

NOLANIZED

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Christopher Nolan is 44 years old and is most famous for his films: Inception, The Dark Knight trilogy, and the upcoming film, Interstellar. His movies always get people thinking far below the surface. For example, in The Dark Knight there are three key characters: Batman, the Joker, and Two-Face. Each are developed through dialogue and action, and each embody different views and morals on life. The Batman is a vigilante for law and order, whereas the Joker is a vigilante for chaos. In The Dark Knight, Batman says, "Then why do you want to kill me?" The Joker responds, " [giggling] I don't, I don't want to kill you! What would I do without you? Go back to ripping off mob dealers? No, no, NO! No. You... you... complete me." There cannot be justice without injustice. This is just one side of the coin. Two-Face started off as Harvey Dent, a successful district attorney of Gotham city. Two-Face was born from Dent's dismantled idealism. Harvey Dent had the idea that Gotham can be saved; he had the hope that through his hard work, he could provide a means through which the city of Gotham would no longer have to fear crime and violence. Once his dreams were shattered, he stooped lower than any other crime lord within that city.

In The Dark Knight, Batman deals with the struggle of whether or not he truly can dispense justice in a city of millions, based entirely on his own ideals of right and wrong. The Joker, on the other hand, is Batman's dark double. He doesn't just want money or power; he wants to see the world burn, and will do anything to accomplish this. The Joker cannot be corrupted: he is the personification of corruption. Batman embodies justice and the Joker embodies chaos. Justice brings to our mind images of righteousness, control, and power. Batman epitomizes justice with every facet of his being. His posture is very straight, adding to his demeanor, and his actions are controlled and concise. Even his speech never wavers too far from its original tone; whenever he is talking, though, he brings a powerful force behind those words. Batman's very costume screams order and justice. It is all one shade and is very sleek and smooth in design. When he wears his suit he seems to be indestructible.

Chaos brings different images to our mind, disorder, sporadic actions, and total mayhem. The origin of the word chaos comes from the Greek word - khaos – which means vast chasm or void. A void or vast chasm is very unpredictable; you never know what's truly there; there is no real representation of what is at the bottom of it.