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Dream

My ambition is to be happy.

~Penelope Cruz

You cannot live your life looking at yourself from someone else's point of view.

~Penelope Cruz

My definition of beauty is without rules. It can be the face of a beautiful 90-year-old woman that is full of stories and emotion. Beauty is what somebody's eyes communicate.

~Penelope Cruz

All those cliches, those things you hear about having a baby and motherhood - all of them are true. And all of them are the most beautiful things you will ever experience.

~Penelope Cruz

We need to stop the dying and start the living; stop the hunger and start the hoping.

~Penelope Cruz

I came to Los Angeles for the first time in 1994. I spoke no English. I only knew how to say two sentences: "How are you?" and "I want to work with Johnny Depp."

~Penelope Cruz

I think magic is very related to happiness. So it is not there all the time, but there are beautiful moments of magic in everyone's life.

~Penelope Cruz

I want to be remembered as somebody that tried to respect her integrity as an artist and as a person. And I don't want to be in any box. I don't want to be one thing.

I am living for every day and trying to have less fear, less worry. But I have always worried about everything; it's in my nature. It's the thing that makes me suffer the most.

~Penelope Cruz

Every relationship ends, until maybe you find one that lasts forever.

~Penelope Cruz

I have a little bit of an addiction to work. So I'm always hiding in the bathroom with my Blackberry to work when I'm on holiday.

~Penelope Cruz

Age holds absolutely no fear for me. There is so much enjoyment ahead.

~Penelope Cruz

One thing that I am proud of: I am really capable of laughing at myself.

~Penelope Cruz

In my everyday life, I just wear jeans, t-shirts and trainers - if I can go barefoot, that's even better. But for the events I have a stylist, and in two hours we have selected a whole outfit.

~Penelope Cruz

I don't think I am beautiful. I can look good and I can look ugly.

~Penelope Cruz

I don't know why, but women in a hair salon share their deepest secrets.

~Penelope Cruz

I was very superstitious when I was a teenager, and I had to fight against that because it made me feel anxious.

I spend so much time living by myself - mostly in hotels - and I pick up cats when I'm feeling particularly lonely.

~Penelope Cruz

He can have my body, but he will never have my soul. never!

~Penelope Cruz

When I start a movie, the first day, I feel like a duck.

~Penelope Cruz

The most important lesson I've learned in this business is how to say no. I have said no to a lot of temptations, and I am glad I did.

~Penelope Cruz

I like roles that people don't recognize me in.

~Penelope Cruz

When I was 16, I got 'Jamon, Jamon.' Of course, I had to lie about my age. And I had to lie to my parents about the content of the script.

~Penelope Cruz

I have a strong personality, and I say what I think.

~Penelope Cruz

I never grew up dreaming about a wedding - I don't think about things like that. I don't know how to explain it. All I care about is to be happy.

~Penelope Cruz

I have had a very singular kind of life since I started working so young, so I am very used to traveling, working, taking time for myself.

~Penelope Cruz

Sometimes I feel we express more with dancing or acting or painting than with words.

~Penelope Cruz

When you really have the preparation time and things start taking the shape that they need, you have a beautiful feeling that comes from the hard work.

~Penelope Cruz

I don't know if I believe in marriage. I believe in family, love and children.

~Penelope Cruz

I have stepped off the relationship scene to come to terms with myself. I have spent most of my adult life being 'someone's girlfriend', and now I am happy being single.

~Penelope Cruz

Nothing is going to happen to you if you throw salt on the floor, stand under a ladder, or see eight black cats on the street.

~Penelope Cruz

I think most actors . . . We are insecure, in general. I think to be an actor, you need to have an ego, but then, our ego is our worst enemy.

~Penelope Cruz

I used to dance for seventeen years -classical ballet, which was very disciplined. I like yoga and Pilates, but I don't have the discipline to go to the gym.

~Penelope Cruz

I had a very curly perm in the '80s, thanks to the 'Way You Make Me Feel' Michael Jackson video. I liked the girl in it.

~Penelope Cruz

Calcutta is like another world. People there are very special and

grateful.

~Penelope Cruz

I try to look at the whole thing and say 'yes' to the projects that I cannot stop thinking about. If I read a script and the subject stays with me - then that's when I want to go to work.

~Penelope Cruz

My plate is full with just acting. I want to focus on that, and then maybe direct in the future.

~Penelope Cruz

I came to New York to study ballet and English.

~Penelope Cruz

As an actress, I really love people like Anna Magnani and Debra Winger. I also think there is nobody better than Meryl Streep.

~Penelope Cruz

I've worked myself to exhaustion before. I was so young, and I thought I could do everything; it was just too much for my body and my mind.

~Penelope Cruz

I'm not like Puff Daddy, I hold my own umbrella.

~Penelope Cruz

I can cook a few things. I always save the same recipes to impress my friends, and I always do two or three things, so they think I can cook. But I don't know how to do anything else.

~Penelope Cruz

I really like the Caribbean. Anyplace in the Caribbean. I get there, and I feel like a monkey - the perfect state.

I was 11 when I first said I wanted to become an actress, and everyone looked at me as if I had said I wanted to go to the moon.

~Penelope Cruz

I have seen water availability change drastically in my own lifetime. Around the world, millions of people are already living in a true water crisis.

~Penelope Cruz

I had things with numbers - because I love numbers - but it's not something I'm proud of. I'm proud that I was able to send them away, because you're much more present.

~Penelope Cruz

Especially when you are advertising a product, I talk to the photographer and we create a character - it always gives you more freedom because it makes it less about yourself.

~Penelope Cruz

I would always cast Meryl Streep for everything. I would do with something inspired by the work of Guy Bourdin, my favorite photographer.

~Penelope Cruz

When I read a script, I try not to judge the characters. I try to have an open mind and really see what it makes me feel.

~Penelope Cruz

I am a big fan of photography, more of being behind the camera - so when I get the opportunity to work with such great photographers, I always try and learn from their technique.

~Penelope Cruz

If we continue on the path we're on, there simply won't be enough fresh

water for everyone.

~Penelope Cruz

I still feel like I have so much to learn. I love that feeling, that next time I go to set, I will be terrified again. I don't want it to be any other way.

~Penelope Cruz

I don't do Twitter, Facebook; none of that. My email I do from my Blackberry or my iPhone.

~Penelope Cruz

I won't go to places where you're going to find more attention. I go to the opposite.

~Penelope Cruz

My parents owned a hair salon, so I learned a few tricks there. I can cut people's hair - if they let me.

~Penelope Cruz

In my house every Sunday, everybody was cleaning the house. There was always music, and everybody was dancing, sometimes naked around the house. Not hippie, but very free.

~Penelope Cruz

I love ballet and I love dancing...... It's a little boring for me to go to the gym because I'm used to the dancing discipline - It's really hard, but much more fun.

~Penelope Cruz

I always feel scared and insecure on a film set. I don't know any other way.

~Penelope Cruz

We must act now to make sure fresh water is available to everyone, no

matter where they live. The consequences of doing nothing will be even more catastrophic.

~Penelope Cruz

I love learning on the set. But, directing is not something I want to do.

~Penelope Cruz

I want to have babies one day but not right now. When I do it I want to do it really well. I want it to be my best project in life.

~Penelope Cruz

There are so many designers that I love, and I'm so lucky that I get to work with so many of them and sometimes spend time with them.

~Penelope Cruz

Maybe I'll make one movie a year, maybe two, but it's not going to be more than that because I have other priorities now.

~Penelope Cruz

In Spain, actresses work until they are old. That's my plan.

~Penelope Cruz

Being actors we are dealing with the beauty and complexity of human confusion, no? And we are always trying to get answers.

~Penelope Cruz

I love New York, but being there the whole year, it gets a little crazy with the speed and rhythm of things.

~Penelope Cruz

I can cook a little bit. I can cook a few Spanish dishes. But, in movies, it looks like I cook much better than I cook.

Awards are great, as you get to meet up with friends and colleagues from your industry - a sort of reunion.

~Penelope Cruz

As a kid, I had a lot of energy; but the ballet lessons made me calm - this pleased my mother.

~Penelope Cruz

I'm strong and opinionated. Those qualities brought me a lot of problems since I was a little girl in school, saying 'I don't agree' and fighting with the children. It's part of my curiosity for life.

~Penelope Cruz

Unfortunately, I am very aware of editing and I look at the monitor too much. Sometimes the monitor can become your worst enemy because you can, consciously or unconsciously, start editing yourself.

~Penelope Cruz

I want to work with Johnny Depp.

~Penelope Cruz

I think superstition has a lot to do with fear: the less, the better.

~Penelope Cruz

I realized that when two people function well together at work, it doesn't matter if they hadn't seen each other for years. What they had before was still intact.

~Penelope Cruz

Madrid is what I call home, but also the States.

~Penelope Cruz

There's so much more I want to do. I refuse to get to 50 and wait at home for the phone to ring. In Spain, actresses work until they are old.

That's my plan.

~Penelope Cruz

Johnny Depp is so special that he is like a Martian. In fact, that's what I call him, Martian.

~Penelope Cruz

I have food every day on the table, I have a family, friends, health - all the things without which it wouldn't matter how many roles I get to play.

~Penelope Cruz

I was happy that I finally could play a mature woman, because I started working when I was a teenager and was always playing characters according to my age.

~Penelope Cruz

I'm very honored to play one of the women in the movie Volver, and it was special acting with all those other talented actresses. Carmen Maura is a legend and it was a thrill to make a movie with her.

~Penelope Cruz

The good thing is that I have always had wonderful people around me. It's dangerous when you start earning a lot of money and you become famous when you are too young.

~Penelope Cruz

It's very much like a torture sometimes, the process of trying to get rid of an accent.

~Penelope Cruz

It's great working with my sister, because we are very close as a family - my brother, my sister and myself. We have a great relationship.

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