

# Daniel Quinn

## Quotes

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If the world is saved, it will not be saved by old minds with new programs but by new minds with no programs at all.

~Daniel Quinn

Indigenous people believe that Man belongs to the World; civilized people believe that the World belongs to Man.

~Daniel Quinn

If you can't discover what's keeping you in, the will to get out soon becomes confused and ineffectual - "Ishmael

~Daniel Quinn

The premise of the Taker story is 'the world belongs to man'. The premise of the Leaver story is 'man belongs to the world'.

~Daniel Quinn

The world of the Takers is one vast prison, and except for a handful of Leavers scattered across the world, the entire human race is now inside that prison.

~Daniel Quinn

Don't try to drive the homeless into places we find suitable. Help them survive in places they find suitable.

~Daniel Quinn

There is no one right way to live.

~Daniel Quinn

[A]ny species that exempts itself from the rules of competition ends up destroying the community in order to support its own expansion.

~Daniel Quinn

Don't wait. Where do you expect to get by waiting? Doing is what teaches you. Doing is what leads to inspiration. Doing is what

generates ideas. Nothing else, and nothing less.

~Daniel Quinn

No one species shall make the life of the world its own.' â€” That's one expression of the law. Here's another: 'The world was not made for any one species.

~Daniel Quinn

The world must live. We are only one species among billions. The gods don't love us any more than they love spiders or bears or whales or water lilies.

~Daniel Quinn

TEACHER seeks pupil. Must have an earnest desire to save the world. Apply in person.

~Daniel Quinn

Increasing food production to feed an increased population results in yet another increase in population.

~Daniel Quinn

From infancy onward, children are the most fantastic learners in the world.

~Daniel Quinn

You know how to split atoms, how to send explorers to the moon, how to splice genes, but you don't know how people ought to live.

~Daniel Quinn

Blessed are those who do whatever they can wherever they are, for no one is devoid of resources or opportunities.

~Daniel Quinn

What is crucial to your survival as a race is not the redistribution of

power and wealth within the prison but rather the destruction of the prison itself.

~Daniel Quinn

And in spite of all the mastery we've attained, we don't have enough mastery to stop devastating the world, or to repair the devastation we've already wrought.

~Daniel Quinn

We're not destroying the world because we're clumsy. We're destroying the world because we are, in a very literal and deliberate way, at war with it.

~Daniel Quinn

You shouldn't have to settle for rabbits if what you want is deer

~Daniel Quinn

Many of the biggest and most far-reaching investments we make in our lives are investments that have little or nothing to do with money.

~Daniel Quinn

five severed fingers do not make a hand

~Daniel Quinn

All paths lie together in the hand of god like a web endlessly woven, and yours and mine are no greater or less than the beetle's or the squirrel's or the sparrow's. All are held together.

~Daniel Quinn

I have amazing news for you. Man is not alone on this planet. He is part of a community, upon which he depends absolutely.

~Daniel Quinn

Children don't need learning. They need access to what they want to

learn outside the home.

~Daniel Quinn

We are all captives of a story.

~Daniel Quinn

The obvious can sometimes be illuminating when perceived in an unhabitual way.

~Daniel Quinn

Pity is always twinged with disgust.

~Daniel Quinn

The world is not going to survive very much longer as humanity's captive.

~Daniel Quinn

Our lifestyle is evolutionarily unstable--and is therefore in the process of eliminating itself in the perfectly ordinary way.

~Daniel Quinn

There are indeed times when one should TRUST blindly, just as there are times when one should not. WISDOM consists in being able to tell one from the other.

~Daniel Quinn

But why? Why do you need prophets to tell you how you ought to live? Why do you need anyone to tell you how you ought to live

~Daniel Quinn

Yes,I'm afraid you're right. Trial and error isn't a bad way to learn how to build an aircraft,but it can be a disastrous way to learn how to build a civilization.

~Daniel Quinn

Animists are not so much people with a religion as people with a fundamentally religious way of looking at things.

~Daniel Quinn

There are times when having too much to say can be as dumbfounding as having too little.

~Daniel Quinn

We need schools to force kids to learn things they have no use for.

~Daniel Quinn

Courage is the virtue of the free.

~Daniel Quinn

We're straying from the path of salvation because we remember that we once belonged to the world and were content in that belonging.

~Daniel Quinn

The sign stopped me-- or rather, this text stopped me. Words are my profession; I seized these and demanded that they explain themselves, that they cease to be ambiguous.

~Daniel Quinn

No story is devoid of meaning ... If you know how to look for it.

~Daniel Quinn

Imagine that the gods have a care for everything that lives in the community of life on earth.

~Daniel Quinn

What's normal is for things to work. What's not normal is for things to fail.

~Daniel Quinn

In fact, of course, there is no secret knowledge; no one knows anything that can't be found on a shelf in the public library.

~Daniel Quinn

Wow, just imagine missing school on the day when they were learning blue. You'd spend the rest of your life wondering what color the sky is.

~Daniel Quinn

Our schools are much like our prisons: they disappoint us because they only do what they're designed to do, and it annoys us that they don't do something else!

~Daniel Quinn

The journey itself is going to change you, so you don't have to worry about memorizing the route we took to accomplish that change.

~Daniel Quinn

If the world was made for us, then it BELONGS to us and we can do what we damn well please with it.

~Daniel Quinn

The world was not made for any one species.

~Daniel Quinn

With man gone, will there be hope for gorilla?

~Daniel Quinn

You never actually know how you're going to handle a problem until you actually have it.

~Daniel Quinn

Lies are like sleeping pills. You should only use them when you absolutely have to. They spoil everything if you make a habit of them.

~Daniel Quinn

May the forests be with you and with your children.

~Daniel Quinn

And every time the Takers stamp out a Leaver culture, a wisdom ultimately tested since the birth of mankind disappears from the world beyond recall.

~Daniel Quinn

The world is not in any sense in danger from itself. The world is in fact not in any danger at all. It is we who are in danger.

~Daniel Quinn



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