

# Brian Wilson Quotes

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I think in terms of emotions. And feelings. So sometimes what I say may not always be clear. But creatively, there's a lot to be said for that way of thinking.

~Brian Wilson

I still believe that something is right only when it feels right.

~Brian Wilson

If there's not love present, it's much, much harder to function. When there's love present, it's easier to deal with life.

~Brian Wilson

The only reason I'd ever get a sex change operation is to see what it's like to be right all the time.

~Brian Wilson

You say how you feel, and songs don't lie. Songs are the most honest form of human expression there is--there's nothing that lies about a song.

~Brian Wilson

I believe that music is God's voice.

~Brian Wilson

The idea of taking a song, envisioning the overall sound in my head and then bringing the arrangement to life in the studio...well, that gives me satisfaction like nothing else.

~Brian Wilson

Summer means happy times and good sunshine. It means going to the beach, going to Disneyland, having fun.

~Brian Wilson

I'm not a genius. I'm just a hard-working guy.

~Brian Wilson

Every now and then I hear voices in my head, but not very clear. I can't understand what they are saying. It's a mental illness. I have been diagnosed as a manic depressive.

~Brian Wilson

I listen to oldies but goodies stations, '60s and '70s music.

~Brian Wilson

Humor - it helps to make the vibe better - it loosens up the vibrations.

~Brian Wilson

I wake up in the morning and I say 'Ahh! Today's the day for a song! I'm going to write a song today!' And I do. I write a song.

~Brian Wilson

I have auditory hallucinations, I hear voices saying derogatory things, like I'm terrible and I'm going to die, and they're usually worse in the afternoon.

~Brian Wilson

Love and mercy that's what you need tonight. Love and mercy to you and your friends tonight.

~Brian Wilson

I'm happy; I'm a happy person.

~Brian Wilson

I meditate and I also think about meditation. Which is funny. I think about Maharishi, about just the idea of meditating. It gives me something.

~Brian Wilson

I have stage fright every single concert I've ever done. I have at least four or five minutes of it. It's absolute living hell.

~Brian Wilson

I'm just a shy and retreating kind of person. Sometimes I get in a real talkative mood - but not very often.

~Brian Wilson

Some people might think that sex is the highest experience you can have. I tend to think that music is.

~Brian Wilson

I consider myself to be a crusader of love. I try to spread love around the world as best I can because I know I have a handle on love.

~Brian Wilson

I think about God, yes, and I wonder if there is a God. And if there is a God, will God please help me through my hard trips.

~Brian Wilson

J.S. Bach was easily the greatest musical innovator in the history of the world. He was so advanced for his time. There's a spiritual depth to his music. You can listen to it and it's like meditation.

~Brian Wilson

Being single is like liking a Phil Spector record.

~Brian Wilson

I've never written one note or word of music simply because I think it will make money.

~Brian Wilson

I have an instinct for music, or a feeling about it, and I'll have my feelings guide my hands.

~Brian Wilson

You're called a genius by people, and then your whole life you become the part.

~Brian Wilson

I was very, very financially secure my whole life. I have been very lucky to say that.

~Brian Wilson

I can write songs, I've had songs in movies, but I can't compose film scores, you know?

~Brian Wilson

I earned my famous name.

~Brian Wilson

I get off on hearing other people's voices. I like voices: they're my favourite things on records.

~Brian Wilson

Any article's good. Long as it's publicity, I think that's all that matters. I think it's advancement for my career.

~Brian Wilson

Surfing music is dead. It was just a summer craze for kids on the beach. I'm finished with it.

~Brian Wilson

I hate those old falsettos, I really do, and it's embarrassing since I've grown up.

~Brian Wilson

So it's 1976 and we're still riding on our past success. I mean I've gone

on like that for I don't know how long.

~Brian Wilson

You know Chuck, Buddy, and Elvis paved the road  
The roots are deep inside us  
It's the rhythm in our soul.

~Brian Wilson

Chuck Norris has been known to throw a baseball 100 mph. I've been known to throw Chuck Norris 100 mph.

~Brian Wilson

You don't really know what to believe until the Government denies it.

~Brian Wilson

I wanted to emulate Bob Flanagan, the high voice in the 'Four Freshmen.' I wanted to sing high like he did.

~Brian Wilson

I always do get a little bit paranoid when I get a lot of attention. But I get used to it.

~Brian Wilson

I play piano all the time. I'm always at my piano, playing music.

~Brian Wilson

I'd earned over a million dollars by the time I was old enough to vote.

~Brian Wilson

I met Paul in 1967, Ringo in 1985, and I saw George Harrison in a nightclub somewhere in L. A. I never met John.

~Brian Wilson

I think cursing is a bunch of malarkey.

~Brian Wilson

If you're going to write a song, try to get together with a collaborator because it's better to write with collaborators.

~Brian Wilson

I like the piano - I'm always about 15 feet away from a piano.

~Brian Wilson

The Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Phil Spector. Those were my idols.

~Brian Wilson

Gershwin inspired me very much. The concept of 'That Lucky Old Sun' was inspired by 'Rhapsody in Blue' - not influenced, but inspired.

~Brian Wilson

There's nothing greater than a girl.... Well a kid, your daughter, but that's a girl too.

~Brian Wilson

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