

# Greg Graffin

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We should enjoy and make the most of life, not because we are in constant fear of what might happen to us in a mythical afterlife, but because we have only one opportunity to live.

~Greg Graffin

PUNK IS: the personal expression of uniqueness that comes from the experiences of growing up in touch with our human ability to reason and ask questions.

~Greg Graffin

You can't let your personal disposition be dictated by the world around you.

~Greg Graffin

Whether you reach a lot of people or have a profound impact on a few people, their memories of you are your afterlife.

~Greg Graffin

I'm trying to champion the naturalist's worldview and show it's not as heathen as most religious people would make it out to be.

~Greg Graffin

there is no such thing as hell but you can make it if you try

~Greg Graffin

If you can believe in God, then you can believe in anything. It's a gang mentality.

~Greg Graffin

Naturalism teaches one of the most important things in this world. There is only this life, so live wonderfully and meaningfully.

~Greg Graffin

I would say there's a lot of similarity between folk and punk. It's written

for the common man.

~Greg Graffin

The thread of culture that runs through the entire history of punk is also a dedication to challenging the authoritarian.

~Greg Graffin

So much of the habitat destruction and pollution is based on the simple principle that we somehow have been given free license over other species to degrade the planet.

~Greg Graffin

Life is never static. Despite catastrophic tragedies, life has persisted in evolving new varieties of unimaginable forms. I find comfort in the narrative of evolutionary history.

~Greg Graffin

If there is no destiny, there is no design. There's only life and death. My goal is to learn about life by living it, not by trying to figure out a cryptic plan that the Creator had in store for me.

~Greg Graffin

I definitely was attracted to similar things in punk and science. They both depend on a healthy dose of skepticism.

~Greg Graffin

A fossil is so powerful. It's moving. This is my ancestor. The naturalist is moved by the fossil... not the cross.

~Greg Graffin

A lot of philosophy is bull\*\*t, but a lot of it is what we write songs about too. And it's organizing your thoughts, organizing your intellect.

~Greg Graffin

We should enjoy and make the most of life

~Greg Graffin

Dont take Portlandia too personally - Its just a stupid TV show

~Greg Graffin

You can't take up all the music bins at a CD retail outlet with Spice Girls CDs and leave nothing for the Joan Jett catalogue.

~Greg Graffin

We delude ourselves into believing that morality comes from somewhere else, whereas in reality we behave as we've been told to behave.

~Greg Graffin

I don't think anyone is going to Hell, because it only exists in the minds of people who wish ill will on others.

~Greg Graffin

It's been an objective of mine since I started writing songs to include both intellect and energy.

~Greg Graffin

One of our great thematic traditions in Bad Religion has been to question human nature.

~Greg Graffin

I want some fact-based evidence about where we came from. Things we consider mysterious need not be attributed to a deity.

~Greg Graffin

It's extremely hard to get rid of any population. When they say polio is essentially wiped out, it's not. If we let up on the vaccinations, it will make a come back.

~Greg Graffin

Unfortunately, the average guy on the street believes that studying evolution leads to atheism.

~Greg Graffin

I usually am thinking about my next book the second I put the last dot on the previous one that I turn in.

~Greg Graffin

People need to understand the basics of evolution if they are going to reject itâ€”otherwise, they are not contributing anything productive to modern society.

~Greg Graffin

There is so much in this world to be skeptical about if you want to be a skeptical a\*\*hole. I'm kind of a skeptical a\*\*hole. But not about vaccines, that's just not one of them.

~Greg Graffin

I've always been on a quest to use science in an artful way.

~Greg Graffin

For me, the existence of nonexistence of God is a nonissue.

~Greg Graffin

...the songs are universal enough that in ten years time they should still hold up quite well.

~Greg Graffin

Knowledge is organized data. For it to be shelved as human knowledge it's got to be predictable, repeatable, all the basics of scientific validation have to be there.

~Greg Graffin

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