

David Suzuki

Quotes

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Unless we are willing to encourage our children to reconnect with and appreciate the natural world, we can't expect them to help protect and care for it.

~David Suzuki

If all humans disappeared today ,the earth would start improving tomorrow.If all the ants disappeared today ,the earth would start dying tomorrow.

~David Suzuki

Change is never easy, and it often creates discord, but when people come together for the good of humanity and the Earth, we can accomplish great things.

~David Suzuki

If one day I look out from my cabin's porch and see a row of windmills spinning in the distance, I won't curse them. I will praise them. It will mean we are finally getting somewhere.

~David Suzuki

If we pollute the air, water and soil that keep us alive and well, and destroy the biodiversity that allows natural systems to function, no amount of money will save us.

~David Suzuki

In nature there is no such thing as waste. In nature nothing is wasted; everything is recycled.

~David Suzuki

How you imagine the world determines how you live in it.

~David Suzuki

Education has failed in a very serious way to convey the most important lesson science can teach: skepticism.

~David Suzuki

If we want to move towards a low-polluting, sustainable society, we need to get consumers to think about their purchases.

~David Suzuki

A baby nursing at a mother's breast... is an undeniable affirmation of our rootedness in nature.

~David Suzuki

Debating the best way to do something we shouldn't be doing in the first place is a sure way to end up in the wrong place.

~David Suzuki

There is a gyre of discarded floating plastic the size of the continental USA in the ocean. In it, plastic trash outweighs plankton 40 to 1.

~David Suzuki

The environment is so fundamental to our continued existence that it must transcend politics and become a central value of all members of society.

~David Suzuki

Aboriginal people are key because they have a different sense of where we belong and how we interact with nature.

~David Suzuki

The one thing I feel is very hopeful, however, is the overwhelming participation of women in the movement for change.

~David Suzuki

One of the joys of being a grandparent is getting to see the world again through the eyes of a child.

~David Suzuki

What permaculturists are doing is the most important activity that any group is doing on the planet.

~David Suzuki

If we humans are good at anything, it's thinking we've got a terrific idea and going for it without acknowledging the potential consequences or our own ignorance.

~David Suzuki

Conventional economics is a form of brain damage. Economics is so fundamentally disconnected from the real world, it is destructive.

~David Suzuki

The truth is, as most of us know, that global warming is real and humans are major contributors, mainly because we wastefully burn fossil fuels.

~David Suzuki

Our personal consumer choices have ecological, social, and spiritual consequences. It is time to re-examine some of our deeply held notions that underlie our lifestyles.

~David Suzuki

We're in a giant car heading towards a brick wall and everyone's arguing over where they're going to sit.

~David Suzuki

Water is our most precious resource, but we waste it, just as we waste other resources, including oil and gas.

~David Suzuki

Rapid population growth and technological innovation, combined with our lack of understanding about how the natural systems of which we are a part work, have created a mess.

~David Suzuki

I can't imagine anything more important than air, water, soil, energy and biodiversity. These are the things that keep us alive.

~David Suzuki

Each of us now has 2.27 kg (5 lbs) of plastic embedded in our bodies.

~David Suzuki

Any politician or scientist who tells you these [GMO] products are safe is either very stupid or lying.

~David Suzuki

We must reinvent a future free of blinders so that we can choose from real options.

~David Suzuki

Treaties, agreements and organizations to help settle disputes may be necessary, but they often favor the interests of business over citizens.

~David Suzuki

Protecting the biosphere should be our highest priority or else we sicken and die.

~David Suzuki

All those hours exploring the great outdoors made me more resilient and confident.

~David Suzuki

If Canada, one of the richest nations in the world, can't meet Kyoto targets, why should China or India give any considerations for meeting the targets?

~David Suzuki

The human brain now holds the key to our future. We have to recall the image of the planet from outer space: a single entity in which air, water, and continents are interconnected. That is our home.

~David Suzuki

Beyond reducing individual use, one of our top priorities must be to move from fossil fuels to energy that has fewer detrimental effects on water supplies and fewer environmental impacts overall.

~David Suzuki

We humans have become dependent on plastic for a range of uses, from packaging to products. Reducing our use of plastic bags is an easy place to start getting our addiction under control.

~David Suzuki

You are what you do, not what you say.

~David Suzuki

Humans are now the most numerous mammal on the planet. There are more humans than rats or mice. Humans have a huge ecological footprint, magnified by their technology.

~David Suzuki

The event of creation did not take place so many eons ago, astronomically or biologically speaking. Creation is taking place every moment of our lives.

~David Suzuki

When I was a kid, being outside was the norm. Rain or shine, our parents would tell us to get out of the house.

~David Suzuki

Scientists have been warning about global warming for decades. It's too late to stop it now, but we can lessen its severity and impacts.

~David Suzuki

It is not too late to take another path.

~David Suzuki

For the sake of our health, our children and grandchildren and even our economic well-being, we must make protecting the planet our top priority.

~David Suzuki

Just as human activity is upsetting Earth's carbon cycle, our actions are altering the water cycle.

~David Suzuki

It's time we stopped ignoring the environment. Let's not let another election go by without making this a high priority.

~David Suzuki

Other things, like capitalism, free enterprise, the economy, currency, the market, are not forces of nature, we invented them. They are not immutable and we can change them.

~David Suzuki

Outright bans on plastic bags may not be the best solution, but education and incentives to get people to stop using them are necessary.

~David Suzuki

The voluntary approach to corporate social responsibility has failed in many cases.

~David Suzuki

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Hydraulic fracturing requires massive amounts of water. Disposing of the toxic wastewater, as well as accidental spills, can contaminate drinking water and harm human health.

~David Suzuki

For the first time since life appeared on earth, one species- us- is single-handedly altering the physical, chemical and biological nature of earth. We have become a force of nature

~David Suzuki

Our choices at all levels-individual, community, corporate and government-affect nature. And they affect us.

~David Suzuki

If America wants to retain its position as a global power, its president must listen to the people and show strong leadership at this turning point in human history.

~David Suzuki

Plastic bags are bad and for the most part unnecessary.

~David Suzuki

We have much to learn by studying nature and taking the time to tease out its secrets.

~David Suzuki

Feeding our energy appetite is top of mind for many people these days.

~David Suzuki

In the environmental movement, every time you lose a battle it's for good, but our victories always seem to be temporary and we keep fighting them over and over again.

~David Suzuki

We are playing Russian roulette with features of the planet's atmosphere that will profoundly impact generations to come. How long are we willing to gamble?

~David Suzuki

More than a billion people lack adequate access to clean water.

~David Suzuki

There are some things in the world we can't change.

~David Suzuki

Fukushima is the most terrifying situation I can imagine.

~David Suzuki

Pearl Harbor was the defining event in my life. It shaped who I am, and all of my hang-ups and my drives, I think, stem from that.

~David Suzuki

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From year to year, environmental changes are incremental and often barely register in our lives, but from evolutionary or geological perspectives, what is happening is explosive change.

~David Suzuki

Our identity includes our natural world, how we move through it, how we interact with it and how it sustains us.

~David Suzuki

Our planet has not seen an extinction crisis as serious as the one in progress for 65 million years.

~David Suzuki

The failure of world leaders to act on the critical issue of global warming is often blamed on economic considerations.

~David Suzuki

Many scientists and economists also say putting a price on carbon through carbon taxes and/or cap-and-trade is necessary.

~David Suzuki

Humanity is facing a challenge unlike any we've ever had to confront. We are in an unprecedented period of change.

~David Suzuki

Global trade has advantages. For starters, it allows those of us who live through winter to eat fresh produce year-round. And it provides economic benefits to farmers who grow that food.

~David Suzuki

Even meeting Kyoto targets barely makes a dent in what we have to achieve.

~David Suzuki

What about our children and grandchildren and their children and grandchildren? Do we not want them to live healthy and happy lives?

~David Suzuki

Most North Americans know that human-caused global warming is real, even if political leaders don't always reflect or act on that knowledge.

~David Suzuki

Perhaps the whole world is actually a banquet, to which every living thing is invited. First you come as guests: then eventually you're on the menu.

~David Suzuki

So now the challenge is to imagine a different world where our wealth is in human relations and the things we do together, and we learn to live in balance with the rest of nature.

~David Suzuki

A book is like a single tree in a forest, in that it exists in conjunction with and because of a great many others around it.

~David Suzuki

With an estimated population of nine billion people by 2050, we cannot continue to consume resources at the same rate and maintain our quality of life.

~David Suzuki

We have altered the physical, chemical and biological properties of the planet on a geological scale. We have left no part of the globe untouched.

~David Suzuki

Although they [light and medium trucks] have only 5% of the transportation market..., they account for fully 35% of greenhouse gas emissions from freight transportation.

~David Suzuki

More than any other time in history, the 1990s will be a turning point for human civilization.

~David Suzuki

Birds are, especially canaries, are super sensitive to hydrogen sulfide and sour gas.

~David Suzuki

Over and over, we hear politicians say they can't spend our tax dollars on environmental protection when the economy is so fragile.

~David Suzuki

Because countries often have differing political and economic systems, agreements are needed to protect those invested in trade.

~David Suzuki

My earliest memory from childhood is of fishing with my father. And I remember vividly we were in a store, and we were buying a pup tent to go on our first camping trip.

~David Suzuki

Love is the force that makes us fully human.

~David Suzuki

I see a world in the future in which we understand that all life is related to us and we treat that life with great humility and respect.

~David Suzuki

Ultimately we need to recognize that while humans continue to build urban landscapes, we share these spaces with others species.

~David Suzuki

Each of us has the ability to act powerfully for change; together we can restore that ancient and sustaining harmony.

~David Suzuki

Faced with the evidence, many deniers have started to admit that global warming is real, but argue that humans have little or nothing to do with it.

~David Suzuki

The current economic system is fundamentally flawed and inevitably destructive.

~David Suzuki

As parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts we need to start getting out into nature with the young people in our lives. Families play a key role in getting kids outside.

~David Suzuki

Canada, more than any nation, will be affected by rising sea levels from global warming.

~David Suzuki

Come on Canada, it's time to kick our bad habits and get into shape!

~David Suzuki

Each time I visit Japan, I am reminded of how Canadian I am and how little racial connection matters.

~David Suzuki

But human borders mean nothing to air, water, windblown soil or seeds or migrating fish, birds or mammals.

~David Suzuki

If we continue to set human borders and the economy as our highest priorities, we will never come to grips with the destructiveness of our activities and institutions.

~David Suzuki

Many instances of persecution and killing have occurred in countries with atrocious human rights records such as Sri Lanka, Guatemala and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

~David Suzuki

We all live downstream

~David Suzuki

We now have access to so much information that we can find support

for any prejudice or opinion.

~David Suzuki

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