

John Lanchester

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We wouldn't care so much what people thought of us if we knew how seldom they did.

~John Lanchester

You heard people say forty was the new thirty and fifty was the new forty and sixty was the new forty-five, but you never heard anybody say eighty was the new anything. Eighty was just eighty.

~John Lanchester

The standard personality type for a writer is a shy megalomaniac.

~John Lanchester

The City is, in terms of its basic functioning, a far-off country of which we know little.

~John Lanchester

The person doing the worrying experiences it as a form of love; the person being worried about experiences it as a form of control.

~John Lanchester

But knowing that you had gone wrong, and knowing how you had gone wrong, were not the same thing as knowing how to put it right.

~John Lanchester

In other words, RBS had its origins in a failed speculation, a bail-out, and a financial crash so big it helped destroy Scotland's status as a separate nation.

~John Lanchester

The seven Ps: Proper Planning and Preparation Prevent Piss-Poor Performance

~John Lanchester

It's as if people used the invention of seat belts as an opportunity to

take up drunk driving.

~John Lanchester

People would rather earn 60 grand in an area where their neighbours earn 40, than earn 80 in an area where their neighbours earn a hundred.

~John Lanchester

Sometimes, the only way of doing something is to do it.

~John Lanchester

Economics as a discipline has in effect become the study of capitalism. The two are taken as the same subject.

~John Lanchester

The financial system in its current condition poses an existential threat to Western democracy far exceeding any terrorist threat.

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