

# John Grierson Quotes

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Beware the ends of the earth and the exotic: the drama is on your doorstep wherever the slums; are, wherever there is malnutrition, wherever there is exploitation and cruelty.

~John Grierson

The oblique paradox of propaganda is that the lie in the throat becomes, by repetition, the truth in the heart.

~John Grierson

Political conflicts distort and disturb a people's sense of distinction between matters of importance and matters of urgency. What is vital is disguised by what is merely a matter of well being.

~John Grierson

Art is not a mirror but a hammer.

~John Grierson

I look on cinema as a pulpit, and use it as a propagandist.

~John Grierson

And, consequently, the art of propaganda or public information becomes one of the most powerful forms of directive statesmanship.

~John Grierson

In fact, the individual outlook becomes less and less valuable and more and more harmful unless it is transmitted into the corporate outlook.

~John Grierson

It is often more important to act than to understand... there are times... when two conflicting opinions, though one happens to be right, are more perilous than one opinion which is wrong.

~John Grierson

The cultivation of sensibility on purely personal lines may, in fact, be the

very worst training for a world where only the corporate and the cooperative will matter.

~John Grierson

We believe that the cinema's capacity for getting around, for observing and selecting from life itself can be exploited in a new and vital art form

~John Grierson

When quick results are imperative, the manipulation of the masses through symbols may be the only quick way of having a critical thing done.

~John Grierson

We believe that the materials and the stories taken from the raw can be finer (more real in the philosophic sense) than the acted article.

~John Grierson

We have built our State on the freedom of personal adventure.

~John Grierson

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