

Clifford Stoll

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Treat your password like your toothbrush. Don't let anybody else use it, and get a new one every six months.

~Clifford Stoll

Data is not information, Information is not knowledge, Knowledge is not understanding, Understanding is not wisdom.

~Clifford Stoll

The first time you do something, it's science. The second time, it's engineering. The third time, it's just being a technician. I'm a scientist. Once I do something, I want to do something else.

~Clifford Stoll

Why is it that drug addicts and computer aficionados are both called users?

~Clifford Stoll

Data isn't information, any more than fifty tons of cement is a skyscraper.

~Clifford Stoll

I spend almost as much time figuring out what's wrong with my computer as I do actually using it.

~Clifford Stoll

The Internet is a perfect diversion from learning... it opens many doors that lead to empty rooms.

~Clifford Stoll

Minds think with ideas, not information No amount of data, bandwidth, or processing power can substitute for inspired thought.

~Clifford Stoll

The Internet is a telephone system that's gotten uppity.

~Clifford Stoll

We'll soon buy books and newspapers straight over the Internet. Uh, sure.

~Clifford Stoll

Computers in classrooms are the filmstrips of the 1990s.

~Clifford Stoll

If we built houses the way we build software, the first woodpecker to come along would destroy civilization.

~Clifford Stoll

Electronic communication is an instantaneous and illusory contact that creates a sense of intimacy without the emotional investment that leads to close friendships.

~Clifford Stoll

Spending an evening on the World Wide Web is much like sitting down to a dinner of Cheetos, two hours later your fingers are yellow and you're no longer hungry, but you haven't been nourished.

~Clifford Stoll

What's society going to be like when the kids today are phenomenally good at text messaging and spend a huge amount of on-screen time, but have never gone bowling together?

~Clifford Stoll

While I admire the insights of many of the people in the world of computing, I get this cold feeling that I speak a different language.

~Clifford Stoll

A box of crayons and a big sheet of paper provides a more expressive medium for kids than computerized paint programs.

~Clifford Stoll

Rather than bringing me closer to others, the time that I spend online isolates me from the most important people in my life, my family, my friends, my neighbourhood, my community.

~Clifford Stoll

There is a difference between having access to information and having the savvy it takes to interpret it.

~Clifford Stoll

It's easier to apologize afterwards than getting something allowed in the first place.

~Clifford Stoll

If you don't have an e-mail address, you're in the Netherworld. If you don't have your own World Wide Web page, you're a nobody.

~Clifford Stoll

The Internet has no such organization - files are made available at random locations. To search through this chaos, we need smart tools, programs that find resources for us.

~Clifford Stoll

The truth is no online database will replace your daily newspaper, no CD-ROM can take the place of a competent teacher and no computer network will change the way government works.

~Clifford Stoll

Merely that I have a World Wide Web page does not give me any power, any abilities, nor any status in the real world.

~Clifford Stoll

It's a great medium for trivia and hobbies, but not the place for

reasoned, reflective judgment. Surprisingly often, discussions degenerate into acrimony, insults and flames.

~Clifford Stoll

When I'm online, I'm alone in a room, tapping on a keyboard, staring at a cathode-ray tube.

~Clifford Stoll

Computers force us into creating with our minds and prevent us from making things with our hands. They dull the skills we use in everyday life.

~Clifford Stoll

No computer network with pretty graphics can ever replace the salespeople that make our society work.

~Clifford Stoll

Call me a troglodyte; I'd rather peruse those photos alongside my sweetheart, catch the newspaper on the way to work, and page thorough a real book.

~Clifford Stoll

Anyone can post messages to the net. Practically everyone does. The resulting cacophony drowns out serious discussion.

~Clifford Stoll

As the networks evolve, so do my opinions toward them, and my divergent feelings bring out conflicting points of view. In advance, I apologize to those who expect a consistent position from me.

~Clifford Stoll

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