflect before sending an image.

~Jean-Luc Godard

The average income in France is \$1,000 a month, and you can't live decently on that.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I am still associated with a heroic period in French cinema, and my name remains linked to this period.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I have no desire to vote for French politicians, and I'm not entitled to vote in Switzerland.

~Jean-Luc Godard

The truth is that there is no terror untempered by some great moral

idea.

~Jean-Luc Godard

To be only spectacular should be 5 or 10 percent of cinema.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Living, it can be sad too.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I never read Karl Marx.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Europe has memories, America has t-shirts.

~Jean-Luc Godard

There is a new world coming and this new world is very rude.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I am nowhere. You can call me the man in the middle.

~Jean-Luc Godard

i've always wanted, basically, to do research in the form of a spectacle.

~Jean-Luc Godard

The projector will soon disappear. The camera, not really. OK, it depends... it depends on change.

~Jean-Luc Godard

You can be with other people, which is ideal, or you can be alone.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Photography could have been invented in color. Colors existed.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I don't think I've succeeded in making any really good films. There are moments, scenes, whole movements that sing. It has all added up to a cinema of sorts, even though I'm still learning my art.

~Jean-Luc Godard

This is not a just image, this is just an image.

~Jean-Luc Godard

I have a large number of cassettes, but I look at them mainly for reference purposes.

~Jean-Luc Godard

When Yeats said the center cannot hold, he was talking for himself, but it was true for the rest of us as well.

~Jean-Luc Godard

This new world which is being born is cynical and amnesiac. And it has eliminated perspective.

~Jean-Luc Godard

There are two kinds of homeland: one that is given is like a negative, and one that you have to conquer is like the positive.

~Jean-Luc Godard

You can't transmit a landscape, happily enough.

~Jean-Luc Godard

When you are out in the land, OK, you have the land but you are alone with it. And sometimes it is too much.

~Jean-Luc Godard

In Europe, the houses and the apartments are getting smaller. So there is no need to increase the screen because the apartment is becoming smaller.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Reportage is interesting only when placed in a fictional context, but fiction is interesting only if it is validated by a documentary context.

~Jean-Luc Godard

All you need to make a film is a girl and a gun

~Jean-Luc Godard

Film is truth 24 times a second, and every cut is a lie.

~Jean-Luc Godard

All our thinking constitutes the new world, but all our thoughts are older and older.

~Jean-Luc Godard

Movies are a world of Fragments.

~Jean-Luc Godard

To become immortal, and then to die.

~Jean-Luc Godard

People in life quote as they please, so we have the right to quote as we please. Therefore I show people quoting, merely making sure that they quote what pleases me

~Jean-Luc Godard

Movies in Hollywood now, for the past 20 or 30 years, are made mainly by lawyers or agents.

~Jean-Luc Godard

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