

# Thomas M. Disch

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Sometimes the whole world is mud luscious and puddle wonderful

~Thomas M. Disch

Creativity is the ability to see relationships where none exist.

~Thomas M. Disch

The distances between the stars seem brief by contrast to the distances between each of us and his fellows.

~Thomas M. Disch

For a lot of people, poetry tends to be dull. It's not read much. It takes a special kind of training and a lot of practice to read poetry with pleasure. It's like learning to like asparagus.

~Thomas M. Disch

Gene Wolfe has produced a work of art that can satisfy adult appetites and in which even the most fantastical elements register as poetry rather than as penny-whistle whimsy.

~Thomas M. Disch

It considered trying to explain their error to them, but what would be the use? They would only go away with hurt feelings. You can't always expect people, or squirrels, to be rational.

~Thomas M. Disch

Though opposition is a hopeless task, acquiescence would be worse.

~Thomas M. Disch

A predilection for genre fiction is symptomatic of a kind of arrested development.

~Thomas M. Disch

Genius is an infinite capacity for pain.

~Thomas M. Disch

Sameness is what marketers want us to want.

~Thomas M. Disch

Creativeness is finding patterns where none exist.

~Thomas M. Disch

Science Fiction is a branch of children's literature.

~Thomas M. Disch

Knowledge is devalued when it becomes too generally known

~Thomas M. Disch

Writers tend to consider distinction and originality as virtues, but they are anathema to publishers.

~Thomas M. Disch

Here was a flower (the daisy reflected) strangely like itself and yet utterly unlike itself too. Such a paradox has often been the basis for the most impassioned love.

~Thomas M. Disch

Laughter is just a slowed down scream of terror.

~Thomas M. Disch

Poets are regarded as handicapped writers whose work must be treated with a tender condescension, such as one accords the athletic achievements of basketball players confined to wheelchairs.

~Thomas M. Disch

Thought is a disease of the brain. The mind defends itself against the degenerative process of creativity; it begins to jell; notions solidify into inalterable systems.

~Thomas M. Disch

The gods, after all, are only human, and once their rage has been placated they are perfectly capable of acts of mercy and grace.

~Thomas M. Disch

All children... feel a demonic sympathy with those things that cause disorder in the grown-up world.

~Thomas M. Disch

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