

Paul Virilio

Quotes

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The speed of light does not merely transform the world. It becomes the world. Globalization is the speed of light.

~Paul Virilio

Science, which is not so attached to 'truth' as it once was, but more to immediate 'effectiveness', is now drifting towards a decline, it's civic fall from grace.

~Paul Virilio

There are eyes everywhere. No blind spot left. What shall we dream of when everything becomes visible? We'll dream of being blind.

~Paul Virilio

Digital messages and images matter less than their instantaneous delivery; the shock effect always wins out over the consideration of the informational content.

~Paul Virilio

Speed now illuminates reality whereas light once gave objects of the world their shape.

~Paul Virilio

The invention of the ship was also the invention of the shipwreck.

~Paul Virilio

To regain our liberty (and our distance), we must slow the images down.

~Paul Virilio

How can we live if there is no more here and everything is now?

~Paul Virilio

Images contaminate us like viruses.

~Paul Virilio

Today, everything is about speed and real time. We are no longer concerned with real space.

~Paul Virilio

Virtuality will destroy reality.

~Paul Virilio

Wealth is the hidden side of speed and speed the hidden side of wealth.

~Paul Virilio

Time is not something that can be measured with a pendule. Time is something that we build together within a tribe, a family, a region.

~Paul Virilio

... the blinding Hiroshima flash... literally photographed the shadow cast by beings and things, so that every surface immediately became war's recording surface, its film.

~Paul Virilio

The technologies of virtual reality are attempting to make us see from beneath, from inside, from behind... as if we were God.

~Paul Virilio

GPS not only played a large and delocalizing role in the war in Kosovo but is increasingly playing a role in social life.

~Paul Virilio

The true problem with virtual reality is that orientation is no longer possible. We have lost our points of reference to orient ourselves. The de-realized man is a disoriented man.

~Paul Virilio

War is cinema, and cinema is war

~Paul Virilio

What is accidented is reality.

~Paul Virilio

Today, the media handle information as if it was a religious artefact.

~Paul Virilio

As I said back in 1984, the idea of logistics is not only about oil, about ammunitions and supplies but also about images.

~Paul Virilio

While the human gaze becomes more and more fixed, losing some of its natural speed and sensitivity, photographic shots, on the contrary, become even faster.

~Paul Virilio

If we consider my latest book, *Strategie de la deception*, what we need to focus on are the other aspects of the same phenomenon.

~Paul Virilio

War was my university. Everything has proceeded from there.

~Paul Virilio

One day the virtual world might win over the real world.

~Paul Virilio

Cyberspace is an accident of the real. Virtual reality is the accident of reality itself.

~Paul Virilio

Art is alive because it is mortal.

~Paul Virilio

I have said many times before, interactivity is the equivalent of radioactivity. For interactivity effects a kind of disintegration, a kind of rupture.

~Paul Virilio

The simulator is an object in itself, which is different from television and leads to cyberspace.

~Paul Virilio

It will no longer be war that is the continuation of politics by other means, it will be what I have dubbed 'the integral accident' that is the continuation of politics by other means.

~Paul Virilio

Cyberspace is acting like God and deals with the idea of God who is, sees and hears everything.

~Paul Virilio

Sovereignty no longer resides in the territory itself, but in the control of the territory. And localisation is an inherent part of that territorial control.

~Paul Virilio

I pursue through my research on speed and on my study of the organisation of the revolution of the means of transportation.

~Paul Virilio

The creation of a virtual image is a form of accident. This explains why virtual reality is a cosmic accident. It's the accident of the real.

~Paul Virilio

The media is more concerned with what we feel about the refugees and so on rather than what we think about them.

~Paul Virilio

A museum of accidents is needed. This museum already exists, it's television.

~Paul Virilio

We have already seen some instances of systemic risk in recent times in the Asian financial crisis. But what sparked off the Asian financial crisis? Automated trading programmes!

~Paul Virilio

Television exposes the world to the accident. The world is exposed to accidents through television.

~Paul Virilio

Resistance is always possible! But we must engage in resistance first of all by developing the idea of a technological culture.

~Paul Virilio

In a way, technologies have negated the transcendental God in order to invent the machine-God. However, these two gods raise similar questions.

~Paul Virilio

There is, then, a link between the logistics of perception, the wars in Lebanon and the Gulf as well as with CNN and the Pentagon.

~Paul Virilio

Even among the elite, in government circles, technological culture is somewhat deficient.

~Paul Virilio

For the time being, technologies are colonizing our body through implants. We started with human implants, but research leads us to microtechnological implants.

~Paul Virilio

Whoever controls the territory possesses it.

~Paul Virilio

Globalization cannot take shape without the speed of light.

~Paul Virilio

The automation of warfare has, then, come a long way since the Persian Gulf War of 1991.

~Paul Virilio

Today, almost all-current technologies put the speed of light to work.

~Paul Virilio

In a way, everybody is wounded from the wound of the real. This phenomenon is similar to madness. The mad person is wounded by his or her distorted relationship to the real.

~Paul Virilio

Television is a media of crisis, which means that television is a media of accidents.

~Paul Virilio

The body is extremely important to me, because it is a planet. For instance, if you compare Earth and an astronomer, you will see that the man is a planet.

~Paul Virilio

Television can only destroy.

~Paul Virilio

I believe that philosophy is part of literature, and not the reverse.

~Paul Virilio

Creation exists only in regard to destruction. Creation is against

destruction.

~Paul Virilio

I think that cinema and television have nothing in common. There is a breaking point between photography and cinema on the one hand and television and virtual reality on the other hand.

~Paul Virilio

Jean Baudrillard is a friend of mine, I do not agree with him on that one! For me, the significance of the war in Kosovo was that it was a war that moved into space.

~Paul Virilio

The body is not simply the combination of dance, muscles, body-building, strength and sex: it is a universe.

~Paul Virilio

There is a buddhist proverb which I like a lot. It says: "Every body deserves mercy". That means that every body is holy.

~Paul Virilio

One can't even know what it means to be lost in reality. For instance, it is easy to know whether you are lost or not in the Sahara desert, but to be lost in reality! This is much more complex!

~Paul Virilio

Art used to be painting, sculpture, music, etc, but now, all technology has become art. Of course, this form of art is still very primitive, but it is slowly replacing reality.

~Paul Virilio

Thus my research on dromology, on the logic and impact of speed, necessarily implies the study of the organisation of territory.

~Paul Virilio

Art has become more than painting, sculpture or music: art is more than Van Gogh painting a landscape or Wagner composing an opera. The whole of reality itself has become the object of art.

~Paul Virilio

I believe that the politics of intervention and the Kosovo war prompted a fresh resumption of the arms race worldwide.

~Paul Virilio

Despite the economic disaster that is Russia, there are still air shows taking place in the country.

~Paul Virilio

Possession of territory is not primarily about laws and contracts, but first and foremost a matter of movement and circulation.

~Paul Virilio

Writing is not possible without images. Yet, images don't have to be descriptive; they can be concepts.

~Paul Virilio

Because Man is God, and God is Man, the world is nothing but the world of Man - or Woman.

~Paul Virilio

To separate mind from body doesn't make any sense.

~Paul Virilio

As I pointed out in *The Art of the Motor* and elsewhere, from now on we need two watches: a wristwatch to tell us what time it is and a GPS watch to tell us what space it is!

~Paul Virilio

Look at the US, look at Russia. Both of these countries are immense

geographical territories. But, nowadays, immense territories amount to nothing!

~Paul Virilio

I am very interested in and that is what Sun Tzu in his ancient Chinese text calls The Art of War.

~Paul Virilio

If we turn to the war in Kosovo, what do we find? We find the manipulation of the audience's emotions by the mass media.

~Paul Virilio

The cinema was certainly an art, but television can't be, because it is the museum of accidents. In other words, its art is to be the site where all accidents happen. But that's its only art.

~Paul Virilio

May I remind you that the bombs that were dropped by the B-2 plane on the Chinese embassy or at least that is what we were told were GPS bombs. And the B-2 flew in from the US.

~Paul Virilio

GPS are everywhere. They are in cars. They were even in the half-tracks that, initially at least, were going to make the ground invasion in Kosovo possible.

~Paul Virilio

For the US, GPS are a form of sovereignty! It is hardly surprising, then, that the EU has proposed its own GPS in order to be able to localize and to compete with the American GPS.

~Paul Virilio

Moreover, it is clear that the era of the information bomb, the era of aerial warfare, the era of the RMA and global surveillance is also the

era of the integral accident.

~Paul Virilio

The atomic bomb provoked a specific accident.

~Paul Virilio

The information bomb gives rise to the integral and globally constituted accident.

~Paul Virilio

For me, then, territory and movement are linked. For instance, territory is controlled by the movements of horsemen, of tanks, of planes, and so on.

~Paul Virilio

Concepts are mental images.

~Paul Virilio

While the United States (US) can view the war as a success, Europe must see it as a failure for it and, in particular, for the institutions of the European Union (EU).

~Paul Virilio

Let us start with the title of War and Cinema. The important part of the title is not War and Cinema.

~Paul Virilio

Hence not only the crisis of geopolitics and geostrategy but also the shift towards the emergence and dominance of chronostrategy.

~Paul Virilio

All future wars, all future accidents will be live wars and live accidents.

~Paul Virilio

What brought me to Christianity is Incarnation, not Ressurrection.

~Paul Virilio

For me, Sun Tzu's statement that military force is based upon deception is an extraordinary statement.

~Paul Virilio

Now all we have to do to enter the realm of art is to take a car.

~Paul Virilio

The research on cyberspace is a quest for God. To be God. To be here and there.

~Paul Virilio

The Gulf War may not have occurred in the actual global space, but it did occur in global time. And this thanks to CNN and The Pentagon.

~Paul Virilio

Today, the army only occupies the territory once the war is over.

~Paul Virilio

For me, the Asian financial crisis of 1998 and the war in Kosovo in 1999 are the prelude to the integral accident.

~Paul Virilio

I always write with images. I cannot write a book if I don't have images.

~Paul Virilio

Indeed, the truth, the reality of the Kosovo War, was actually hidden behind all the 'humanitarian' faces.

~Paul Virilio

Nowadays, the tragedy of war is mediated through technology. It is no longer mediated through a human being with moral responsibilities.

~Paul Virilio

The globally constituted accident can be compared to what people who work at the stock exchange call 'systemic risk'.

~Paul Virilio

In this way, history now inscribes itself in real time, in the 'live', in the realm of interactivity. Consequently, history no longer resides in the extension of territory.

~Paul Virilio

'Cyberwar' has nothing to do with the destruction brought about by bombs and grenades and so on.

~Paul Virilio

I am always concerned with ideas of territory and movement. Indeed, my first book after Bunker Archeology was entitled L'insecurite du territoire (1976).

~Paul Virilio

As I have been arguing for a long time now, there is a real need not simply for a political economy of wealth but also for a political economy of speed.

~Paul Virilio

The world and man are identical. This is why racism is the most stupid thing in the world.

~Paul Virilio

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