

# Arthur C. Clarke

## Quotes

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I don't believe in astrology; I'm a Sagittarius and we're skeptical.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The only way to define your limits is by going beyond them.

~Arthur C. Clarke

One of the great tragedies of mankind is that morality has been hijacked by religion.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The greatest tragedy in mankind's entire history may be the hijacking of morality by religion.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Reading computer manuals without the hardware is as frustrating as reading sex manuals without the software.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The moon is the first milestone on the road to the stars.

~Arthur C. Clarke

I'm sure the universe is full of intelligent life. It's just been too intelligent to come here.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

~Arthur C. Clarke

There is hopeful symbolism in the fact that flags do not wave in a vacuum.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Two possibilities exist: Either we are alone in the Universe or we are not. Both are equally terrifying.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Until we get rid of religion, we won't be able to conduct the search for God.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Isn't killing people in the name of God a pretty good definition of insanity?

~Arthur C. Clarke

Civilization will reach maturity only when it learns to value diversity of character and of ideas.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The object of teaching a child is to enable the child to get along without the teacher. We need to educate our children for their future, not our past.

~Arthur C. Clarke

As our own species is in the process of proving, one cannot have superior science and inferior morals. The combination is unstable and self-destroying.

~Arthur C. Clarke

What we need is a machine that will let us see the other guy's point of view.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The limits of the possible can only be defined by going beyond them into the impossible.

~Arthur C. Clarke

We stand now at the turning point between two eras. Behind us is a past to which we can never return...

~Arthur C. Clarke

The goal of the future is full unemployment, so we can play. That's why we have to destroy the present politico-economic system.

~Arthur C. Clarke

I don't pretend we have all the answers. But the questions are certainly worth thinking about.

~Arthur C. Clarke

New ideas pass through three periods: 1) It can't be done. 2) It probably can be done, but it's not worth doing. 3) I knew it was a good idea all along!

~Arthur C. Clarke

When you finally understand the universe, it will not only be stranger than you imagine, it will be stranger than you can imagine.

~Arthur C. Clarke

How inappropriate to call this planet Earth when it is quite clearly Ocean.

~Arthur C. Clarke

You can't have it both ways. You can't have both free will and a benevolent higher power who protects you from yourself.

~Arthur C. Clarke

But please remember: this is only a work of fiction. The truth, as always, will be far stranger.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The best measure of a man's honesty isn't his income tax return. It's the zero adjust on his bathroom scale.

~Arthur C. Clarke

It has yet to be proven that intelligence has any survival value.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Sometimes I think we're alone in the universe, and sometimes I think we're not. In either case the idea is quite staggering.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Science can destroy religion by ignoring it as well as by disproving its tenets. No one ever demonstrated, so far as I am aware, the nonexistence of Zeus or Thor, but they have few followers now.

~Arthur C. Clarke

A faith that cannot survive collision with the truth is not worth many regrets.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The universe must be full of voices, calling from star to star in a myriad tongues. One day we shall join that cosmic conversation.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Getting information from the internet is like getting a glass of water from the Niagara Falls.

~Arthur C. Clarke

My favorite definition of an intellectual: 'Someone who has been educated beyond his/her intelligence'.

~Arthur C. Clarke

It may be that our role on this planet is not to worship God - but to create him.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Religion is a byproduct of fear.

~Arthur C. Clarke

If an elderly but distinguished scientist says that something is possible, he is almost certainly right; but if he says that it is impossible, he is very probably wrong.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Religion is the most malevolent of all mind viruses.

~Arthur C. Clarke

After their encounter on the approach to Jupiter, there would always be a secret bond between them---not of love, but of tenderness, which is often more enduring.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Behind every man now alive stand thirty ghosts, for that is the ratio by which the dead outnumber the living.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Now I'm a scientific expert; that means I know nothing about absolutely everything.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Only small minds are impressed by large numbers.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The future is not to be forecast, but created.

~Arthur C. Clarke

No communication technology has ever disappeared, but instead becomes increasingly less important as the technological horizon widens.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The only real problem in life is what to do next.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Science is the only religion of mankind.

~Arthur C. Clarke

It is not easy to see how the more extreme forms of nationalism can long survive when men have seen the Earth in its true perspective as a single small globe against the stars.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The more wonderful the means of communication, the more trivial, tawdry, or depressing its contents seemed to be.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Astronomy, as nothing else can do, teaches men humility.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Only feeble minds are paralyzed by facts.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The space elevator will be built about 50 years after everyone stops laughing.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Somewhere in me is a curiosity sensor. I want to know what's over the next hill. You know, people can live longer without food than without information. Without information, you'd go crazy.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Politicians should read science fiction, not westerns and detective stories.

~Arthur C. Clarke

When beauty is universal, it loses its power to move the heart, and only its absence can produce any emotional effect.

~Arthur C. Clarke

If we have learned one thing from the history of invention and discovery, it is that, in the long run-and often in the short one-the most daring prophecies seem laughably conservative.

~Arthur C. Clarke

This is the first age that's ever paid much attention to the future, which is a little ironic since we may not have one.

~Arthur C. Clarke

They had not yet attained the stupefying boredom of omnipotence; their experiments did not always succeed.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The realisation that our small planet is only one of many worlds gives mankind the perspective it needs to realise sooner that our own world belongs to all its creatures.

~Arthur C. Clarke

If children have interests, then education happens.

~Arthur C. Clarke

We over estimate technology in the short term and under estimate technology in the long term.

~Arthur C. Clarke

I have great faith in optimism as a guiding principle, if only because it offers us the opportunity of creating a self-fulfilling prophecy.

~Arthur C. Clarke

No trilogy should have more than four books.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Belief in God is apparently a psychological artifact of mammalian reproduction.



~Arthur C. Clarke

Human judges can show mercy. But against the laws of nature, there is no appeal.

~Arthur C. Clarke

I have a fantasy where Ted Turner is elected President but refuses because he doesn't want to give up power.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Excessive interest in pathological behavior was itself pathological

~Arthur C. Clarke

. . . the newspapers of Utopia, he had long ago decided, would be terribly dull.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Overhead, without any fuss, the stars were going out.

~Arthur C. Clarke

God said, 'Cancel Program GENESIS.' The universe ceased to exist.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The phenomenon of UFO doesn't say anything about the presence of intelligence in space. It just shows how rare it is here on the earth.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Anything that is theoretically possible will be achieved in practice, no matter what the technical difficulties are, if it is desired greatly enough.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Never attribute to malevolence what is merely due to incompetence

~Arthur C. Clarke

Now I understand,â€• said the last man.

~Arthur C. Clarke

When one has to ask, "Am I really in love?" the answer is always "No".

~Arthur C. Clarke

As his body became more and more defenseless, so his means of offense became steadily more frightful.

~Arthur C. Clarke

But he knew well enough that any man in the right circumstances could be dehumanised by panic.

~Arthur C. Clarke

No one of intelligence resents the inevitable.

~Arthur C. Clarke

We seldom stop to think that we are still creatures of the sea, able to leave it only because, from birth to death, we wear the water-filled space suits of our skins.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The one fact about the future of which we can be certain is that it will be utterly fantastic.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Whether we are based on carbon or on silicon makes no fundamental difference we should each be treated with appropriate respect.

~Arthur C. Clarke

At the present rate of progress, it is almost impossible to imagine any technical feat that cannot be achieved - if it can be achieved at all - within the next few hundred years.

~Arthur C. Clarke

A well-stocked mind is safe from boredom.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Death focuses the mind on the things that really matter: why are we here, and what should we do?

~Arthur C. Clarke

Perhaps, as some wit remarked, the best proof that there is Intelligent Life in Outer Space is the fact it hasn't come here. Well, it can't hide forever - one day we will overhear it.

~Arthur C. Clarke

I will not be afraid because I understand ... And understanding is happiness.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The intelligent minority of this world will mark 1 January 2001 as the real beginning of the 21st century and the Third Millennium.

~Arthur C. Clarke

All explorers are seeking something they have lost. It is seldom that they find it, and more seldom still that the attainment brings them greater happiness than the quest.

~Arthur C. Clarke

SETI is probably the most important quest of our time , and it amazes me that governments and corporations are not supporting it sufficiently.

~Arthur C. Clarke

When the Sun shrinks to a dull red dwarf, it will not be dying. It will just be starting to live and everything that has gone before will merely be a prelude to its real history.

~Arthur C. Clarke

There is a special sadness in achievement, in the knowledge that a long-desired goal has been attained at last, and that life must now be shaped toward new ends.

~Arthur C. Clarke

One theory which can no longer be taken very seriously is that UFOs are interstellar spaceships.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The person one loves never really exists, but is a projection focused through the lens of the mind onto whatever screen it fits with least distortion.

~Arthur C. Clarke

All human plans [are] subject to ruthless revision by Nature, or Fate, or whatever one preferred to call the powers behind the Universe.

~Arthur C. Clarke

I want to be remembered most as a writer - one who entertained readers, and, hopefully, stretched their imagination as well.

~Arthur C. Clarke

... chemistry is a trade for people without enough imagination to be physicists.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Few artists thrive in solitude and nothing is more stimulating than the conflict of minds with similar interests.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Moses Kaldor had always loved mountains; they made him feel nearer to the God whose nonexistence he still sometimes resented.

~Arthur C. Clarke

It was the mark of a barbarian to destroy something one could not understand.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Judge me by my deeds, though they are few, rather than my words, though they are many.

~Arthur C. Clarke

Sometimes when I'm in a bookstore or library, I am overwhelmed by all the things that I do not know. Then I am seized by a powerful desire to read all the books, one by one.

~Arthur C. Clarke

The rash assertion that "God made man in His own image" is ticking like a time bomb at the foundation of many faiths.

~Arthur C. Clarke

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