

# Paul Bettany

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It's weird, because usually if you're British and you go to America you play baddies; but I play naughty people here and goodies in America.

~Paul Bettany

The only way one can guarantee one's loyalty is love. Loyalty is beyond logic, really.

~Paul Bettany

I find that our response to homelessness really puzzlingly. It's a peculiar response that people have.

~Paul Bettany

I feel safe in saying this, and that is that Peter Weir is without a doubt one of the greatest filmmakers of all time. I'd open a door in a movie for him if he asked me to.

~Paul Bettany

I have an interest in giving people a cathartic experience, and making them look at homeless people differently, and making them question how they judge people, in general.

~Paul Bettany

I have no interest in movies that take you somewhere dark and leave you there, for no reason.

~Paul Bettany

In America, they shoot budgets and schedules, and they don't shoot films any more. There's more opportunity in Europe to make films that at least have a purity of intent.

~Paul Bettany

The trouble with talking about acting is that it's like sex. It's enormously fun to do but just dreadfully embarrassing when you have to talk about it.

~Paul Bettany

I was brought up Catholic. I'm lapsed. From the age of three I was with the nuns. Now I'm an atheist.

~Paul Bettany

Up until like five seconds ago, I just took what jobs came along.

~Paul Bettany

I'm a guy who is married to an actress, who has three children, and lives in Tribeca. Where do you draw the line on what I am allowed to discuss?

~Paul Bettany

I still read the British papers, but I've never been a Royalist, ever. It's funny, there always seems to be much more of a fascination with the Royal Family over here than there does in England.

~Paul Bettany

The difficulty of looking at a system like natural selection if you have any sort of moral sense yourself, is almost what makes it beautiful.

~Paul Bettany

I realized that this story [Shelter] is all about family, family loss, and how it influences you day to day life.

~Paul Bettany

Logic doesn't really provide for loyalty. If your logic changes suddenly and things not make sense, you can alter your allegiance, but love stops you from being able to do that.

~Paul Bettany

I wanted to know as the director how the actors wanted to tell this story I wanted to know what they thought.

~Paul Bettany

Doing the big budget films really makes you appreciate doing movies like Shelter. It's because this is like doing theater, you just have to hit the ground running

~Paul Bettany

I'm sure some people have an absolute grasp of where they are in their careers. I just don't think about it that much.

~Paul Bettany

So the actual privilege is that you can then take time off - and if you don't, you're a fool. You're earning all this money to support children whom you then don't see, which is absurd.

~Paul Bettany

For a while, I stopped enjoying making movies and I stopped enjoying acting, because I made a few decisions that I wish I hadn't made.

~Paul Bettany

I was born a Catholic and now I'm a lapsed Catholic. I'm something but I'm not a believer any more.

~Paul Bettany

I think when you're trying to produce a relationship on screen that doesn't actually exist, perhaps sometimes there's a temptation to look at each other more, to touch each other more...

~Paul Bettany

In a world of increasing grey areas, we are becoming more and more entrenched in black and white positions.

~Paul Bettany

My experience of people is that they are infinitely forgivable.

~Paul Bettany

I really like telling stories. When I was a kid, I wanted to write songs. In quite a fundamental, gratifying, childish way, I enjoy the doing of telling a story.

~Paul Bettany

I think language is the most important thing that human beings have ever accomplished, and the only thing that's really going to get us all out of the troubles that we find ourselves in.

~Paul Bettany

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