

Zaha Hadid

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I don't think that architecture is only about shelter, is only about a very simple enclosure. It should be able to excite you, to calm you, to make you think.

~Zaha Hadid

You have to really believe not only in yourself; you have to believe that the world is actually worth your sacrifices.

~Zaha Hadid

There are 360 degrees, so why stick to one?

~Zaha Hadid

Architecture is like writing. You have to edit it over and over so it looks effortless

~Zaha Hadid

Architecture is really about well-being. I think that people want to feel good in a space ... On the one hand it's about shelter, but it's also about pleasure.

~Zaha Hadid

You really have to have a goal. The goal posts might shift, but you should have a goal. Know what it is you want to find out.

~Zaha Hadid

The beauty of the landscape - where sand, water, reeds, birds, buildings, and people all somehow flowed together - has never left me.

~Zaha Hadid

I have always appreciated those who dare to experiment with materials and proportions.

~Zaha Hadid

Architecture is how the person places herself in the space. Fashion is

about how you place the object on the person.

~Zaha Hadid

Yes, I'm a feminist, because I see all women as smart, gifted and tough.

~Zaha Hadid

I think about architecture all the time. That's the problem. But I've always been like that. I dream it sometimes.

~Zaha Hadid

I really believe in the idea of the future.

~Zaha Hadid

I am eccentric, I admit it, but I am not a nutcase.

~Zaha Hadid

A brilliant design will always benefit from the input of others.

~Zaha Hadid

Good education is so important. We do need to look at the way people are taught. It not just about qualifications to get a job. It's about being educated.

~Zaha Hadid

I am equally proud of all of my architectural projects. It's always rewarding to see an ambitious design become reality.

~Zaha Hadid

You have to be very focused and work very hard, but it is not about working hard without knowing what your aim is!

~Zaha Hadid

Malevitch discovered abstraction as an experimental principle that can

propel creative work to previously unheard levels of invention; this abstract work allowed much greater levels of creativity.

~Zaha Hadid

I don't particularly like showing furniture on pedestals, but for whatever reasons you always have to in museums.

~Zaha Hadid

People say I design architectural icons. If I design a building and it becomes an icon, that's ok.

~Zaha Hadid

Would they call me a diva if I were a guy?

~Zaha Hadid

Education, housing and hospitals are the most important things for society.

~Zaha Hadid

I don't like the masculine style, jeans. I like issey miyake... and black dresses.

~Zaha Hadid

Too many are too obsessed by method. it becomes a dogma.

~Zaha Hadid

I will always have two regrets. I don't have a presence in London, and I would have liked to have done more work in the Middle East.

~Zaha Hadid

Being Iraqi taught me to be very cautious.

~Zaha Hadid

For a woman to go out alone into architecture is still very, very hard. It's

still a man's world.

~Zaha Hadid

Indeed, our designs become more ambitious as we see the new possibilities created by the technology of other industries.

~Zaha Hadid

You don't always have to show art in what's called a white box; you can have a kind of complexity within an exhibit which actually respects the art as well.

~Zaha Hadid

The world is looking more and more segmented, the difference between people is becoming greater.

~Zaha Hadid

All the privileged can travel, see different worlds, not everyone can. I think it is important for people to have an interesting locale nearby.

~Zaha Hadid

For many years, I hated nature. As a student, I refused to put a plant anywhere - a living plant, that is. Dead plants were OK.

~Zaha Hadid

It's very important for cities all around the world to reinvent themselves, and Glasgow is a good example of that. The Scots are very nice. I don't think they are burdened by their history.

~Zaha Hadid

It was such a depressing time. I didn't look very depressed, maybe, but it was really dire. I made a conscious decision not to stop, but it could have gone the other way.

~Zaha Hadid

No. I don't have the patience, and I'm not very tactful. People say I can be frightening.

~Zaha Hadid

Architecture is unnecessarily difficult. It's very tough.

~Zaha Hadid

The goal posts might shift, but you should have a goal.

~Zaha Hadid

Wherever I am in the world, my perfect day begins with waking up and heading to the beach or the pool or somewhere I can be semi-comatose. I just wake up and go to the sun.

~Zaha Hadid

As a woman you're not accessible to every world.

~Zaha Hadid

I am sure that as a woman I can do a very good skyscraper.

~Zaha Hadid

Different projects give you satisfaction in different ways.

~Zaha Hadid

The idea for a building or an object can come up just as quick, but there is a big difference in process.

~Zaha Hadid

I love driving around east London - it's always full of surprises. Actually, I don't drive myself - I like to be driven.

~Zaha Hadid

It would be very interesting to design objects for everyday life, something where the ideas that are expressed can be launched into

society.

~Zaha Hadid

Obviously for some people there is a big connection between music and the way you can create a space.

~Zaha Hadid

Know what it is that you are trying to find out.

~Zaha Hadid

I made a decision when I was in school that I'd have a lot of male friends.

~Zaha Hadid

People don't talk to you properly. It's the way they talk to you; they dismiss you. I think it's a combination of me being a woman and a foreigner.

~Zaha Hadid

I don't think that everybody in the planet should have a child. I've never had the desire I should have a kid.

~Zaha Hadid

One has to strive for a very open liberal society.

~Zaha Hadid

In terms of form, all the projects interest me equally, although there are obviously large differences according to the scale and process of each project.

~Zaha Hadid

The paintings have only ever been ways of exploring architecture. I don't see them as art.

~Zaha Hadid

The current state of architecture and design requires extensive collaboration and an investigative attitude and we continue to research and develop new technologies.

~Zaha Hadid

I really love Miami, but I don't think the architecture matches the city. It's a bit too commercial.

~Zaha Hadid

I am quite sensitive to politics, because you know, as an Arab, an Iraqi, all your life, you are very conscious of it.

~Zaha Hadid

I can't focus when there's too many things around. Whenever I used to go to the office, I used to always say, 'Tidy up.'

~Zaha Hadid

There are so many great galleries and museums in London, but they can be very crowded during the day.

~Zaha Hadid

When I first came to Guangzhou in 1981, it seemed such a hard and dour place with everyone in Chairman Mao uniforms.

~Zaha Hadid

I don't use the computer. I do sketches, very quickly, often more than 100 on the same formal research.

~Zaha Hadid

Half of architecture students are women, and you see respected, established female architects all the time.

~Zaha Hadid

When I taught, all my best students were women.

~Zaha Hadid

When I was growing up in Iraq, there was an unbroken belief in progress and a great sense of optimism. It was a moment of nation building.

~Zaha Hadid

The spirit of adventure to embrace the new and the incredible belief in the power of invention attracted me to the Russian avant-garde.

~Zaha Hadid

I find industrial cities exciting. I like their toughness.

~Zaha Hadid

Life in the Middle East is quite different from other places.

~Zaha Hadid

You really have to have a goal.

~Zaha Hadid

I always thought I was powerful, since I was a kid.

~Zaha Hadid

I've always been interested in combining architecture with a social agenda, and I really think you can invest and be inventive with hospitals and housing.

~Zaha Hadid

What's similar between Britain and America is the lack of good-quality civic buildings.

~Zaha Hadid

I like music. Country, hip-hop, R&B, sometimes classical.

~Zaha Hadid

It's not my duty as an architect to look at it.

~Zaha Hadid

In hospital, people should be able to have time to themselves.

~Zaha Hadid

I loved London. In the 1970s... it was very exciting, really wild.

~Zaha Hadid

My father was a politician, and a very important politician, and one of the leaders of the Iraqi Democratic Party, who believed in progress.

~Zaha Hadid

In Iraq, many of my female friends were architects and professionals with a lot of power during the 1980s while all the men were at war in Iran.

~Zaha Hadid

Some people really live and work within the same doctrine, the same diagram with the same logic.

~Zaha Hadid

They all come out from the same thing; all the projects are connected somehow.

~Zaha Hadid

With products the form is almost the finished piece, but with architecture it is not.

~Zaha Hadid

I have been interested in fashion since I was a kid. Then I lived in London, where it was more about costume and a personal statement of who you are than about fashion.

~Zaha Hadid

If I'm in london it can be different than if I'm somewhere else.

~Zaha Hadid

The conservative values that are emerging, it may not effect architecture immediately but it will effect society and that's what worries me.

~Zaha Hadid

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