

# Jane Goodall Quotes

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Compassion, Spiritual, Mother, Responsibility, Important, Want, Years, Brain,  
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What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

~Jane Goodall

Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference.

~Jane Goodall

You aren't going to save the world on your own. But you might inspire a generation of kids to save it for all of us. You would be amazed at what inspired children can do.

~Jane Goodall

Let us develop respect for all living things. Let us try to replace violence and intolerance with understanding and compassion. And love.

~Jane Goodall

Empathy is really important.. Only when our clever brain and our human heart work together in harmony can we achieve our full potential.

~Jane Goodall

Only if we understand, can we care. Only if we care, we will help. Only if we help, we shall be saved.

~Jane Goodall

If you really want something, and really work hard, and take advantage of opportunities, and never give up, you will find a way.. Follow your Dreams.

~Jane Goodall

The least I can do is speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves.

~Jane Goodall

Your life matters. You can't live through a day without making an impact on the world. And what's most important is to think about the impact of your actions on the world around you.

~Jane Goodall

The greatest danger to our future is apathy.

~Jane Goodall

Change happens by listening and then starting a dialogue with the people who are doing something you don't believe is right.

~Jane Goodall

If we kill off the wild, then we are killing a part of our souls.

~Jane Goodall

I had a wonderful teacher about animal behavior - my dog Rusty. He taught me that animals have personalities, minds, and feelings.

~Jane Goodall

Here we are, the most clever species ever to have lived. So how is it we can destroy the only planet we have?

~Jane Goodall

However much you know giraffes, to see one in the wild for the first time feels prehistoric.

~Jane Goodall

We are unique. Chimpanzees are unique. Dogs are unique. But we humans are just not as different as we used to think.

~Jane Goodall

Having respect for animals makes us better humans.

~Jane Goodall

My mission is to create a world where we can live in harmony with nature.

~Jane Goodall

Every individual matters and has a role to play in this life on Earth.

~Jane Goodall

We have the choice to use the gift of our life to make the world a better place--or not to bother

~Jane Goodall

Young people, when informed and empowered, when they realize that what they do truly makes a difference, can indeed change the world.

~Jane Goodall

A sense of calm came over me. More and more often I found myself thinking, "This is where I belong. This is what I came into this world to do.

~Jane Goodall

It would be absolutely useless for any of us to work to save wildlife without working to educate the next generation of conservationists.

~Jane Goodall

We could change the world tomorrow if all the millions of people around the world acted the way they believe.

~Jane Goodall

I urge you to read *Eternal Treblinka* and think deeply about its important message.

~Jane Goodall

I think I'd like to be remembered as someone who really helped people to have a little humility and realize that we are part of the animal

kingdom not separated from it.

~Jane Goodall

Farm animals feel pleasure and sadness, excitement and resentment, depression, fear, and pain. They are far more aware and intelligent than we ever imagined...they are individuals in their own right.

~Jane Goodall

You're thinking about putting scientists into small cages and doing research on them. I wish it could happen sometimes.

~Jane Goodall

It's up to us to save the world for tomorrow: it's up to you and me.

~Jane Goodall

I have found that to love and be loved is the most empowering and exhilarating of all human emotions.

~Jane Goodall

To reconnect with nature is key if we want to save the planet.

~Jane Goodall

One thing I had learned from watching chimpanzees with their infants is that having a child should be fun.

~Jane Goodall

Anyone who tries to improve the lives of animals invariably comes in for criticism from those who believe such efforts are misplaced in a world of suffering humanity.

~Jane Goodall

Here we are, arguably the most intelligent being that's ever walked planet Earth, with this extraordinary brain ... and yet we're destroying the only home we have.

~Jane Goodall

One individual cannot possibly make a difference, alone. It is individual efforts, collectively, that makes a noticeable difference - all the difference in the world!

~Jane Goodall

I don't care two hoots about civilization. I want to wander in the wild.

~Jane Goodall

I cannot remember a time when I did not want to go to Africa to study animals.

~Jane Goodall

Cumulatively small decisions, choices, actions, make a very big difference.

~Jane Goodall

We have turned away from the natural world. Instead, it's all about money and power.

~Jane Goodall

People don't believe that their actions really and truly are going to make a difference. But kids get it. They know. And they get all excited about the difference they're making.

~Jane Goodall

Someday we shall look back on this dark era of agriculture and shake our heads. How could we have ever believed that it was a good idea to grow our food with poisons?

~Jane Goodall

Lasting change is a series of compromises. And compromise is all right, as long as your values don't change.

~Jane Goodall

Science demands objective factual evidence - proof; spiritual experience is subjective and leads to faith.

~Jane Goodall

What makes us human, I think, is an ability to ask questions, a consequence of our sophisticated spoken language.

~Jane Goodall

I was even accused of teaching the chimps how to fish for termites which I mean that would have been such a brilliant coup.

~Jane Goodall

The cheapest and most efficient way of slowing down global warming is to protect and restore the forests, particularly the tropical forests

~Jane Goodall

I've always felt you don't have to be completely detached, emotionally uninvolved to make precise observations. There's nothing wrong with feeling great empathy for your subjects.

~Jane Goodall

It's not a pretty picture, but there are reasons for hope.

~Jane Goodall

We have so far to go to realize our human potential for compassion, altruism, and love.

~Jane Goodall

I like some animals more than some people, some people more than some animals.

~Jane Goodall

Even chimps understand the concept - if a troop of chimps enters a fruit tree, they will only pick the fruits that are ripe and leave the others growing. That is sustainability.

~Jane Goodall

Animals were my passion from even before I could speak apparently. When I was about 10, 11 I fell in love with Tarzan.

~Jane Goodall

You may not believe in evolution, and that is all right. How we humans came to be the way we are is far less important than how we should act now to get out of the mess we have made for ourselves.

~Jane Goodall

I'm always pushing for human responsibility. Given that chimpanzees and many other animals are sentient and sapient, then we should treat them with respect.

~Jane Goodall

That's what keeps me going. Everywhere I go there are young people with shining eyes wanting to tell me, "Dr. Jane, we're going to make the world a better place."

~Jane Goodall

Especially females and the younger ones like to be with somebody who is wise.

~Jane Goodall

I still think we are smart enough to not destroy planet Earth, our only home.

~Jane Goodall

Children can change the world.

~Jane Goodall



Chimps are far too much human to be my favorite animal.

~Jane Goodall

Become as knowledgeable as possible.

~Jane Goodall

I think we're still in a muddle with our language, because once you get words and a spoken language it gets harder to communicate.

~Jane Goodall

We learn the social norms of our society and modify our behaviour accordingly.

~Jane Goodall

It's not Africa that is destroying the African rainforest, it's selling concessions to timber companies that are not African, they are from the developed world - Japan, America, Germany, Britain.

~Jane Goodall

I learnt from Flo how to be mother. Flo was patient, tolerant. She was supportive. She was always there. She was playful. She enjoyed having her babies, as good mothers do.

~Jane Goodall

Primates are very territorial. It is in their nature to protect their food resources as well as their females and young.

~Jane Goodall

Researchers find it very necessary to keep blinkers on. They don't want to admit that the animals they are working with have feelings.

~Jane Goodall

Lasting change is a series of compromises.

~Jane Goodall

Certainly, if you look at human behavior around the world, you have to admit that we can be very aggressive.

~Jane Goodall

Never be arrogant or abrasive. Treat your opponent respectfully if they really and truly believe they are right.

~Jane Goodall

The problem of the chimps is that they can only sit and look. They can't discuss what they feel. All that feeling is trapped within each one.

~Jane Goodall

Of course animals have a personality and emotions.

~Jane Goodall

One cannot watch chimpanzee infants for long without realizing that they have the same emotional need for affection and reassurance as human children.

~Jane Goodall

Every stage of my life set the scene for the next, and at each point all I had to do was say "yes" and not think too much about the consequences.

~Jane Goodall

Especially now when views are becoming more polarized, we must work to understand each other across political, religious and national boundaries.

~Jane Goodall

Most Africans don't get to see these wild animals at all. Once they see and learn about them, they are much more likely to become involved in protecting the environment.

~Jane Goodall

You cannot share your life with a dog, as I had done in Bournemouth, or a cat, and not know perfectly well that animals have personalities and minds and feelings.

~Jane Goodall

Chimps act the way they feel unless they are afraid of reprisal if they do so. But that doesn't apply to humans.

~Jane Goodall

The only possible way to get somebody to change is to reach into their hearts.

~Jane Goodall

Words can be said in bitterness and anger, and often there seems to be an element of truth in the nastiness. And words don't go away, they just echo around.

~Jane Goodall

Well, in some ways we're not successful at all. We're destroying our home. That's not a bit successful.

~Jane Goodall

Of course we're all programmed genetically to some extent. But the "selfish gene" thesis doesn't explain everything.

~Jane Goodall

You have to realise that touching is a real violation of personal space.

~Jane Goodall

It's the bond between mother and child, which is really for us and for chimps and other primates, the root of all the expressions of social behavior.

~Jane Goodall

We now know that the structure of the DNA in humans and chimpanzees differs by only just over one percent. You could even have a blood transfusion from a chimp, provided you have the same blood group.

~Jane Goodall

I believe sharing stories and experiences is the best way to teach people to empathize!

~Jane Goodall

If a chimp who has been abused horribly by humans can help a human friend in a time of need, how much more should we help the animals - and other people for that matter - in their time of need?

~Jane Goodall

It was both fascinating and appalling to learn that chimpanzees were capable of hostile and territorial behavior that was not unlike certain forms of primitive human warfare.

~Jane Goodall

There isn't a sharp line dividing humans from the rest of the animal kingdom. All the time, we find animals doing things that, in our arrogance, we thought were just human.

~Jane Goodall

Every single day, we could be in a motorcar accident, so, we have to carry on with our lives, and not imagine terror around every corner.

~Jane Goodall

We, as humans, have actually developed a sense of social responsibility. We have gone beyond our basic instincts.

~Jane Goodall

every individual can make a difference ... if we continue to leave

decision making to the so-called decision makers, things will never change.

~Jane Goodall

My hope for the future is that we learn wisdom again.

~Jane Goodall

There is a lot of corruption all over the world and not only when it comes to illegal wildlife trade! There are a few ways to ensure this stops: If there are no customers, there will be no trade.

~Jane Goodall

I've learned that if you want people to join in any kind of conservation effort, you have to help them to care with their hearts, not just their heads.

~Jane Goodall

I think the most important thing to do is to be willing to listen, willing to care, and willing to admit mistakes and change your ways for the better!

~Jane Goodall

You can't do everything. You can't do health and forestry and agriculture. You've got to focus and do one or the other.

~Jane Goodall

Mainly because as women's education increases all around the planet, we find that family size tends to drop.

~Jane Goodall

When you meet chimps you meet individual personalities. When a baby chimp looks at you it's just like a human baby. We have a responsibility to them.

~Jane Goodall

A chimp would never plan to pull another's nails out.

~Jane Goodall

Maternal behavior helps when you have to be patient with nonverbal creatures.

~Jane Goodall

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