

James Lileks

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We always ask where the time went. We never ask where it's coming from.

~James Lileks

I'll feel that horrible feeling in my stomach you get when you've gone over to the Dark Side. But I'll be fine. That's the good thing about the Dark Side. Eventually, your eyes adjust.

~James Lileks

Genius flames and dies, but amiable competence can live forever.

~James Lileks

The newspaper is a lecture. The Web is a conversation.

~James Lileks

I don't believe in the very concept of "first thing in the morning." I'm a "third thing in the afternoon" fellow.

~James Lileks

Calculus destroys self-esteem on contact.

~James Lileks

It takes a particularly rarified variety of idiot to look at a Jew-hating fascist with a small mustache - and decide that his opponent is the Nazi.

~James Lileks

There are three stages to a man's life. 1. He laughs at Clark Griswold. 2. He sympathizes deeply with Clark Griswold. 3. He laughs at Clark Griswold.

~James Lileks

All you need to know about Arafat was that he insisted on wearing a pistol when he addressed the UN General Assembly. And all you need

to know about the UN, I suppose, is that they let him.

~James Lileks

I want to believe in intelligent design, and hence I am suspicious of anything that seems to confirm my desire to believe.

~James Lileks

When your opponent sets up a straw man, set it on fire and kick the cinders around the stage. Don't worry about losing the Strawperson-American community vote.

~James Lileks

I'll start drinking tea over coffee when the big hand is on Never and the little hand is on Ain't Gonna Happen.

~James Lileks

Yay Condi Rice. I want her to go to Saudi Arabia, and I want her first words upon getting off the plane to be 'I'll drive.'

~James Lileks

I've always wondered if there was a Hezbollah version of minesweeper where you get points for blowing up on your first move.

~James Lileks

Contempt for the things people choose of their own free will is, at its heart, contempt for free will.

~James Lileks

The same people who accuse America of coddling dictators are sputtering with bilious fury because we actually deposed one.

~James Lileks

Ah, if only the best place for storing embryonic stem cells was Yucca Flat.

~James Lileks

From Day One the very existence of [Camp Bravo] has been a popcorn hull in the tender gums of the hard left.

~James Lileks

The mind forever turns on the lathe of its own contradictions.

~James Lileks

The popular Arab imagination is a pliant and inventive thing; it can explain any defeat. It is a compass that always points toward the Jew.

~James Lileks

If Mother had to be told not to shove the entire brick of Ivory up Junior's hindquarters, constipation is the least of his problems.

~James Lileks

If you think the '80s were dumber than the '70s, either you weren't there or you weren't paying attention.

~James Lileks

And I don't want posture lessons from a country that spent the last 20 years flopping on its back and grabbing its ankles when Saddam showed up waving stacks of Francs in exchange for bang-sticks.

~James Lileks

A Children's Museum, however, is more of a Funatorium. You are encouraged to touch things, which is poor training for subsequent museum visitation.

~James Lileks

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