

David Attenborough Quotes

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No one will protect what they don't care about, and no one will care about what they have never experienced.

~David Attenborough

The truth is: the natural world is changing. And we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it.

~David Attenborough

Instead of controlling the environment for the benefit of the population, perhaps we should control the population to ensure the survival of our environment

~David Attenborough

What humans do over the next 50 years will determine the fate of all life on the planet.

~David Attenborough

Anyone who believes in indefinite growth on a physically finite planet is either mad or an economist

~David Attenborough

The World is full of wonders, but they become more Wonderful, not less Wonderful when Science looks at them.

~David Attenborough

The question is, are we happy to suppose that our grandchildren may never be able to see an elephant except in a picture book?

~David Attenborough

How could I look my grandchildren in the eye and say I knew what was happening to the world and did nothing.

~David Attenborough

Bringing nature into the classroom can kindle a fascination and passion for the diversity of life on earth and can motivate a sense of responsibility to safeguard it.

~David Attenborough

I just wish the world was twice as big and half of it was still unexplored.

~David Attenborough

People must feel that the natural world is important and valuable and beautiful and wonderful and an amazement and a pleasure.

~David Attenborough

An understanding of the natural world and what's in it is a source of not only a great curiosity but great fulfillment...

~David Attenborough

If we [humans] disappeared overnight, the world would probably be better off.

~David Attenborough

I'm no longer sceptical. I no longer have any doubt at all. I think climate change is the major challenge facing the world.

~David Attenborough

We can now destroy or we can cherish-the choice is ours.

~David Attenborough

Everyone likes birds. What wild creature is more accessible to our eyes and ears, as close to us and everyone in the world, as universal as a bird?

~David Attenborough

I don't approve of sunbathing, and it's bad for you.

~David Attenborough

The only way to save a rhinoceros is to save the environment in which it lives, because there's a mutual dependency between it and millions of other species of both animals and plants.

~David Attenborough

You can only get really unpopular decisions through if the electorate is convinced of the value of the environment. That's what natural history programmes should be for.

~David Attenborough

I'm not over-fond of animals. I am merely astounded by them.

~David Attenborough

I'm against this huge globalisation on the basis of economic advantage.

~David Attenborough

There are some four million different kinds of animals and plants in the world. Four million different solutions to the problems of staying alive.

~David Attenborough

Life is not all high emotion. Some of the most interesting things are when its not highly emotional: little details of relationships and body language.

~David Attenborough

I suppose happiness is something one enjoys, but I suspect that happiness is not a state but rather a transition.

~David Attenborough

People are not going to care about animal conservation unless they think that animals are worthwhile.

~David Attenborough

In the Baboon community, it is not how strong you are that is important, but who you know that counts

~David Attenborough

The correct scientific response to something that is not understood must always be to look harder for the explanation, not give up and assume a supernatural cause.

~David Attenborough

Getting to places like Bangkok or Singapore was a hell of a sweat. But when you got there it was the back of beyond. It was just a series of small tin sheds.

~David Attenborough

Being in touch with the natural world is crucial.

~David Attenborough

Clearly we could devastate the world... as far as we know, the Earth is the only place in the universe where there is life. Its continued survival now rests in our hands

~David Attenborough

Well, I'm having a good time. Which makes me feel guilty too. How very English.

~David Attenborough

Anyone who thinks that you can have infinite growth on a planet with finite resources is either a madman or an economist.

~David Attenborough

Nothing in the natural world makes sense - except when seen in the light of evolution

~David Attenborough

Many individuals are doing what they can. But real success can only come if there is a change in our societies and in our economics and in our politics.

~David Attenborough

I believe the Abominable Snowman may be real. I think there may be something in that.

~David Attenborough

Birds are the most popular group in the animal kingdom. We feed them and tame them and think we know them. And yet they inhabit a world which is really rather mysterious.

~David Attenborough

It is that range of biodiversity that we must care for - the whole thing - rather than just one or two stars.

~David Attenborough

You know, it is a terrible thing to appear on television, because people think that you actually know what you're talking about.

~David Attenborough

Its about cherishing the woodland at the bottom of your garden or the stream that runs through it. It affects every aspect of life.

~David Attenborough

I'm swanning round the world looking at the most fabulously interesting things. Such good fortune.

~David Attenborough

I often get letters, quite frequently, from people who say how they like the programmes a lot, but I never give credit to the almighty power that created nature.

~David Attenborough

If I can bicycle, I bicycle.

~David Attenborough

Until humanity manages to sort itself out and get a co-ordinated view about the planet, it's going to get worse and worse.

~David Attenborough

I would love to see a giant squid. Very few people have seen them. And only about half a dozen people have seen one alive.

~David Attenborough

I don't run a car, have never run a car. I could say that this is because I have this extremely tender environmentalist conscience, but the fact is I hate driving.

~David Attenborough

All life is related. And it enables us to construct with confidence the complex tree that represents the history of life

~David Attenborough

I'm not an animal lover if that means you think things are nice if you can pat them, but I am intoxicated by animals.

~David Attenborough

I think we're lucky to be living when we are, because things are going to get worse.

~David Attenborough

I have no doubt that the fundamental problem the planet faces is the enormous increase in the human population

~David Attenborough

If you watch animals objectively for any length of time, you're driven to the conclusion that their main aim in life is to pass on their genes to the

next generation.

~David Attenborough

I suffer much less than many of my colleagues. I am perfectly able to go to Australia and film within three hours of arrival.

~David Attenborough

What I am interested in with birds, just as I am with spiders or monkeys, is what they do and why they do it.

~David Attenborough

Birds are the most accomplished aeronauts the world has ever seen. They fly high and low, at great speed, and very slowly. And always with extraordinary precision and control.

~David Attenborough

There is no question that climate change is happening; the only arguable point is what part humans are playing in it.

~David Attenborough

I suspect that happiness is not a state but rather a transition.

~David Attenborough

The fundamental issue is the moral issue.

~David Attenborough

Humanity is facing a very big, slow, long, drawn-out threat, and that is to do with the way the weather is changing and the size of the population.

~David Attenborough

Trade is a proper and decent relationship, with dignity and respect on both sides.

~David Attenborough

Can a growing human population still leave space for wildlife?

~David Attenborough

I think a major element of jetlag is psychological. Nobody ever tells me what time it is at home.

~David Attenborough

I've been to Nepal, but I'd like to go to Tibet. It must be a wonderful place to go. I don't think there's anything there, but it would be a nice place to visit.

~David Attenborough

Television of course actually started in Britain in 1936, and it was a monopoly, and there was only one broadcaster and it operated on a license which is not the same as a government grant.

~David Attenborough

I like animals. I like natural history. The travel bit is not the important bit. The travel bit is what you have to do in order to go and look at animals.

~David Attenborough

The notion of ever more old people needing ever more young people, who will in turn grow old and need even more young people, and so on ad infinitum, is an obvious ecological Ponzi scheme.

~David Attenborough

Fundamentally not to waste energy. If we were all to reduce our demands for energy, it would make an enormous amount of difference.

~David Attenborough

All our environmental problems become easier to solve with fewer people and harder - and ultimately impossible to solve - with ever more people.

~David Attenborough

It was regarded as a responsibility of the BBC to provide programs which have a broad spectrum of interest, and if there was a hole in that spectrum, then the BBC would fill it.

~David Attenborough

When I was a boy in the 1930s, the carbon dioxide level was still below 300 parts per million. This year, it reached 382, the highest figure for hundreds of thousands of years.

~David Attenborough

It is curiosity, quite right-a divine curiosity. A characteristic of the gods is curiosity.

~David Attenborough

All the modern devices we have enable us to investigate things and have enabled us to do better.

~David Attenborough

Before the BBC, I joined the Navy in order to travel.

~David Attenborough

One in eight plant species face extinction.

~David Attenborough

Nature isn't positive in that way. It doesn't aim itself at you. It's not being unkind to you.

~David Attenborough

That people will object very much to seeing a predator killing its prey, and yet, in the news, will accept showing shots of people shooting one another.

~David Attenborough

It's a moral question about whether we have the right to exterminate

species.

~David Attenborough

Natural history is not about producing fables.

~David Attenborough

Crying wolf is a real danger.

~David Attenborough

The nature of human beings is that they'd far rather face the disaster that is happening tonight than the one that is happening tomorrow.

~David Attenborough

It never really occurred to me to believe in God.

~David Attenborough

We can now manipulate images to such an extraordinary extent that there's no lie you cannot tell.

~David Attenborough

Since when has Finland been a rotten place to live in?

~David Attenborough

Now, I find that very difficult to reconcile with notions about a merciful God.

~David Attenborough

You'll find people where their conditions aren't changing in any way, its rather rare for them to be happy.

~David Attenborough

I think the most alarming animals I have encountered are really poisonous snakes.

~David Attenborough

The process of making natural history films is to try to prevent the animal knowing you are there, so you get glimpses of a non-human world, and that is a transporting thing.

~David Attenborough

No, not a feminist. I'm a humanist. I'm neither one side nor the other.

~David Attenborough

You have to steer a course between not appalling people, but at the same time not misleading them.

~David Attenborough

I'm not a propagandist, I'm not a polemicist; my primary interest is just looking at and trying to understand how animals work.

~David Attenborough

The climate, the economic situation, rising birth rates; none of these things give me a lot of hope or reason to be optimistic.

~David Attenborough

If I can make programmes when I'm 95, that would be fine. But I would think I'll have had enough by then.

~David Attenborough

The idea that the Lord had given us a present, that the world is a gift from God... well, the amount of stuff, back then, that the Lord was giving away was limited. We do not have dominion.

~David Attenborough

I've been bitten by a python. Not a very big one. I was being silly, saying: 'Oh, it's not poisonous' Then, wallop! But you have fear around animals.

~David Attenborough

Terrorism is an immediate problem that people are very concerned about, and I am as concerned about that as anyone else. But it isn't an either or situation.

~David Attenborough

All we can hope for is that the thing is going to slowly and imperceptibly shift. All I can say is that 50 years ago there were no such thing as environmental policies.

~David Attenborough

I am an ardent recycler. I would like to think that it works. I don't know whether it does or not.

~David Attenborough

It is vital that there is a narrator figure whom people believe. That's why I never do commercials. If I started saying that margarine was the same as motherhood, people would think I was a liar.

~David Attenborough

There are perfectly good independent small nations.

~David Attenborough

I'm luckier than my grandfather, who didn't move more than five miles from the village in which he was born.

~David Attenborough

The reverse side of the coin in having this extraordinary ability to go anywhere, is that no one anywhere is remote any more.

~David Attenborough

The more you go on, the less you need people standing between you and the animal and the camera waving their arms about.

~David Attenborough

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