

Dean Kamen Quotes

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My biggest worry is I'm running out of time and energy. Thirty years ago I thought 10 years was a really long time.

~Dean Kamen

A patent, or invention, is any assemblage of technologies or ideas that you can put together that nobody put together that way before. That's how the patent office defines it. That's an invention

~Dean Kamen

An innovation is one of those things that society looks at and says, if we make this part of the way we live and work, it will change the way we live and work.

~Dean Kamen

Most of the time you will fail, but you will also occasionally succeed. Those occasional successes make all the hard work and sacrifice worthwhile.

~Dean Kamen

Life is so short. Why waste a single day of it doing something that doesn't matter, that doesn't try to do something big?

~Dean Kamen

I do not want to waste any time. And if you are not working on important things, you are wasting time.

~Dean Kamen

It's not what you do - it's what you are becoming.

~Dean Kamen

I don't work on a project unless I believe that it will dramatically improve life for a bunch of people.

~Dean Kamen

The city needs a car like a fish needs a bicycle.

~Dean Kamen

Inspiration comes from the heart. The letter 'I' is the heart of F I R S T (F Inspiration R S T).

~Dean Kamen

More than ever, the world needs good engineers. However, the pool of talent is shrinking not growing.

~Dean Kamen

I think an education is not only important, it is the most important thing you can do with your life.

~Dean Kamen

What really makes it an invention is that someone decides not to change the solution to a known problem, but to change the question.

~Dean Kamen

You have teenagers thinking they're going to make millions as NBA stars when that's not realistic for even 1 percent of them. Becoming a scientist or engineer is.

~Dean Kamen

Everybody has to be able to participate in a future that they want to live for. That's what technology can do.

~Dean Kamen

Innovation needs to be nurtured throughout an organization. Management is doing things right, whereas leadership is doing the right things.

~Dean Kamen

Kids are intimidated by the way science and technology is presented.

It's made, frankly, quite boring and it becomes part of a curriculum that chases particularly women and minorities away.

~Dean Kamen

If history is any indication, all truths will eventually turn out to be false.

~Dean Kamen

We are in a race between knowledge and catastrophe. If we keep track of what is important, never lower our standards or forget why we are here, we have the ability to determine the fate of the world.

~Dean Kamen

Sometimes we crash and burn. It's better to do it in private.

~Dean Kamen

Some broad themes brought me where I am today. At a very young age, my hobby became thinking and finding connections.

~Dean Kamen

I don't want to think about how many people have thought or still think that I'm crazy.

~Dean Kamen

New ideas in technology are literally a dime-a-dozen, or cheaper than that

~Dean Kamen

In a free society, you get what you celebrate.

~Dean Kamen

Americans thinking that America will continue to lead the world in innovation and quality of life without some quick and serious educational improvements are dangerously delusional.

~Dean Kamen

Nothing that has value, real value, has no cost. Not freedom, not food, not shelter, not healthcare.

~Dean Kamen

I'm a human entropy producer.

~Dean Kamen

I'd rather lose my own money than someone else's.

~Dean Kamen

I consider high-speed data transmission an invention that became a major innovation. It changed the way we all communicate

~Dean Kamen

Whatever the marketplace, if talented people are given resources, they're going to keep driving us to having better, simpler, cheaper solutions to problems.

~Dean Kamen

If you're going to fail, you might as well fail at the big ones.

~Dean Kamen

In some cases, inventions prohibit innovation because we're so caught up in playing with the technology, we forget about the fact that it was supposed to be important.

~Dean Kamen

There is just so much stuff in the world that, to me, is devoid of any real substance, value, and content that I just try to make sure that I am working on things that matter.

~Dean Kamen

I think we have a society which is spending more and more of its money on healthcare as a percent of GDP as a percent of a lot of

things. I think that's a measure of success.

~Dean Kamen

We live in a world where virtually everybody expects there's going to be some reasonable therapy for virtually any situation.

~Dean Kamen

To me, innovations are the wheel, fire, language, movable type. There are not 3 million innovations; there are 3 million inventions

~Dean Kamen

I started realizing that I wasn't so dumb; rather, most people simply didn't know the answers to the questions that I was interested in-or they didn't care

~Dean Kamen

My biggest failure is I have too many to talk about.

~Dean Kamen

Segway will be to the car what the car was to the horse and buggy.

~Dean Kamen

[Chuck's wife] was standing behind me at the time and she said, 'Chuck hasn't fed himself in 19 years. So, you've got a choice: We keep the arm, or you keep Chuck.'

~Dean Kamen

We cant live any more in a world which is based on stuff and not ideas. If you want to live with the world of stuff, were all doomed.

~Dean Kamen

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