

Esther Dyson Quotes

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Well, take the evolution of the Electronic Frontier Foundation. It began as hackers' rights. Then it became general civil liberties of everybody - government stay away.

~Esther Dyson

Having seen a non-market economy, I suddenly understood much better what I liked about a market economy.

~Esther Dyson

Change means that what was before wasn't perfect. People want things to be better.

~Esther Dyson

Always make new mistakes.

~Esther Dyson

The best investor is your customer.

~Esther Dyson

I joined the board of the Santa Fe Institute.

~Esther Dyson

When I was a young student, I thought grow-ups would come and make things work. Now I realize that grown-ups are just kids with wrinkles.

~Esther Dyson

It may not always be profitable at first for businesses to be online, but it is certainly going to be unprofitable not to be online.

~Esther Dyson

The Internet is like alcohol in some sense. It accentuates what you would do anyway. If you want to be a loner, you can be more alone. If you want to connect, it makes it easier to connect.

~Esther Dyson

In the space of three weeks, I met a fair bunch of the guys who were just starting those little programmers' co-ops, and everybody was talking about starting businesses.

~Esther Dyson

Since I became chairman, I've tried to turn EFF into civil liberties and responsibilities.

~Esther Dyson

Don't leave hold of your common sense. Think about what you're doing and how the technology can enhance it. Don't think about technology first.

~Esther Dyson

As an investor in small companies, I don't care how rich Microsoft is. I care about what my opportunities are.

~Esther Dyson

Owning the intellectual property is like owning land: You need to keep investing in it again and again to get a payoff; you can't simply sit back and collect rent.

~Esther Dyson

Listening to other companies' customers is the best way to gain market share, while listening to the visionaries is the best way to create new markets.

~Esther Dyson

I became a real free market fanatic. I'm probably less so now than even two or three years ago.

~Esther Dyson

People have to understand that they can reject technology. They can turn off their cell phone. They can stop looking at their e-mail. It's there

if they want it. It's not being forced on them.

~Esther Dyson

The Net is not a single home. Rather, it's an environment where thousands of small homes and communities can form and define and design themselves.

~Esther Dyson

I think we really made a mistake in separating the Internet from capitalism in a certain way that is bad for our country.

~Esther Dyson

I would like to see us shake-in, instead of a shakeout, in the sense that it's true that there's a lot of junk online, and we have to filter it and so forth.

~Esther Dyson

If the past decade was the decade of searching and finding and looking for stuff, this coming decade is going to be the decade of filtering and going to your friends for recommendations.

~Esther Dyson

The nature of business and government has been to build a surplus and self-perpetuate, but the Internet fosters and rewards smaller, more fluid organizations.

~Esther Dyson

I would much rather see responsibilities exercised by individuals than have them imposed by the government.

~Esther Dyson

Dyson's Law: Do ask; don't lie.

~Esther Dyson

The definition of the problem, rather than its solution, will be the scarce resource in the future.

~Esther Dyson

People need to understand that the technology is for them. It's not to them. It's not over them. People still sometimes want to be led a little too much.

~Esther Dyson

As long as a government can come and shoot you, you can't jump on the Internet to freedom.

~Esther Dyson

But there is a corollary to freedom and that's personal responsibility, and the real challenge is how you generate that personal responsibility without imposing it.

~Esther Dyson

Part of the problem is when we bring in a new technology we expect it to be perfect in a way that we don't expect the world that we're familiar with to be perfect.

~Esther Dyson

Cyberspace still exists at the pleasure of the real world.

~Esther Dyson

No system in the world is so well-designed that it can't grow stale, rigid, or corrupted by those who benefit most from it.

~Esther Dyson

I believe in markets doing what they do well, which is to develop technology, and letting citizens do what they ideally do well, which is to set policy.

~Esther Dyson

From the business point of viewâ€”not to overstate itâ€”intellectual property is dead; long live intellectual process. Long live service; long live performance.

~Esther Dyson

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