

Gene Cernan Quotes

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Curiosity is the essence of human existence.

~Gene Cernan

We leave as we came, and, God willing, as we shall return, with peace and hope for all mankind.

~Gene Cernan

I'm quite disappointed that I'm still the last man on the moon.

~Gene Cernan

If you begin to think you're something you're not, you're looking in the wrong mirror.

~Gene Cernan

Prepare for the unknown, unexpected and inconceivable . . . after 50 years of flying I'm still learning every time I fly.

~Gene Cernan

To become an astronaut, someone has to have a dream of his own to do something that he or she has always wanted to do, then commit himself to making that dream come true.

~Gene Cernan

I've been asked about UFOs and I've said publicly I thought they were somebody else, some other civilization.

~Gene Cernan

We went into darkness after being in daylight the whole time on the way to the Moon. And then we went into darkness. And we're in the shadow... of the Moon.

~Gene Cernan

Yes, I am the last man to have walked on the moon, and that's a very dubious and disappointing honor. It's been far too long.

~Gene Cernan

Here I am at the turn of the millennium and I'm still the last man to have walked on the moon, somewhat disappointing. It says more about what we have not done than about what we have done.

~Gene Cernan

The mass gross absence of sound in space is more than just silence.

~Gene Cernan

Nobody can take those footsteps I made on the surface of the moon away from me.

~Gene Cernan

We will certainly see teachers, journalists, artists and poets in space. Whatever it takes to be the best is what it will take to get you into space.

~Gene Cernan

I hold the world speed record downhill, in a Rover. I think it was 17 kilometers per hour, downhill.

~Gene Cernan

Some of the most exciting space education in the country is not coming out of Washington or New York or California or even Texas. It's coming from a place in Kansas called the Cosmosphere.

~Gene Cernan

Am I willing to go to Mars? Yes, but I'm not willing to spend nine months getting there, then wait 18 more months until the planets align to come home.

~Gene Cernan

As I step off at the surface at Taurus-Littrow, I'd like to dedicate the first

step of Apollo 17 to all those who made it possible.

~Gene Cernan

I think America has a responsibility to maintain its leadership in technology and its moral leadership in the world, to explore, to seek knowledge.

~Gene Cernan

Perhaps the two greatest moments of my life were standing on the moon and being outside of the room when my granddaughter was born! We tend not to remember the worst.

~Gene Cernan

People try to typecast astronauts as heroic and superhuman. We're only human beings.

~Gene Cernan

Neil Armstrong was probably one of the most human guys I've ever known in my life.

~Gene Cernan

It's our destiny to explore. It's our destiny to be a space-faring nation.

~Gene Cernan

Today, we are on a path of decay. We are seeing the book close on five decades of accomplishment as the leader in human space exploration.

~Gene Cernan

The countdown reached ten seconds and I could almost hear an invisible crescendo of stirring background music. 'Anchors aweigh!' Five, four, three, two, one... and we had ignition!

~Gene Cernan

Get the shuttle out of the garage. It's in its prime of its life. How could we just put it away?

~Gene Cernan

OK, let's get this mother out of here.

~Gene Cernan

Mom was always doing something for somebody. She came from a Czech background, one that made her a devout Catholic and gave her a strong belief in the family.

~Gene Cernan

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