

Jack Kevorkian Quotes

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I'd find it demeaning to be cleaning toilets.

~Jack Kevorkian

My aim in helping the patient was not to cause death. My aim was to end suffering. It's got to be decriminalized.

~Jack Kevorkian

The public has no power. The government knows I'm not a criminal. The parole board knows I'm not a criminal. The judge knows I'm not a criminal.

~Jack Kevorkian

Rotten travesty. Yeah. Send me to jail for contempt. Try that. Go ahead.

~Jack Kevorkian

I would not want to live with a tube in my neck and not be able to move a finger. I wouldn't - that to me is not life.

~Jack Kevorkian

I hate to say this, but I'll repeat it: After death, all we know that you do is stink.

~Jack Kevorkian

My intent was to carry out my duty as a doctor, to end their suffering. Unfortunately, that entailed, in their cases, ending of the life.

~Jack Kevorkian

I have a natural right to do whatever I want with my body as long as it doesn't affect anybody else or any other property.

~Jack Kevorkian

Despite the solace of hypocritical religiosity and its seductive promise of an after-life of heavenly bliss, most of us will do anything to thwart the

inevitable victory of biological death.

~Jack Kevorkian

I knew I was getting into one of the most illegal things in the world. It was the right thing to do.

~Jack Kevorkian

In quixotically trying to conquer death doctors all too frequently do no good for their patients' ease but at the same time they do harm instead by prolonging and even magnifying patients' dis-ease.

~Jack Kevorkian

All the big powers... they've silenced me. So much for free speech and choice on this fundamental human right.

~Jack Kevorkian

She made the decision that her existence had lost its meaning. And you cannot judge that.

~Jack Kevorkian

When your conscience says law is immoral, don't follow it.

~Jack Kevorkian

This is not a trial. This is a lynching. There is no law.

~Jack Kevorkian

Five to six thousand people die every year waiting for organs, but nobody cares.

~Jack Kevorkian

Am I a criminal? The world knows I'm not a criminal. What are they trying to put me in jail for? You've lost common sense in this society because of religious fanaticism and dogma.

~Jack Kevorkian

I don't enjoy good food. I don't enjoy flashy cars. I don't care if I live in a dump. I don't enjoy good clothes. This is the best I've dressed in months.

~Jack Kevorkian

The Supreme Court of the United States has validated the Nazi method of execution in concentration camps, starving them to death.

~Jack Kevorkian

I'm trying to knock the medical profession into accepting its responsibilities, and those responsibilities include assisting their patients with death.

~Jack Kevorkian

Listen, when you take my liberty away, you've taken away more-something more precious than life. I mean, what good is a life without liberty? Huh? None.

~Jack Kevorkian

I'm not the kind of guy who has best friends.

~Jack Kevorkian

Dying is not a crime.

~Jack Kevorkian

Yes, we need euthanasia, for certain cases where people are in comas or too immobile to even press a button.

~Jack Kevorkian

I always said all my life, if I wasn't born and they gave me the question, I'd say, I don't want to be born.

~Jack Kevorkian

It's the boredom that kills you. You read until you're tired of that. You do

crossword puzzles until you're tired of that. This is torture. This is mental torture.

~Jack Kevorkian

What looks like enjoyment is the sneer of contempt. That's not a smile.

~Jack Kevorkian

Liberty means more to me than life itself.

~Jack Kevorkian

I'm for absolute autonomy of the individual, and an adult, competent woman has absolute autonomy. It's her choice.

~Jack Kevorkian

I learned to smile by going through hell. Now I know what hell is and you don't. I can't tell you how it is, cause you can't do it with words.

~Jack Kevorkian

A transfer of money should never be involved in this profound situation. Although illness is profound, too, but medicine's a business today. It's a business.

~Jack Kevorkian

I suppose, if helping a patient die is killing, I suppose I'm a killer.

~Jack Kevorkian

The patient's autonomy always, always should be respected, even if it is absolutely contrary - the decision is contrary to best medical advice and what the physician wants.

~Jack Kevorkian

Not one has shown an iota of fear of death. They want to end this agony.

~Jack Kevorkian

First of all, do any of you here think it's a crime to help a suffering human end his agony? Any of you think it is? Say so right now. Well, then, what are we doing here?

~Jack Kevorkian

I've seen schizophrenics who are so hopeless, you couldn't cheer them, and their lives are miserable and they end up as suicides. That's not right.

~Jack Kevorkian

My religion centers in different areas than what's considered conventional religion.

~Jack Kevorkian

None of them want to delay. Understand that. None of them.

~Jack Kevorkian

I have no regrets, none whatsoever.

~Jack Kevorkian

When you have nothing left to burn, you must set yourself on fire.

~Jack Kevorkian

I will admit, like Socrates and Aristotle and Plato and some other philosophers, that there are instances where the death penalty would seem appropriate.

~Jack Kevorkian

The American people are sheep. They're comfortable, rich, working. It's like the Romans, they're happy with bread and their spectator sports. The Super Bowl means more to them than any right.

~Jack Kevorkian

When history looks back, it will prove what I'll die knowing.

~Jack Kevorkian

I will go to what they call a court. Only they call it a court.

~Jack Kevorkian

I think the Supreme Court does have the authority, which is not used, to declare a blanket right for all people, all adults.

~Jack Kevorkian

Among doctors in general, I think more than half support what I'm doing.

~Jack Kevorkian

Freedom has a price. Most people aren't willing to pay it.

~Jack Kevorkian

You've gotta know what death is to know life!

~Jack Kevorkian

I don't persuade to suicide.

~Jack Kevorkian

I'm not lying to myself like most people.

~Jack Kevorkian

Everyone is going to die. Aren't you interested in what's going to happen?

~Jack Kevorkian

Let's hope you feel better now.

~Jack Kevorkian

I am not a sentimental person.

~Jack Kevorkian

My ultimate aim is to make euthanasia a positive experience.

~Jack Kevorkian

The public can tolerate a Nazi America.

~Jack Kevorkian

What are friends? Some people are nice. Some people aren't. There are some I'm fairly close with... we talk.

~Jack Kevorkian

There's no doubt I expect to die in prison.

~Jack Kevorkian

There are certain things that words on paper can never make a crime, .. There are certain acts that by sheer common sense are not crimes.

~Jack Kevorkian

The Jews were gassed. Armenians were killed in every conceivable way... So the Holocaust doesn't interest me, see? They've had a lot of publicity, but they didn't suffer as much.

~Jack Kevorkian

If a man is terrified, it's up to me to dispel that terror.

~Jack Kevorkian

The law doesn't create a right.

~Jack Kevorkian

I gambled and I lost. I failed in securing my options for this choice for myself, but I succeeded in verifying the Dark Age is still with us.

~Jack Kevorkian

I don't crave publicity, you know.

~Jack Kevorkian

Many support what I am doing.

~Jack Kevorkian

If Christ can die in a barn, I think the death of a human in a van is not so bad.

~Jack Kevorkian

Maybe I won't stay out of prison. Who knows?

~Jack Kevorkian

The patient decides when it's best to go.

~Jack Kevorkian

The single worst moment of my life... was the moment I was born.

~Jack Kevorkian

How can you regret helping a suffering patient?

~Jack Kevorkian

What I think a doctor should do is prevent disease, by any means necessary.

~Jack Kevorkian

I didn't do this for other people; I did this for me. I fought for this right for me - does that sound selfish?

~Jack Kevorkian

We need some honesty and sincerity instead of corrupt government in Washington.

~Jack Kevorkian

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