

Norman Foster Quotes

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As an architect you design for the present, with an awareness of the past, for a future which is essentially unknown.

~Norman Foster

Everything inspires me; sometimes I think I see things others don't.

~Norman Foster

It takes a lot of effort to make a building look effortless.

~Norman Foster

If you weren't an optimist, it would be impossible to be an architect.

~Norman Foster

Architecture is an expression of values.

~Norman Foster

Since Stonehenge, architects have always been at the cutting edge of technology. And you can't separate technology from the humanistic and spiritual content of a building.

~Norman Foster

The pencil and computer are, if left to their own devices, equally dumb and only as good as the person driving them.

~Norman Foster

You cannot separate the buildings out from the infrastructure of cities and the mobility of transit.

~Norman Foster

I'm not a creature of habit. I like to find things from unexpected sources.

~Norman Foster

Our object in life should be to accumulate a great number of grand

questions to be asked and resolved in eternity.

~Norman Foster

I am always surprised by how much little emphasis schools of architecture, and indeed, many architects, place on the process of the mating of a building.

~Norman Foster

I think you never stop learning.

~Norman Foster

Every time I've flown an aircraft, or visited a steelworks, or watched a panel-beater at work, I've learned something new that can be applied to buildings.

~Norman Foster

I was born in 1935, and as far back as I can remember, I was sketching designs. My first subject was an aircraft, which I imagined myself piloting.

~Norman Foster

I would never wear anything with a logo. That I really find difficult. It's a frustration that I'll find a nice shirt or something and it's got 50 prints of the logo on it - why do they do this?

~Norman Foster

I tend to move between turtlenecks and shirts and ties. I don't really have a uniform in the sense that some people might.

~Norman Foster

Google has already tested robot cars in San Francisco. If they can navigate San Francisco, they can probably manage just about anywhere.

~Norman Foster

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