

Elon Musk Quotes

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Failure is an option here. If things are not failing, you are not innovating enough.

~Elon Musk

When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor.

~Elon Musk

People should pursue what they're passionate about. That will make them happier than pretty much anything else.

~Elon Musk

I think it is possible for ordinary people to choose to be extraordinary.

~Elon Musk

I'm extremely confident that solar will be at least a plurality of power, and most likely a majority... in less than 20 years.

~Elon Musk

Optimism, pessimism, f**k that; we're going to make it happen. As God is my bloody witness, I'm hell-bent on making it work.

~Elon Musk

Constantly seek criticism. A well thought out critique of what you're doing is as valuable as gold

~Elon Musk

I think that's the single best piece of advice: constantly think about how you could be doing things better and questioning yourself.

~Elon Musk

Mars is the only place in the solar system where it's possible for life to become multi-planetary.

~Elon Musk

My mentality is that of a samurai. I would rather commit seppuku than fail.

~Elon Musk

Life is too short for long-term grudges.

~Elon Musk

Most people can learn a lot more than they think they can. They sell themselves short without trying.

~Elon Musk

I've actually made a prediction that within 30 years a majority of new cars made in the United States will be electric. And I don't mean hybrid, I mean fully electric.

~Elon Musk

Some people don't like change, but you need to embrace change if the alternative is disaster.

~Elon Musk

When you struggle with a problem, that's when you understand it.

~Elon Musk

Persistence is very important. You should not give up unless you are forced to give up.

~Elon Musk

Many things are improbable, only a few are impossible.

~Elon Musk

For me it was never about money, but solving problems for the future of humanity.

~Elon Musk

People work better when they know what the goal is and why. It is important that people look forward to coming to work in the morning and enjoy working.

~Elon Musk

Physics is a good framework for thinking. ... Boil things down to their fundamental truths and reason up from there.

~Elon Musk

Engineering is the closest thing to magic that exists in the world.

~Elon Musk

The first step is to establish that something is possible; then probability will occur.

~Elon Musk

If you get up in the morning and think the future is going to be better, it is a bright day. Otherwise, it's not.

~Elon Musk

I think you should always be seeking negative feedback.

~Elon Musk

My motivation for all my companies has been to be involved in something that I thought would have a significant impact on the world.

~Elon Musk

If something's important enough, you should try. Even if you - the probable outcome is failure.

~Elon Musk

The key test for an acronym is to ask whether it helps or hurts communication.

~Elon Musk

I'm glad to see that BMW is bringing an electric car to market. That's cool.

~Elon Musk

You shouldn't do things differently just because they're different. They need to be... better.

~Elon Musk

You have to be pretty driven to make it happen. Otherwise, you will just make yourself miserable.

~Elon Musk

For my part, I will never give up, and I mean never.

~Elon Musk

When people really understand it's do or die [and] if we work hard and pull through, it's going to be a great outcome; people will give it everything they've got.

~Elon Musk

If you're co-founder or CEO, you have to do all kinds of tasks you might not want to do. If you don't do your chores, the company won't succeed. No task is too menial.

~Elon Musk

Being an entrepreneur is like eating glass and staring into the abyss of death.

~Elon Musk

I read books and talked to people. I mean that's kind of how one learns anything. There's lots of great books out there & lots of smart people.

~Elon Musk

Biofuels such as ethanol require enormous amounts of cropland and

end up displacing either food crops or natural wilderness, neither of which is good.

~Elon Musk

That's my lesson for taking a vacation: vacation will kill you.

~Elon Musk

And we need things in life that are exciting and inspiring. It can't just be about solving some awful problem. There have to be reasons to get up in the morning.

~Elon Musk

I could either watch it happen or be a part of it.

~Elon Musk

Great companies are built on great products.

~Elon Musk

Weighing too much on someone's talent and not someone's personality. I think it matters whether someone has a good heart.

~Elon Musk

I started SpaceX with the expectation of failure.

~Elon Musk

When I was in college, I wanted to be involved in things that would change the world.

~Elon Musk

Really, the only thing that makes sense is to strive for greater collective enlightenment.

~Elon Musk

If you're trying to create a company, it's like baking a cake. You have to

have all the ingredients in the right proportion.

~Elon Musk

Funded by the government just means funded by the people. Government, by the way, has no money. It only takes money from the people. Sometimes people forget that that's really what occurs.

~Elon Musk

Patience is a virtue, and I'm learning patience. It's a tough lesson.

~Elon Musk

We have a strict 'no a-hole policy' at SpaceX. And we fire people they are. I mean, we give them a little bit of warning. But if they continue to be an a-hole, then they're fired.

~Elon Musk

You want to have a future where you're expecting things to be better, not one where you're expecting things to be worse.

~Elon Musk

I think it's very important to have a feedback loop, where you're constantly thinking about what you've done and how you could be doing it better.

~Elon Musk

It's OK to have your eggs in one basket as long as you control what happens to that basket.

~Elon Musk

I hate writing about personal stuff. I don't have a Facebook page. I don't use my Twitter account. I am familiar with both, but I don't use them.

~Elon Musk

When Henry Ford made cheap, reliable cars people said, 'Nah, what's

wrong with a horse?' That was a huge bet he made, and it worked.

~Elon Musk

I think it matters whether someone has a good heart.

~Elon Musk

We're running the most dangerous experiment in history right now, which is to see how much carbon dioxide the atmosphere can handle before there is an environmental catastrophe.

~Elon Musk

I would like to die on Mars. Just not on impact.

~Elon Musk

The fuel cell is just a fundamentally inferior way of delivering electrical energy to an electric motor than batteries.

~Elon Musk

America is the spirit of human exploration distilled.

~Elon Musk

People often mistake technology for a static picture. It's less like a picture and more like a movie. It's the velocity of technology innovation that matters. It's the acceleration.

~Elon Musk

You want to be extra rigorous about making the best possible thing you can. Find everything that's wrong with it and fix it.

~Elon Musk

It's really incumbent upon us as life's agents to extend life to another planet. I think that being a multi-planet species will significantly increase the richness and scope of the human experience.

~Elon Musk

I wouldn't say I have a lack of fear. In fact, I'd like my fear emotion to be less because it's very distracting and fries my nervous system.

~Elon Musk

Even if producing CO2 was good for the environment, given that we're going to run out of hydrocarbons, we need to find some sustainable means of operating.

~Elon Musk

I don't think it's a good idea to plan to sell a company.

~Elon Musk

I tend to approach things from a physics framework. And physics teaches you to reason from first principles rather than by analogy.

~Elon Musk

I'm increasingly inclined to think there should be some regulatory oversight, maybe at the national and international level just to make sure that we don't do something very foolish.

~Elon Musk

Humans need to be a multiplanet species.

~Elon Musk

There's a tremendous bias against taking risks. Everyone is trying to optimize their ass-covering.

~Elon Musk

Going from PayPal, I thought: 'Well, what are some of the other problems that are likely to most affect the future of humanity?' Not from the perspective, 'What's the best way to make money?'

~Elon Musk

With artificial intelligence we are summoning the demon.

~Elon Musk

You want to do things you're passionate about but also are useful to other people.

~Elon Musk

Land on Mars, a round-trip ticket - half a million dollars. It can be done.

~Elon Musk

No I don't ever give up. I would have to be dead or completely incapacitated

~Elon Musk

Don't be afraid of new arenas.

~Elon Musk

There's a real opportunity to have a vertical takeoff and landing electric supersonic jet.

~Elon Musk

We need to be super careful with AI. Potentially more dangerous than nukes.

~Elon Musk

Even if there's a zombie apocalypse, you'll still be able to travel using the Tesla Supercharging system.

~Elon Musk

I think life on Earth must be about more than just solving problems... It's got to be something inspiring, even if it is vicarious.

~Elon Musk

Starting and growing a business is as much about the innovation, drive and determination of the people who do it as it is about the product they

sell.

~Elon Musk

The tough thing is figuring out what questions to ask, but [â€¦] once you do that, the rest is really easy.

~Elon Musk

Any product that needs a manual to work is broken.

~Elon Musk

You could warm Mars up, over time, with greenhouse gases.

~Elon Musk

I always see what's... wrong. Would you want that? When I see a car or a rocket or spacecraft, I only see what's wrong. I never see what's right. It's not a recipe for happiness.

~Elon Musk

I've actually not read any books on time management.

~Elon Musk

You should be innovating so fast that you're invalidating your prior patents.

~Elon Musk

I don't create companies for the sake of creating companies, but to get things done.

~Elon Musk

What I'm trying to do is to maximise the probability of the future being better.

~Elon Musk

I don't spend my time pontificating about high-concept things; I spend

my time solving engineering and manufacturing problems.

~Elon Musk

When we got Tesla going at the very beginning, if you asked me what I thought the odds of success were, I would have said less than 50%. I would have said that failure is the most likely outcome.

~Elon Musk

There's nothing - I've bought everything I want. I don't like yachts or anything; you know, I'm not a yacht person, and I've got pretty much the nicest plane I'd want to have.

~Elon Musk

Government isn't that good at rapid advancement of technology. It tends to be better at funding basic research. To have things take off, you've got to have commercial companies do it.

~Elon Musk

Actively seek out and listen carefully to negative feedback.

~Elon Musk

As a child I would just question things.

~Elon Musk

We have this handy fusion reactor in the sky called the sun, you don't have to do anything, it just works. It shows up every day.

~Elon Musk

We need to figure out how to have the things we love, and not destroy the world.

~Elon Musk

A Prius is not a true hybrid, really. The current Prius is, like, 2 percent electric. It's a gasoline car with slightly better mileage.

~Elon Musk

You need to be in the position where it is the cost of the fuel that actually matters and not the cost of building the rocket in the first place.

~Elon Musk

You need to live in a dome initially but over time you could terraform Mars to look like Earth and eventually walk around outside without anything on. ... So it's a fixer-upper of a planet.

~Elon Musk

In almost any industry, if you're passionate about doing a great job and making people that buy your product or service as happy as possible, it's really fulfilling.

~Elon Musk

Some companies out there quote a start of production that is substantially in advance of when customers get their cars.

~Elon Musk

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