

William Peter Blatty

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You don't blame us for being here, do you? After all, we have no place to go. No home... Incidentally, what an excellent day for an exorcism.

~William Peter Blatty

I have never read horror, nor do I consider *The Exorcist* to be such, but rather as a suspenseful supernatural detective story, or paranormal police procedural.

~William Peter Blatty

But a myth, to speak plainly, to me is like a menu in a fancy French restaurant: glamorous, complicated camouflage for a fact you wouldn't otherwise swallow, like maybe lima beans.

~William Peter Blatty

The demon is a liar. He will lie to confuse us; but he will also mix lies with the truth to attack us. His attack is psychological, Damien. And powerful.

~William Peter Blatty

What looked like morning was the beginning of endless night

~William Peter Blatty

I didn't read *The Haunting of Hill House* until sometime early in the 1990's.

~William Peter Blatty

I get cassettes near Academy Award time of every movie that's made that thinks it has some kind of chance for a nomination - that's when I watch my movies

~William Peter Blatty

I lived in Georgetown in the late 70s about four houses down from the steps.

~William Peter Blatty

And the sad truth is that nobody wants me to write comedy. The Exorcist not only ended that career, it expunged all memory of its existence.

~William Peter Blatty

I tried to make every bit of it as creepy as I could. And I had the same response you do. I feel the same way. The hospital scenes, that procedure was so real.

~William Peter Blatty

God never talks. But the devil keeps advertising, Father. The devil does a lot of commercials.

~William Peter Blatty

Procrastination is what we often call 'resistance.

~William Peter Blatty

Earth is a homicide victim. We lose our children. There are wars. Disease. And God comes strolling by like a cosmic Billie Burke.

~William Peter Blatty

We use concepts like "consciousness"---"mind"---"personality," but we don't really know yet what these things are.' He was shaking his head. 'Not really. Not at all.

~William Peter Blatty

I'm not aware that I was consciously influenced by any director, though these things often happen unnoticed, submerged in the unconscious.

~William Peter Blatty

Perhaps evil is the crucible of goodness... and perhaps even Satan - Satan, in spite of himself - somehow serves to work out the will of God.

~William Peter Blatty

As far as God goes, I am a nonbeliever. Still am. But when it comes to a devil---well, that's something else.

~William Peter Blatty

When the filter is weakened by a powerful drug, what we see is not delusion but the truth.

~William Peter Blatty

Your thoughts are too dull to entertain.

~William Peter Blatty

For I think belief in God is not a matter of reason at all; I think it finally is a matter of love.

~William Peter Blatty

Horror does not interest me, and so I know little of its practitioners, old or current

~William Peter Blatty

Would you like to hear a nice definition of jealousy? It's the feeling that you get when someone you absolutely detest is having a wonderful time without you.

~William Peter Blatty

The terror drifted over georgetown like the sun over a blind mans eyes

~William Peter Blatty

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