

# Krzysztof Kieslowski

## Quotes

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For me optimism is two lovers walking into the sunset arm in arm. Or maybe into the sunrise - whatever appeals to you.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

I believe the life of every person is worthy of scrutiny, containing its own secrets and dramas.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

I have one good characteristic: I'm a pessimist, so I always imagine the worst - always. To me, the future is a black hole.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

Maybe it is worth investigating the unknown, if only because the very feeling of not knowing is a painful one.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

There are mysteries, secret zones in each individual.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

In believing too much in rationality, our contemporaries have lost something.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

This man (Bergman) is one of the few film directors-perhaps the only one in the world-to have said as much about human nature as Dostoevsky or Camus.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

You have to want to make a film for other reasons - to say something, to tell a story, to show somebody's fate - but you can't want to make a film simply for the sake of it.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

Do people really want liberty, equality, fraternity? Is it not some manner

of speaking?

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

I like chance meetings - life is full of them. Every day, without realising it, I pass people whom I should know.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

The realm of superstitions, fortune-telling, presentiments, intuition, dreams, all this is the inner life of a human being, and all this is the hardest thing to film.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

Of course, you could, no doubt, call my going to film school the biggest mistake I ever made.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

(When asked what a director does) I help.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

The television industry doesn't like to see the complexity of the world. It prefers simple reporting, with simple ideas: this is white, that's black; this is good, that's bad.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

In real life, there are names that surprise us because they don't seem to suit the person at all.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

I really don't know anything about music, and it's no great experience for me. But I do think that music has a purifying element.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

That's the greatest sin a director can commit; to make a film simply because he wants to make a film.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

We all steal, but if we're smart we steal from great directors. Then, we can call it influence.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

Someone knocks at the door of an apartment to borrow salt or sugar, people run into each other in the elevator, and in this way become inscribed in the spectator's memory.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

In ten phrases, the ten commandments express the essential of life. And these three words--liberty, equality, and fraternity--do just as much. Millions of people have died for those ideals.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

We understand the concept of equality, that we all want to be equal. But I think this is absolutely not true. I don't think anybody really wants to be equal. Everybody wants to be more equal.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

Interior liberty is universal.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

Of course I'd like to get beyond the concrete. But it's really difficult. Very difficult.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

Documentaries deal with people who live real, everyday lives. But if these people trusted us and told us the truth about their lives, it could be used against them - which sometimes happened.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

I have no problem being with people of different nationalities.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

I feel Polish. More specifically, I feel like I'm from the tiny village in the Northeast of Poland where I have a house and where I love to spend time. But I don't work there. I cut wood.

~Krzysztof Kieslowski

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