

# Edmund Hillary

## Quotes

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It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves.

~Edmund Hillary

I will come again & conquer you because as a mountain you can't grow, but as a human, I can

~Edmund Hillary

People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things.

~Edmund Hillary

With practice and focus, you can extend yourself far more than you ever believed possible.

~Edmund Hillary

Mount Everest, you beat me the first time, but I'll beat you the next time because you've grown all you are going to grow... but I'm still growing!

~Edmund Hillary

You don't have to be a hero to accomplish great things---to compete. You can just be an ordinary chap, sufficiently motivated to reach challenging goals.

~Edmund Hillary

Human life is far more important than just getting to the top of a mountain.

~Edmund Hillary

Life's a bit like mountaineering - never look down.

~Edmund Hillary

I think it all comes down to motivation. If you really want to do something, you will work hard for it.

~Edmund Hillary

Motivation is the single most important factor in any sort of success.

~Edmund Hillary

I have discovered that even the mediocre can have adventures and even the fearful can achieve.

~Edmund Hillary

There is precious little in civilization to appeal to a yeti.

~Edmund Hillary

Challenge is what makes men. It will be the end when men stop looking for new challenges.

~Edmund Hillary

Nothing can replace courage, a resounding motivation and that little bit of luck.

~Edmund Hillary

The Sherpas play a very important role in most mountaineering expeditions, and in fact many of them lead along the ridges and up to the summit.

~Edmund Hillary

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No one remembers who climbed Mount Everest the second time.

~Edmund Hillary

I think the really good mountaineer is the man with the technical ability of the professional and with the enthusiasm and freshness of approach of the amateur.

~Edmund Hillary

Environmental problems are really social problems anyway. They begin with people as the cause and end with people as the victims

~Edmund Hillary

Strong motivation is the most important factor in getting you to the top

~Edmund Hillary

Nobody climbs mountains for scientific reasons. Science is used to raise money for the expeditions, but you really climb for the hell of it.

~Edmund Hillary

As a youngster I was a great dreamer, reading many books of adventure and walking lonely miles with my head in the clouds.

~Edmund Hillary

Despite all I have seen and experiences, I still get the same thrill out of glimpsing a tiny patch of snow in a high mountain gully and feel the same urge to climb toward it.

~Edmund Hillary

Adventuring can be for the ordinary person with ordinary qualities, such as I regard myself.

~Edmund Hillary

My relationship with the mountains actually started when I was 16. Every year, a group used to be taken from Auckland Grammar down to the Tangariro National Park for a skiing holiday.

~Edmund Hillary

Boredom has always been a problem.

~Edmund Hillary

It's not a real adventure when you have to pay for it.

~Edmund Hillary

My most important projects have been the building and maintaining of schools and medical clinics for my dear friends in the Himalaya and helping restore their beautiful monasteries, too.

~Edmund Hillary

I was a dreamer when I was at high school and even primary school. I used to dream about doing adventurous things.

~Edmund Hillary

Everest you won't change, but I will get better...I will conquer you.

~Edmund Hillary

I've always hated the danger part of climbing, and it's great to come down again because it's safe.

~Edmund Hillary

I have a number of heroes I still have warm feelings about. [Derek] Shackleton, for instance, was definitely, and still is, one of my great heroes.

~Edmund Hillary

When you go to the mountains, you see them and you admire them. In a sense, they give you a challenge, and you try to express that challenge by climbing them.

~Edmund Hillary

I still had the same affection for New Zealand as I've always had. Didn't change at all.

~Edmund Hillary

Some day I'm going to climb Everest.

~Edmund Hillary

I don't spend a lot of time thinking about dying, but I like to think that

I've - if it did occur - that I would die peacefully and not make too much of a fuss about it.

~Edmund Hillary

I really haven't liked the commercialization of mountaineering, particularly of Mt. Everest. By paying \$65,000, you can be conducted to the summit by a couple of good guides.

~Edmund Hillary

I found fear stimulating. Particularly after you've done something that you'd been frightened of at the time, but you carried through and did the job.

~Edmund Hillary

It's all bullshit on Everest these days.

~Edmund Hillary

My mother was a schoolteacher and very keen that I go to a city school, so although it was fairly impoverished times, I traveled every day to the Auckland Grammar School.

~Edmund Hillary

When you're climbing at high altitudes, life can get pretty miserable.

~Edmund Hillary

I think Himalayan climbers tend to mature fairly late. I think most of the successful Himalayan climbers have ranged from 28 to just over 40, really.

~Edmund Hillary

Once I've decided to do something, I do usually try to carry it through to fruition.

~Edmund Hillary

I was definitely seriously affected [with wifw and daughter deaths], no question, but I learnt to devote myself to the things that we'd been doing for years and years and slowly the pain drifted away.

~Edmund Hillary

Ever since the morning of May 29, 1953, when Tenzing Norgay and I became the first climbers to step onto the summit of Mount Everest, I've been called a great adventurer.

~Edmund Hillary

I have no desire to live anywhere else but New Zealand. I've had the good fortune to travel widely around the world, but New Zealand is home - and I like to be here. I'm proud to be a New Zealander.

~Edmund Hillary

If I'm selecting a group, the first thing I look for is a record of achievement . . . If (candidates achieve) in small things, there's a very good chance they'll perform well in big things.

~Edmund Hillary

On the summit of Everest, I had a feeling of great satisfaction to be first there.

~Edmund Hillary

My mother really was the strength in our family. She would sort of keep us in line and I admired her very much .

~Edmund Hillary

I did have my moments of despair. It was certainly not - it's not an experience I would like to have again. And then June came along.

~Edmund Hillary

Many people have been getting too casual about climbing Everest. I forecast a disaster many times.

~Edmund Hillary

I never talk about being leaders and all the rest of it. I can only remember one or two occasions in my life when I actually issued orders, and I felt thoroughly miserable after doing it.

~Edmund Hillary

Waihi Beach. It's a lovely beach, and we're right on the shore and I get a lot of pleasure out of waking up in the morning and hearing the waves roll in.

~Edmund Hillary

My grandmother I admired even more [than mother]. She was an Irish lady and a very kind-hearted person. She had a lot of talent, she painted extremely well. She was quite a strong factor in my life.

~Edmund Hillary

I'm past carrying out some of the wishes that I would have wanted to do before, but I still dream about what I would like to do if I was able to do so.

~Edmund Hillary

I had a very strong desire to carry out adventures, but in those early days I didn't actually do any. I just dreamt about it.

~Edmund Hillary

Becoming a 'Sir' is slightly uncomfortable at first, although it is a considerable honor. It is amazing how quickly you become accustomed to it.

~Edmund Hillary

I am a lucky man. I have had a dream and it has come true, and that is not a thing that happens often to men.

~Edmund Hillary



I have to admit I do get a bit depressed at times and you know I think about the good old days when I was charging ahead.

~Edmund Hillary

I think that a good mountaineer is usually a sensible mountaineer.

~Edmund Hillary

June [Hillary] is a very strong influence in my life and particularly now in my ancient years there is no doubt at all: if there's a decision to be made, quite often June is the one who makes it.

~Edmund Hillary

We had so much in common [with June Hillary] that we just carried on with life as we had been doing. It wasn't easy, but it was - I realise now that it was the only thing to do.

~Edmund Hillary

I was not a beater of children and as a consequence I've always been, I think, very agreeable and co-operative.

~Edmund Hillary

I get older I get more cantankerous, but June [Hillary] gets a bit more cantankerous, too.

~Edmund Hillary

I don't know if I particularly want to be remembered for anything. I personally do not think I'm a great gift to the world. I've been very fortunate.

~Edmund Hillary

I'm definitely a Queen supporter. She was great.

~Edmund Hillary

We shared a philosophy together [with June Hillary]. We believed very

strongly in the welfare of helping other people, particularly the Third World people.

~Edmund Hillary

I hate being called an 'icon.' I just don't like it. That's all there is to it.

~Edmund Hillary

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