

Tom Shadyac

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You can't sow an apple seed and expect to get an avocado tree. The consequences of your life are sown in what you do and how you behave.

~Tom Shadyac

I am part of a divine essence. I don't have to become anything. I already am.

~Tom Shadyac

I hope people start to look at their lives as the most powerful, creative act they will ever offer this world.

~Tom Shadyac

The one thing that advances a society is not technology or so-called development; its love - that one principle.

~Tom Shadyac

Authenticity means to be the author of your own life.

~Tom Shadyac

When an individual changes in even a small way he immediately changes the world around him. And that concentric circle moves out and changes everything.

~Tom Shadyac

Love is not always about "everything's fine" love is about truth. Truth and love are one in the same. It doesn't always come in a sweet little box with a bow on it.

~Tom Shadyac

What matters is who we are, not who we beat.

~Tom Shadyac

The bike accident caused me to start talking about spiritual truths. This

accident - where I faced my own death - compelled me to talk about these truths and try to make a movie about them.

~Tom Shadyac

We started by asking what's wrong with the world, and we ended up discovering what's right with it.

~Tom Shadyac

If you look at the Bible as a whole, it's redemptive and beautiful, and it's God's love story to mankind.

~Tom Shadyac

I think true success is intrinsic... It's love. It's kindness. It's community.

~Tom Shadyac

Hope is the belief we might get it done, and faith is the knowledge we will get it done.

~Tom Shadyac

In movies you can shoot a guy 3,000 times and get a 'PG-13', but if you say the 'F' word twice it's automatically an 'R'. I'll let that be its own comment.

~Tom Shadyac

Illnesses are often times a reflection of an emotional place that needs healing or attention.

~Tom Shadyac

I wasn't paying enough attention to what my heart was telling me. When I paid attention and got the message, I could move forward and heal.

~Tom Shadyac

I think laughter is a sacred act.

~Tom Shadyac

You send a message in everything you do, I'm always very conscious about what ideas and what energy I put out there.

~Tom Shadyac

Death is not the enemy. A life lived without love is the enemy.

~Tom Shadyac

I don't consider anything I'm doing as generous. In the new model of the world, I hope people will consider whatever I'm doing as just normal.

~Tom Shadyac

TRUTH: When a child believes he must win to be worthy, when young adults define themselves by what they do and not who they are, it is a kind of slavery a slave master would envy.

~Tom Shadyac

Nature is an incredible cooperative. When things operate outside of that cooperative, they die off. It's a very simple rule that nature operates under.

~Tom Shadyac

Nothing in nature takes more than what it needs

~Tom Shadyac

Simplicity. Simplicity. Simplicity. The three keys to a spiritual life.

~Tom Shadyac

I believe in unity, as opposed to division.

~Tom Shadyac

Love is the essential energy of the universe. It is the force that puts the

stars in the firmament, and it makes the blood run through the veins.

~Tom Shadyac

My dad's half-Lebanese, my mom is full Lebanese. I'm three-quarters Lebanese. Irish-Lebanese.

~Tom Shadyac

The mystics will tell you death is perfectly safe. A violent act will beget a violent act; it is simply a law.

~Tom Shadyac

If we exchange bombs for bread there will be less reason for wanting to kill us. I just want to have the conversation.

~Tom Shadyac

If you bounce a tennis ball against a wall it will come back to you the same way every time. But if you shift the wall a few degrees it will come back another way.

~Tom Shadyac

The way I think we were living is an invention. The truth is nobody can own anything. That was an unheard-of concept among indigenous people. We invented that.

~Tom Shadyac

I was raised Catholic and didn't like the dogma and exclusivity of that teaching but I was moved by the moral teachings and by the power of the Jesus fellow.

~Tom Shadyac

I wasn't big in the party scene but I did have an excessive lifestyle. I had much more than I needed. I think that was a manifestation of a certain kind of mental illness.

~Tom Shadyac

I come from a family of lawyers. I was expected to be a professional of some sort, not an artist. I was never uplifted for my art.

~Tom Shadyac

I don't have any interest in changing a system, because the system will simply get bucked back by people who haven't changed.

~Tom Shadyac

I love Frank Capra. He believed in the goodness of people and one man's ability to fight and often triumph.

~Tom Shadyac

Communism didn't work because people weren't ready for it, it was corrupt, and because it squelched individualism.

~Tom Shadyac

I was always kind of finding humor to be an access point to the conversation, to a pain relief, if you will. My mother was in a wheelchair since I was very young, so she was in pain and we used humor.

~Tom Shadyac

Definition is the death of discovery.

~Tom Shadyac

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