

Ann Druyan Quotes

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Ten long trips around the sun since I last saw that smile, but only joy and thankfulness that on a tiny world in the vastness, for a couple of moments in the immensity of time, we were one.

~Ann Druyan

A lot of people have this ego need that makes them want to believe that Earth is the center of the universe and humans are the most important species, the supreme expression of creation.

~Ann Druyan

If you are searching for sacred knowledge and not just a palliative for your fears, then you will train yourself to be a good skeptic.

~Ann Druyan

And what greater might do we possess as human beings than our capacity to question and to learn?

~Ann Druyan

Carl did not want to believe. He wanted to know.

~Ann Druyan

We smoked the way other American families would have wine with dinner. For us, it was our sacrament. It was something that made a great life sweeter in every possible way.

~Ann Druyan

I guess I so desperately want to see us put this planet right. It's so horrifying to me that a fifth of us are starving every night, and that forty thousand children die every single day.

~Ann Druyan

Interviewer: "Didn't [Sagan] want to believe?" Druyan: "He didn't want to believe. He wanted to know.

~Ann Druyan

Carl took on the military-industrial complex. He campaigned around the world for an end to the production of weapons of mass destruction. To him it was a perversion of science.

~Ann Druyan

Science is nothing more than a neverending search for the truth.

~Ann Druyan

People think that if you are a scientist you have to give up that joy of discovery, that passion, that sense of the great romance of life. I say that's completely opposite of the truth.

~Ann Druyan

My knowledge of science came from being with Carl, not from formal academic training. Carl gave me a thrilling tutorial in science and math that lasted the 20 years we were together.

~Ann Druyan

The only gratification that science denies to us is deception.

~Ann Druyan

We batter this planet as if we had someplace else to go.

~Ann Druyan

The greatest thing that science teaches you is the law of unintended consequences.

~Ann Druyan

Science has the cold facts, but lacks religion's social organization and ability to inspire that moves people to act.

~Ann Druyan

The way he treated me & the way I treated him, the way we took care of each other & our family, while he lived. That is so much more

important than the idea I will see him someday.

~Ann Druyan

Knowing a deep thing well, which is what science asks of its practitioners, is an empowerment that is very profound. It's a liberation.

~Ann Druyan

If you have a beating heart, that's good enough.

~Ann Druyan

In the 1970s, I think that there was probably a higher degree of respect for science, of hope about the future, and the future-oriented vision.

~Ann Druyan

No single step in the pursuit of enlightenment should ever be considered sacred; only the search was.

~Ann Druyan

The Universe revealed by science is one of far more awesome grandeur than any religion has ever posited.

~Ann Druyan

All of science to me, everything that we have learned, is important to the extent that it brings us to our senses.

~Ann Druyan

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