

# Jacques Yves Cousteau Quotes

*Ocean, Sea, Men, Animal, People, Nature, Science, Years, Thinking, Wall, Two,  
Order, Life, Environmental, Free Diving, Play, Travel, Hunting, Dream, Air*

The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

Water and air, the two essential fluids on which all life depends, have become global garbage cans.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

From birth, man carries the weight of gravity on his shoulders. He is bolted to earth. But man has only to sink beneath the surface and he is free.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

For most of history, man has had to fight nature to survive; in this century he is beginning to realize that, in order to survive, he must protect it.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The future is in the hands of those who explore... and from all the beauty they discover while crossing perpetually receding frontiers, they develop for nature and for humankind an infinite love.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The reason I love the sea I cannot explain - it's physical. When you dive you begin to feel like an angel. It's a liberation of your weight.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The best way to observe a fish is to become a fish.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The sea, the great unifier, is man's only hope. Now, as never before, the old phrase has a literal meaning: we are all in the same boat.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

I was playing when I invented the aqualung. I think play is the most

serious thing in the world.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

People protect what they love.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

In the deep space of the sea I have found my moon

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

Sometimes we are lucky enough to know that our lives have been changed, to discard the old, embrace the new, and run headlong down an immutable course

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

We must plant the sea and herd its animals using the sea as farmers instead of hunters. That is what civilization is all about - farming replacing hunting.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

Overconsumption and overpopulation underlie every environmental problem we face today

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

What is a scientist after all? It is a curious man looking through a keyhole, the keyhole of nature, trying to know what's going on.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

When one man, for whatever reason, has the opportunity to lead an extraordinary life, he has no right to keep it to himself.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

There is about as much educational benefit to be gained in studying dolphins in captivity as there would be studying mankind by only observing prisoners held in solitary confinement.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

If we were logical, the future would be bleak, indeed. But we are more than logical. We are human beings, and we have faith, and we have hope, and we can work.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

We are living in an interminable succession of absurdities imposed by the myopic logic of short-term thinking.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

Population growth is the primary source of environmental damage.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

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When we return wild animals to nature, we merely return them to what is already theirs. For man cannot give wild animals freedom, they can only take it away.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

I wake up saying, I'm still alive; a miracle. And so I keep on pushing.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

Mankind has probably done more damage to the Earth in the 20th century than in all of previous human history.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The happiness of the bee and the dolphin is to exist. For man it is to know that and to wonder at it.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

If human civilization is going to invade the waters of the earth, then let it be first of all to carry a message of respect.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

Perhaps the time has come to formulate a moral code which would govern our relations with the great creatures of the sea as well as with those on dry land. That this will come to pass is my dear wish.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

It takes generosity to discover the whole through others. If you realize you are only a violin, you can open yourself up to the world by playing your role in the concert.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The impossible missions are the only ones which succeed.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

We must go and see for ourselves.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

It is certain that the study of human psychology, if it were undertaken exclusively in prisons, would also lead to misrepresentation and absurd generalizations.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The sea is not a bargain basement.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

A lot of people attack the sea, I make love to it.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The road to the future leads us smack into the wall. We simply ricochet

off the alternatives that destiny offers. Our survival is no more than a question of 25, 50 or perhaps 100 years.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

Without ethics, everything happens as if we were all five billion passengers on a big machinery and nobody is driving the machinery. And it's going faster and faster, but we don't know where.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

All life is part of a complex relationship in which each is dependent upon the others, taking from, giving to and living with all the rest.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

However fragmented the world, however intense the national rivalries, it is an inexorable fact that we become more interdependent every day.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The sea is the universal sewer.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The future of nutrition is found in the oceans

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

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We know how to organize warfare, but do we know how to act when confronted with peace?

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

I said that the oceans were sick but they're not going to die. There is no death possible in the oceans - there will always be life - but they're getting sicker every year.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

Man, of all the animals, is probably the only one to regard himself as a great delicacy.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

And let us remember too that life, in its exuberance, always succeeds in overflowing the narrow limits within which man thinks he can confine it.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

With earth's burgeoning human population to feed we must turn to the sea with understanding and new technology. We need to farm it as we farm the land.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

If we go on the way we have, the fault is our greed and if we are not willing to change, we will disappear from the face of the globe, to be replaced by the insect.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

No sooner does man discover intelligence than he tries to involve it in his own stupidity.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

May this continent, the last explored by humankind, be the first one to be spared by humankind.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

In order to save the planet it would be necessary to kill 350,000 people per day.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The biggest obstacle was mixing abortion with overpopulation. These are two things that have nothing to do with each other.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

In order to stabilize world population, we must eliminate 350,000 per day.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

Farming as we do it is hunting, and in the sea we act like barbarians.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

I am not a scientist. I am, rather, an impresario of scientists.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

The awareness of our environment came progressively in all countries with different outlets.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

I believe that national sovereignties will shrink in the face of universal interdependence.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau

Buoyed by water, he can fly in any direction - up, down, sideways - by merely flipping his hand. Under water, man becomes an archangel.

~Jacques Yves Cousteau



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