

John Ford Quotes

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You can speak well if your tongue can deliver the message of your heart.

~John Ford

Anybody can direct a picture once they know the fundamentals. Directing is not a mystery, it's not an art. The main thing about directing is: photograph the people's eyes.

~John Ford

I am... a mushroom; On whom the dew of heaven drops now and then.

~John Ford

I didn't show up at the ceremony to collect any of my first three Oscars. Once I went fishing, another time there was a war on, and on another occasion, I remember, I was suddenly taken drunk.

~John Ford

I like, as a director and a spectator, simple, direct, frank films. Nothing disgusts me more than snobbism, mannerism, technical gratuity... and, most of all, intellectualism.

~John Ford

When in doubt, make a western.

~John Ford

Who better than an Irishman can understand the Indians, while still being stirred by tales of the US cavalry?

~John Ford

Love is the tyrant of the heart; it darkens Reason, confounds discretion; deaf to Counsel It runs a headlong course to desperate madness.

~John Ford

To be quite blunt, I make pictures for money, to pay the rent. There are

some great artists in the business. I am not one of them.

~John Ford

Tell us, pray, what devil This melancholy is, which can transform Men into monsters.

~John Ford

Let them fear bondage who are slaves to fear; the sweetest freedom is an honest heart.

~John Ford

I love making pictures but I don't like talking about them.

~John Ford

Electronics is clearly the winner of the day.

~John Ford

Revenge proves itself to be its own executioner.

~John Ford

Physicians are the cobblers, rather the botchers, of men's bodies; as the one patches our tattered clothes, so the other solders our diseased flesh.

~John Ford

What is done, is done: Spend not the time in tears, but seek for justice.

~John Ford

Busy opinion is an idle fool.

~John Ford

A bachelor May thrive by observation on a little, A single life's no burthen: but to draw In yokes is chargeable, and will require A double maintenance.

~John Ford

Melancholy Is not, as you conceive, indisposition Of body, but the mind's disease.

~John Ford

Diamonds cut diamonds.

~John Ford

Love is a tyrant, resisted.

~John Ford

Delay in vengeance delivers a heavier blow.

~John Ford

They are the silent griefs which cut the heart-strings.

~John Ford

Sister, look ye, How, by a new creation of my tailor's I've shook off old mortality.

~John Ford

It is easier to get an actor to be a cowboy than to get a cowboy to be an actor.

~John Ford

Truth is child of Time.

~John Ford

Contentment gives a crown, where fortune hath denied it.

~John Ford

How did I get to Hollywood? By train.

~John Ford

Affections injured by tyranny, or rigor of compulsion, like
tempest-threatened trees, unfirmly rooted, never spring to timely growth

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Not only does God play dice with the universe, He's using loaded dice.

~John Ford

The joys of marriage are the heaven on earth, Life's paradise, great
princess, the soul's quiet, Sinews of concord, earthly immortality,
Eternity of pleasures.

~John Ford

Whilst we strive To live most free, we're caught in our own toils.

~John Ford

Why, I hold fate Clasped in my fist, and could command the course Of
time's eternal motion, hadst thou been One thought more steady than
an ebbing sea.

~John Ford

Titles of honor add not to his worth, who is himself an honor of his titles.

~John Ford

Love is dead; let lovers' eyes, Locked in endless dreams, The extremes
of all extremes, Ope no more, for now Love dies.

~John Ford

Revenge proves it's own executioner.

~John Ford

Tis as manlike to bear extremities as godlike to forgive.

~John Ford

He hath shook hands with time.

~John Ford

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