

# Santiago Calatrava Quotes

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Three, Water, Lessons, Trying, Projects, Touching, Ends, Mature, Language,  
Moving, Way, Strong*

I have tried to get close to the frontier between architecture and sculpture and to understand architecture as an art.

~Santiago Calatrava

There was a wish to get something exceptional, ... I also wanted to deliver something technically unique.

~Santiago Calatrava

The most touching thing that anyone can say to me is that I have done something beautiful for the community.

~Santiago Calatrava

I am always searching for more light and space.

~Santiago Calatrava

You start a project as a young person and then at the end you are another person. You are ready to go for your pension.

~Santiago Calatrava

The architect is not only the director, but he is the composer. And, as a composer, the architect brings a sense of creativity to each building.

~Santiago Calatrava

It's very atmospheric. It's not a building that is a severe statement in the skyline. We need the height; otherwise, the building almost disappears because it is so slender.

~Santiago Calatrava

As a building is resistant to forces acting upon it, a person must be equally tenacious in life.

~Santiago Calatrava

The architect needs to learn to see, and to open his eyes because there is always a lesson to learn from the streets.

~Santiago Calatrava

The way is not always easy, but in order to bring a work through to completion, you will need a strong character, a broad foundation of knowledge and an enormous force of persuasion.

~Santiago Calatrava

Technology is a vocabulary and a language in which you can say many things.

~Santiago Calatrava

Technology is constantly changing and brings you automatically into the present. In that way, it automatically makes you build for this time.

~Santiago Calatrava

Later works are better because it takes a lot of time in architecture to mature. And, it takes a lot of discipline to experience everything that is changing around you.

~Santiago Calatrava

I think it is important to be present in the places where you are working. It is not only about doing a project, but following the project through its construction.

~Santiago Calatrava

The architect holds much knowledge, but is not a specialist. Especially with the computer and technology, the amount of knowledge an architect possesses keeps on growing.

~Santiago Calatrava

Actually, if you look at the works of the great architects of our time, you can see that their most beautiful works are always their later works - Kahn, Corbusier, even Gehry.

~Santiago Calatrava

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