

Jay Griffiths

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The silencing of the rainforests is a double deforestation, not only of trees but a deforestation of the mind's music, medicine and knowledge.

~Jay Griffiths

Language is wild - you can't fence it or tell it what to do - and it's the same with people. Even under the worst excesses of Stalinism or consumerism, the human spirit will still express itself.

~Jay Griffiths

Children say they are unhappy in every language they have. They say it in silence, and they say it in riots.

~Jay Griffiths

We are animal in our blood and in our skin. We were not born for pavements and escalators but for thunder and mud.

~Jay Griffiths

Human language is lit with animal life: we play cats-cradle or have hare-brained ideas; we speak of badgering, or outfoxing someone; to squirrel something away and to ferret it out.

~Jay Griffiths

Just because Galileo was a heretic doesn't make every heretic a Galileo.

~Jay Griffiths

Singing with others is an unmediated, shared experience as each person feels the same music reverberating in their individual bodies. Singing is part of our humanity; it is embodied empathy.

~Jay Griffiths

Clock measurement is not time itself. In fact, so opposed are they that one could argue the clock is not a synonym, but the opposite of time.

~Jay Griffiths

A wild creature is not subject to any will except its own

~Jay Griffiths

As a writer you have a duty to be a messenger.

~Jay Griffiths

The losses of the natural world are our loss, their silence silences something within the human mind.

~Jay Griffiths

Being adequately informed is a democratic duty, just as the vote is a democratic right. A misinformed electorate, voting without knowledge, is not a true democracy.

~Jay Griffiths

Time is found in the calibration of the individual to the timing of a collective endeavour, the social grace that less clock-bound societies must practise.

~Jay Griffiths

If people can't acknowledge the wisdom of indigenous cultures, then that's their loss.

~Jay Griffiths

In many traditions, the world was sung into being: Aboriginal Australians believe their ancestors did so. In Hindu and Buddhist thought, Om was the seed syllable that created the world.

~Jay Griffiths

A functional media is as important to democratic freedom as voting.

~Jay Griffiths

I don't write quickly, and I don't want to.

~Jay Griffiths

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