

Opinions of Hollywood Celebrities

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Since we live in the Internet age, there is an abundance of information at our fingertips. There is the written word in articles, blogs, E-mail, Twitter, Facebook and the like. There is the spoken word on YouTube, podcasts and more.

Recently, several of my friends sent me a composition titled "Dear Hollywood Celebrities." The E-mail did not specify who wrote the words. If I knew who the author was, I would be happy to give him credit. Quite frankly, it may have been the work of several people.

At this time, I want to write a few words to two groups of people—Hollywood celebrities and people who put those celebrities on a pedestal.

Dear Hollywood celebrities

It is time for you Hollywood celebrities to understand some basic facts. Your main job description is to entertain people.

Some of you are beautiful.

Some of you can deliver a line with such conviction that you can ignite emotional responses in your audience. Some of you are so convincing that you can create the following responses in us.

- You can bring tears to our eyes.
- You can create suspense.
- You can scare us.
- You can make us chuckle.
- You can make us laugh uncontrollably.

But you have one thing in common—your job in this world is to entertain us. That's it. Nothing else.

You make your living pretending to be someone else. You play dress-up like a 5-year-old. Your world is make-believe. It is not real. It doesn't exist.

You live for the camera, while the rest of us live in the real world.

Therefore, I don't care where you stand on political or moral issues. Honestly, your opinion means nothing to me.

I don't care which political candidate you endorse. I don't care that you threaten to leave this country if your chosen candidate does not win. Do you really think that your threat to leave the country influences me in any way? Actually, I found those statements to be entertaining. Do you realize how foolish you sound when you make such proclamations?

I realize that you hear the applause of your producers, coworkers and many fans. But do you realize what happens when I turn off my television, shut down my computer or avoid a movie theater? You cease to exist.

Make me laugh. Make me cry. Even scare me. But realize this—in my world, you exist solely for my entertainment.

Dear Hollywood fans

When you Hollywood fans are looking for role models, I hope you can find some people who have invested time and love into your life.

Many people are blessed with caring parents. However, if your parents were not able to be your role models, there are other people who have been there for you.

Please don't be fooled into thinking that Hollywood stars are your role models. Most of them are not even saying their own words in the movies or television shows. They have memorized the words of professional writers.

In the movies or on their television shows, the actors may have been able to create an entertaining illusion. But you are not seeing who they really are.

In public interviews, the actors may appear a certain way. But they are taught how to deal with the media and with the public. They are creating a public image.

Remember, you have the freedom to choose your entertainment in this life. Please do not confuse artificial entertainment with reality.