

Grace Lee Boggs

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You cannot change any society unless you take responsibility for it, unless you see yourself as belonging to it and responsible for changing it.

~Grace Lee Boggs

You don't choose the times you live in, but you do choose who you want to be.

~Grace Lee Boggs

A revolution that is based on the people exercising their creativity in the midst of devastation is one of the great historical contributions of humankind.

~Grace Lee Boggs

Love isn't about what we did yesterday; it's about what we do today and tomorrow and the day after

~Grace Lee Boggs

Keep recognizing that reality is changing and that your ideas have to change. Don't get stuck in old ideas.

~Grace Lee Boggs

Building community is to the collective as spiritual practice is to the individual.

~Grace Lee Boggs

Talk and write in a way that encourages the mutual exchange of ideas and acts like a midwife to people birthing their own ideas.

~Grace Lee Boggs

The most radical thing I ever did was to stay put.

~Grace Lee Boggs

The only way to survive is by taking care of one another.

~Grace Lee Boggs

I think that deep in our hearts we know that our comforts, our conveniences are at the expense of other people.

~Grace Lee Boggs

What time is it on the clock of the world?

~Grace Lee Boggs

I believe that we are at the point now, in the United States, where a movement is beginning to emerge.

~Grace Lee Boggs

It takes time for change to take place. But then when huge changes are taking place, they are extraordinary. And it requires a kind of philosophical thinking, thinking in terms of epochs.

~Grace Lee Boggs

How do we redefine education so that 30-50 percent of inner-city children do not drop out of school, thus ensuring that millions will end up in prison?

~Grace Lee Boggs

We're at a great transition point in terms of population, demographics, and what it means to be a human being.

~Grace Lee Boggs

I think people look at revolution too much in terms of power. I think revolution has to be seen more anthropologically, in terms of transitions from one mode of life to another.

~Grace Lee Boggs

Really, people are not a school of fish. Finding the leaders of the future is a question of recognizing those people who give leadership in a

crisis.

~Grace Lee Boggs

I think people are really looking for some way whereby we can grow our souls rather than our economy.

~Grace Lee Boggs

A rebellion is something that is developing as an explosion coming out of the righteous grievances of a community of people.

~Grace Lee Boggs

The nation-state became powerful in the wake of the French Revolution, whereas the nation-state has become powerless in light of globalization.

~Grace Lee Boggs

I think that rebellions arise out of anger, and they're very short-lived. And a revolution has some sense of a long time frame, millions of years that we've been evolving on this planet.

~Grace Lee Boggs

We have this exploding prison population. We have the equivalent of martial law on a day-to-day, 24/7-hour basis in our cities, because we have not heard the cry for help by young people in 1967.

~Grace Lee Boggs

I think it's really important that we get rid of the idea that protest will create change.

~Grace Lee Boggs

I think Detroit shows that we've come to the end of the industrial epoch and have to find a new mode of production.

~Grace Lee Boggs

I think that at some level, people recognize that growing our economy is destroying us. It's destroying us as human beings, it's destroying our planet.

~Grace Lee Boggs

Nonviolence is essentially based on recognizing the humanity in every one one of us.

~Grace Lee Boggs

I'm not calling for a boycott on voting. But I think it should be very clear that just voting is not going to solve our problems.

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This capitalist society has not lasted forever; it's only a few hundred years old.

~Grace Lee Boggs

We have to see today in light of the transition, say, from hunting and gathering to agriculture, and from agriculture to industry, and from industry to post-industry. We're in an epoch transition.

~Grace Lee Boggs

The struggle we're dealing with these days, which, I think, is part of what the 60s represented, is how do we define our humanity?

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I think we have to understand that the nation-state became powerful in the wake of the French Revolution, whereas the nation-state has become powerless in light of globalization.

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Wage work is disappearing. I didn't make the jobs disappear, but they have disappeared. And people are forced to be looking for other alternatives.

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