

# Gene Roddenberry

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Reality, Ideas, Believe, Clever, Years, Greed, Growth, World, Television,  
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The strength of a civilization is not measured by its ability to fight wars, but rather by its ability to prevent them.

~Gene Roddenberry

We must question the story logic of having an all-knowing all-powerful God, who creates faulty Humans, and then blames them for his own mistakes.

~Gene Roddenberry

In the 24th century there will be no hunger, there will be no greed, and all the children will know how to read.

~Gene Roddenberry

It is the struggle itself that is most important. We must strive to be more than we are. It does not matter that we will not reach our ultimate goal. The effort itself yields its own reward.

~Gene Roddenberry

To be different is not necessarily to be ugly; to have a different idea is not necessarily to be wrong. The worst possible thing is for all of us to begin to look and talk and act and think alike.

~Gene Roddenberry

It isn't all over; everything has not been invented; the human adventure is just beginning.

~Gene Roddenberry

Star Trek says that it has not all happened, it has not all been discovered, that tomorrow can be as challenging and adventurous as any time man has ever lived.

~Gene Roddenberry

For me science fiction is a way of thinking, a way of logic that bypasses a lot of nonsense. It allows people to look directly at important subjects.

~Gene Roddenberry

The human race is a remarkable creature, one with great potential, and I hope that 'Star Trek' has helped to show us what we can be if we believe in ourselves and our abilities.

~Gene Roddenberry

We are on a journey to keep an appointment with whatever we are.

~Gene Roddenberry

Religions vary in their degree of idiocy, but I reject them all.

~Gene Roddenberry

The glory of creation is in its infinite diversity.

~Gene Roddenberry

Art is really people asking the eternal question, "What is it all about?"

~Gene Roddenberry

A man either lives life as it happens to him, meets it head-on and licks it, or he turns his back on it and starts to wither away.

~Gene Roddenberry

We have within reach, now, the attainment of almost every dream of mankind.

~Gene Roddenberry

We stress humanity, and this is done at considerable cost. We can't have a lot of dramatics that other shows get away with - promiscuity, greed, jealousy. None of those have a place in 'Star Trek.'

~Gene Roddenberry

Ancient astronauts didn't build the pyramids. Human beings built the pyramids, because they're clever and they work hard.

~Gene Roddenberry

For most people, religion is nothing more than a substitute for a malfunctioning brain.

~Gene Roddenberry

In a better world, I can do anything. I'll be there in a better world. In a better world, they will not laugh at me or look down their nose at me.

~Gene Roddenberry

I think God is as much a basic ingredient in the universe as neutrons and positrons. This is the prime force, when we look around the universe.

~Gene Roddenberry

It has become a crusade of mine to demonstrate that TV need not be violent to be exciting.

~Gene Roddenberry

They say that ninety per cent of TV is junk. But ninety per cent of everything is junk.

~Gene Roddenberry

The present blitz about drugs - I think it looks very much like how we treated insane people 100 years ago -- throw them in the cage - as if that's the whole answer. And it's not the whole answer.

~Gene Roddenberry

Matter of internal security - the age-old cry of the oppressor. Picard

~Gene Roddenberry

I have always been reasonably leery of religion because there are so many edicts in religion, 'thou shalt not,' or 'thou shalt.' I wanted my world of the future to be clear of that.

~Gene Roddenberry

In the fifth season [of Star Trek: The Next Generation] viewers will see more of shipboard life [including] gay crew members in day-to-day circumstances.

~Gene Roddenberry

When you get into an airplane by yourself and take off, you find yourself in this lovely, three-dimensional world where you can go in any direction. There is no feeling any more exciting than that.

~Gene Roddenberry

If 'Trek' is a hit, we'd love to do a series of films - a regular event. Look at James Bond's films. They've been around since the early sixties.

~Gene Roddenberry

I wish I had more control, more like Edgar Rice Burroughs had, but I'm a realist, too. I work in television. I don't know that I would want to spend the rest of my life controlling my characters.

~Gene Roddenberry

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