

James Hetfield

Quotes

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One time we saw some hookers but when we got closer we realized it was Motley Crue.

~James Hetfield

I choose to live, not just exist.

~James Hetfield

Nothing can duplicate the sheer power and feeling you get from standing in front of your amp and bashing on your guitar.

~James Hetfield

I'd rather regret doing something than not doing something.

~James Hetfield

People always complain about something. If you face yourself and stand up strong, you're OK. You can't go wrong.

~James Hetfield

My lifestyle determines my deathstyle.

~James Hetfield

Live win, dare fail.

~James Hetfield

There is one Metallica. We have many styles, it's called Metallica.

~James Hetfield

It's all fun and games 'till someone loses an eye, then it's just fun you can't see.

~James Hetfield

It's a good feeling, that you can put your heart out there, no matter how black it is, and people can understand it.

~James Hetfield

Rap is just to me very annoying.

~James Hetfield

Everybody is born good and everybody has got the same size soul.
We're here to connect with that.

~James Hetfield

Music was the voice I didn't have.

~James Hetfield

Don't look back, because that's the sign of failure.

~James Hetfield

When people start copying your style, you know that something must
be happening.

~James Hetfield

Sleep my friend, and you will see that dream is my reality.

~James Hetfield

I'd like to have a beer-holder on my guitar like they have on boats.

~James Hetfield

Life is for my own to live my own way.

~James Hetfield

I like playing music because it's a good living and I get satisfaction from
it. But I can't feed my family with satisfaction.

~James Hetfield

I like a women who's got some balls, some strength. As long as I can
beat her at arm wrestling, that's fine.

~James Hetfield

If everyone was the same, it would be boring as sh*t

~James Hetfield

There is something powerful in Metallica, a will, a drive.

~James Hetfield

Music is the soundtrack to my life.

~James Hetfield

Nothing's really a prized possession except my family, you know?

~James Hetfield

Every band that I've known that has done side projects or things like that - I don't respect them anymore.

~James Hetfield

If you're into what you're playing, that's the most important thing.

~James Hetfield

Dying, dying, someone told me just recently, dying is easy. Living is hard. For everyone.

~James Hetfield

I was pretty quiet as a child. I kind of hung out with my family and listened to music and sh*t. I wasn't too outgoing at all.

~James Hetfield

There was so much good and different music back then and you'd just keep moving through it and discovering more new stuff. I went through my Black Sabbath phase before I even started playing guitar.

~James Hetfield

My vocals are bad, I can't sing, hey man, I wouldn't ask you to do a drum roll if your arm was falling off.

~James Hetfield

Most of my guitars have been instruments that look cool. I'm not picky. I never think, 'Oh, this neck isn't made of ebony,' or, 'These strings don't feel correct.' It doesn't matter too much.

~James Hetfield

Authority pisses me off. I think everyone should be able to drink and get loud whenever they want.

~James Hetfield

I'm not generally a big solo guy, because I'm not into showing off that way.

~James Hetfield

I'm married to Metallica.

~James Hetfield

I associate times with certain music. It still is that for me. It's telling the story of our lives.

~James Hetfield

Just like the poles of a magnet, some people are drawn to death and others are repulsed by it, but we all have to deal with it.

~James Hetfield

If I hadn't of had music in my life, it's quite possible I'd be dead and I'd much rather be alive.

~James Hetfield

The fans like the idea we do what we want. It's not an act. Screw the record company and the beaten path. Without MTV or radio, we still have a huge underground following.

~James Hetfield

The band? No way! There ain't no band. The band is not 'the band' right now. It's just three guys.

~James Hetfield

I'd much rather talk about guitar playing. I hate it when people ask me about my lyrics. I always feel like telling them to just go and read them.

~James Hetfield

My whole life was duality: Here's my life at home, here's my life on the road.

~James Hetfield

I wanted to make noise, not study theory.

~James Hetfield

Metallica is a wonderful key to have on my key ring. I can go anywhere - it's great.

~James Hetfield

Metallica is the world to me - it always has been, and that's not going to change. I'm married to Metallica.

~James Hetfield

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~James Hetfield

We like to set off bombs.

~James Hetfield

We discovered how much money influences certain things work in United States. How things might seem okay on the outside, but internally, they're corrupt.

~James Hetfield

I don't remember doing anything else; I don't remember not living in the studio. I'm itching for people to hear this album because I'm sick of hearing it myself.

~James Hetfield

You want to hear vocals? Go sing it.

~James Hetfield

No one but me can save myself though its too late, death greets me warm, now i will just say goodbye.

~James Hetfield

When you're an actor and you walk into a theatre where your movie is playing, you're kinda proud. "Look at my skill!"

~James Hetfield

Any time somebody is into your band that's a good thing. And if they're in a really cool, really popular band, that's a better thing.

~James Hetfield

As far as artists and musicians, they don't retire. They might tour less.

~James Hetfield

I've discovered that sheer quantity doesn't necessarily make for a heavier sound; if anything, overdubs make guitars sound mushier.

~James Hetfield

Aqualung is one that my brother turned me onto. It wasn't that hard-rocking, but Martin Barre had a really good sound. He knew what he was doing.

~James Hetfield

Rehab is like college for your head.

~James Hetfield

Send me money, send me green, and Heaven you will meet. Make your contribution and you'll get a better seat.

~James Hetfield

Trios aren't really geared for slide unless you're gonna play chords, or play that simple George Thorogood style. It gets pretty thin when you play single note lines.

~James Hetfield

I love playing the melodic stuff. I love adding textures and colors.

~James Hetfield

I think it's very cool for the drummer to be set free from having to worry about holding down the beat every once in a while, though it's a little constricting.

~James Hetfield

We'd record a song that people liked and wanted to hear on the radio, and the radio wouldn't play it because it was too long. Or they wanted to edit it, which we wouldn't allow.

~James Hetfield

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