

M. C. Escher

Quotes

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Trying, Ideas, Games, World, Two, Education, Reality, Believe, Teaching*

Only those who attempt the absurd will achieve the impossible. I think it's in my basement... let me go upstairs and check.

~M. C. Escher

Are you really sure that a floor can't also be a ceiling?

~M. C. Escher

I never got a pass mark in math ... Just imagine - mathematicians now use my prints to illustrate their books.

~M. C. Escher

Science and art sometimes can touch one another, like two pieces of the jigsaw puzzle which is our human life, and that contact may be made across the boderline between the two respective domains.

~M. C. Escher

My work is a game, a very serious game.

~M. C. Escher

Hands, are the most honest part of the human body, they cannot lie as laughing eyes and the mouth can.

~M. C. Escher

We adore chaos because we love to produce order.

~M. C. Escher

It is human nature to want to exchange ideas, and I believe that, at bottom, every artist wants no more than to tell the world what he has to say.

~M. C. Escher

I can't keep from fooling around with our irrefutable certainties. It is, for example, a pleasure knowingly to mix up two and three dimensionalities, flat and spatial, and to make fun of gravity.

~M. C. Escher

So let us then try to climb the mountain, not by stepping on what is below us, but to pull us up at what is above us, for my part at the stars; amen.

~M. C. Escher

Wonder is the salt of the earth.

~M. C. Escher

Order is repetition of units. Chaos is multiplicity without rhythm.

~M. C. Escher

Originality is merely an illusion.

~M. C. Escher

What I give form to in daylight is only one per cent of what I have seen in darkness.

~M. C. Escher

I don't use drugs, my dreams are frightening enough.

~M. C. Escher

He who wonders discovers that this in itself is wonder.

~M. C. Escher

I try in my prints to testify that we live in a beautiful and orderly world, and not in a formless chaos, as it sometimes seems.

~M. C. Escher

To have peace with this peculiar life; to accept what we do not understand; to wait calmly for what awaits us, you have to be wiser than I am.

~M. C. Escher

For me it remains an open question whether [this work] pertains to the realm of mathematics or to that of art.

~M. C. Escher

Drawing is deception.

~M. C. Escher

At moments of great enthusiasm it seems to me that no one in the world has ever made something this beautiful and important.

~M. C. Escher

I am myself: a light. In me you find your fate. So be not blind to the truth shining from my glow.

~M. C. Escher

Simplicity and order are, if not the principal, then certainly the most important guidelines for human beings in general.

~M. C. Escher

The things I want to express are so beautiful and pure.

~M. C. Escher

I could fill an entire second life with working on my prints.

~M. C. Escher

I don't grow up. In me is the small child of my early days.

~M. C. Escher

If I am not mistaken, the word "art" and "artist" did not exist during the Renaissance and before: there were simply architects, sculptors, and painters, practicing a trade.

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I am a graphic artist heart and soul, though I find the term artist rather embarrassing.

~M. C. Escher

All my works are games, serious game.

~M. C. Escher

I believe that producing pictures, as I do, is almost solely a question of wanting so very much to do it well.

~M. C. Escher

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