

Kenneth Goldsmith

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An updated notion of genius would have to center around one's mastery of information and its dissemination.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

Automation and technology don't cure behavioral ruts: they just create new instances of them.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

If you work on something a little bit every day, you end up with something that is massive.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

It's not plagiarism in the digital age -- it's repurposing.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

You can't show me a sentence, word, or phoneme that is meaningless; by its nature, language is packed with meaning and emotion.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

Conceptual writing is looking for that "Aha!" moment, when something so simple, right under our noses, is revealed as being awe- inspiring, profound, and transcendent.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

Language is material to shape and mold, not only a transparent or invisible medium for communication, business contracts, or telling stories.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

I think that the richer and deeper documentation is on the web, the better off we all are.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

I never wanted my books to be mistaken for poetry or fiction books; I

wanted to write reference books. But instead of referring to something, they refer to nothing.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

I've been trolled lots on Twitter. But I understand trolls for what they are and I don't let them get to me. They take my bait, so I'm in charge of the discourse.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

My books are better thought about than read. They're insanely dull and unreadable. But they're wonderful to talk about and think about, to dip in and out of, to hold, to have on your shelf.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

What I'm doing in writing has been thoroughly and exhaustively explored in other fields like visual art, music, and cinema, yet somehow it's never really been tested on the page.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

It's hard to be understood when addressing many people at once. How can you ever know if you're being understood? So, I've just started being intelligently provocative. And people take the bait.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

Twitter is not art. But it inspires me in the way that art used to inspire me.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

It's Twitter's combination of simplicity and complexity that is astonishing in the same way that minimalist sculpture was inspiring and enlightening.

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Favoriting tweets has become a form of acknowledging that you've

read what someone else has written.

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Poets think in short lines. Unless you're Samuel Beckett, Twitter might be more difficult for novelists.

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I think that the special thing about radio is the off switch. If something's not pleasing you, turn it off.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

For me, Twitter is a public persona. I don't interact. It's a lousy form for conversation and opinion, but a wonderful propaganda and sloganeering tool. I use it as a one-way street.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

Most artists want first and foremost to be loved, secondly to make history, and money is a distant third or fourth.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

How fortunate we are to exist in the moneyless economy of poetry! When you take money out of the equation, anything goes and nobody cares. It's truly free.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

I don't think that the world will ever become an unpoliced place, sadly. But I do feel that there is relative freedom on the margins.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

I think it's time to admit that our writing is guided by the technology we use as much as it is by our own subjectivity.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

I don't have a readership, I have a thinkership. I guess this is why what I do is called "conceptual writing." The idea is much more important than the product.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

Art used to make me see the world differently, think about things in a new way - it rarely does that for me anymore, but technology does that for me on a daily basis.

~Kenneth Goldsmith

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