

Joseph Gordon-Levitt

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Even today, in our progressive times, in most movies that come out, the men have to have biceps and the women have to be thin or something.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

My dad never blew anything up, but he probably had friends who did. He and my mom have always preached that the pen is mightier than a Molotov cocktail.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

It's less about what you do and more about who you are doing it with.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Media used to be one way. Everyone else in the world just had to listen. Now the internet is allowing what used to be a monologue to become a dialogue. I think that's healthy.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

If you're going to put yourself above everybody else, you might end up alone.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

The sun is such a lonely star. Whenever he comes out to see his friends, they all disappear.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

The most valiant thing you can do as an artist is inspire someone else to be creative.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

If you know which way the current is going, you can use it to your advantage.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

The Internet is allowing us to get back to what's really more natural,

which is that storytelling is a shared thing. It's our natural way to be communal.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

When I was Younger, I wanted to be something. Now, I just want to be younger.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I'm tired of being tired of being tired of being.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I just need some time away to remember why I stay.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

There's an absolute prejudice that good movies are dramas and comedies are more dismissable. But I couldn't disagree more.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

The thing about Occupy is that the sentiment the movement embodies is timeless: Don't be greedy, share.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

This is the saddest, most depressing music I've ever heard. It makes me so happy.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I lost you when you left me to find yourself.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Success is not important to me, nor are power or money. If the script feels good, then I'm in. It's that simple.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Your heart has a little empty corner. You won't even know I'm there --

I'll be very quiet.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

It's worth paying attention to the roles that are sort of dictated to us and that we don't have to fit into those roles. We can be anybody we wanna be.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

The doctor's wife ate two apples a day, just to be safe. But her husband kept coming home.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Once you spend time with [the afflicted], you start recognizing them as individuals, as opposed to lumping them in with everybody else who might have those symptoms.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

The element of surprise wasn't allowed near the Periodic Table.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Your kisses are snowflakes: each one is unique. They land on me, before they melt away and leave me cold.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

We're all beautiful. We all deserve attention.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

The universe is not made up of atoms; it's made up of tiny stories.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I think our culture is sick and tired of fluffy nonsense and people want something more sincere and heartfelt.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I was just watching baby videos of me and I was obviously an exhibitionist.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Darkness is a lot of what art is and certainly in our community a lot of it is people sort of wrestling with their demons.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Let's face it, most pretty girls aren't funny.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

As soon as you are trying to be funny or dramatic, that's when things start feeling fake and boring.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I think there is something beautiful in reveling in sadness

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

When you believe that you can do something that's when you can do it.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

When I started editing on my home computer, I said to myself, 'Well, I could be at home studying for a class or I could be at home editing a video.'

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Actors didn't use to be celebrities. A hundred years ago, they put the theaters next to the brothels.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Supermarket tabloids and celebrity gossip shows are not just innocently shallow entertainment, but a fundamental part of a much larger movement that involves apathy, greed and hierarchy.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Hollywood has the idea that movies have to be dumb. But especially movies for or about teenagers have to be really dumb!

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

When I arrived at Columbia, I gave up acting and became interested in all things French. French poetry, French history, French literature.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Normally you read a screenplay - and I read a lot of them - and the characters don't feel like people. They feel like plot devices or cliches or stereotypes.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

If the inspiration is genuine and it's coming from the right place, that's what I like and want to be a part of.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Real life is not as simple as it is on a screen. I think real life is actually a lot more beautiful.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

That's what life is: repetitive routines. It's a matter of finding the balance between deviating from those patterns and knowing when to repeat them.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I tend to think having an impact on the world is a lot more complicated than government.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I think acting is totally conducive to being a little kid, because kids are less inhibited and use their imagination.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

There's something really appealing about the simplicity of black-and-white images.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I'm definitely not a science nerd, I'll say that. That was not my forte at school.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

There's a long, long history of women suffering abuse, injustice, and not having the same opportunities as men, and I think that's been very detrimental to the human race as a whole.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I suppose the longer anyone spends on earth, the closer we all get to becoming superfluous characters.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Singing doesn't have to mean that you sound like Stevie Wonder. I love to sing. I'm not the greatest singer in the world. But, a lot of my favorite singers aren't the greatest singers in the world.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Well, look who I ran into," crowed Coincidence. "Please," flirted Fate, "this was meant to be.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I find the voice is what I look for first and foremost with just about every character I play.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

While I'm not a celebrity, it's such a weird concept that society has cooked up for us. Astronauts and teachers are much more amazing

than actors.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

My favorite kinds of movies are the ones that start a conversation.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Here's the new art of the twenty-first century: the art of curating, the art of plucking all the good stuff from a superabundance of crap.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

eating is the sleeping of being awake.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

What makes a good work of art is something that honors certain traditions and breaks with others.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I have a lot of trouble getting turned on by girls who are turned on by celebrity.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Most of what Hollywood puts out is crap anyway.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I don't buy into the glory days thing. I think every time has its great things to it. The '60s were such a glorious time but it's easy to forget that there was all sorts of bullshit too.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I think violence begets violence. I don't think a way to solve any sort of conflict is with violence because nothing ever ends up solved, that way.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

It's HE-RO," the boy argued. "No," the girl insisted, "it's HER-O.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I know other worlds exist. I can see them in my peripheral vision.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Kids play pretend. I think that kids can be the best actors.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Real life is not like a movie. Even the best movies, the most rich, fleshed-out movies are not as rich and nuanced as detailed as real life or an actual human being.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I have a really terrible sense of direction.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

The cool thing about my character was that it's not that digital. I get to put hours of prosthetic makeup on and see a different creature altogether. I've seen how he looks and it's really cool.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

[hitrecord.org is my] alternative outlet of where I get to be a little less professional and just freak out a little bit.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

A lot of movies try to set up a world with cool sets, costumes, camera work. In *Brick*, the world is born from the words.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I think some of the best actors ever were little kids.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

My mom brought me up to be a feminist. She would always point out to

my brother and me that our culture does often portray women like objects...

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I do call myself a feminist. Absolutely!

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I think we all have a tendency to feel like, "Well, what can I do? I can't influence the government or politics in my country."

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

It's just a natural part of being a social creature and being a human being.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Being politically active is "more about doing things, not just standing for some platform or being involved in some political party."

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I have an eclectic taste in stuff whether it be movies or music or books or food or anything. Variety is interesting.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I enjoy a challenge or provocation, something to think about, to talk about after it's done.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Most scripts are bad. I read a lot of them.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Celebrity doesn't have anything to do with art or craft. It's about being rich and thinking that you're better than everybody else.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Fame has always been a downside to acting for me. It gives me the creeps.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

He loved me. He loves me not.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Movies are different from real life.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Genres give a vocabulary. They give a frame of reference for the audience to enter into a movie. Then, once they have their footing, that's when you can start doing things that they don't expect.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

You see a woman on a screen and you reduce her to just a thing, a sex object.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

So to compare your real life, or your partner or lover or whoever to a character in a movie, you're setting yourself up for disappointment. They don't map.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Certainly the animation technology is growing like crazy. All media technology is.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I know how to make an audience laugh, 'cause I grew up on Third Rock from the Sun, week after week in front of audiences, making them laugh.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

We couldn't afford test screenings. This is a relatively low-budget movie

[Don Jon]. But what we did have was the festival circuit.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

For context, the budget of Don Jon is about half the budget of (500) Days of Summer. And (500) Days of Summer is about a third of the budget of the lowest-budget movies produced at a major studio.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I've always paid a lot of attention to the way that different kinds of media affect how we see the world, probably because I've been an actor since I was a little kid.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Nothing is ever finished. It's a funny thing. I actually think that's really the more natural way of stories or songs.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I want to keep working with people that care about what they're doing. It seems obvious, but it's not. It's sometimes hard to keep on that track.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Bikes are clearly a superior form of transportation when it comes to just simple getting around. A car makes sense if you need to carry a bunch of stuff.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I go through a lot of bad stuff, because most of the stuff that's written is pretty bad. But occasionally something comes along that's good, and I want to do it.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Sometimes what someone else does is really not what you expected them to do, which to be honest, sometimes doesn't work.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I just like to do work that inspires me, and I don't pay any attention to whether it's a high- or low-budget movie.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I just love to act. It's my favorite thing to do in the world, and what keeps it interesting, to me, is the creative challenge. So, different kinds of characters, that's what I just love to do.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Even when I was really young, I hated doing commercials, because I would say, "That's not real acting." And it's not. It's embarrassing what they make little kids do in commercials.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Making little videos that you know are going to be on tiny windows is a whole different thing. I don't know what it's going to lead to necessarily, but it's certainly fun.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I have a pretty eclectic taste in the movies that I like to watch, and also in the movies that I'm inspired to work on.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

If more people rode bikes and less people drove cars, the air would be in better shape and people would be in better shape.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

I don't think action for action's sake is so fun, but when it helps tell the story, I love doing a good fight scene.

~Joseph Gordon-Levitt

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