

Jeremy Rifkin

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Basic income is not a utopia, it's a practical business plan for the next step of the human journey.

~Jeremy Rifkin

You can eliminate, for example, a Brazil nut gene if you know that it will create an allergenic effect.

~Jeremy Rifkin

We now have an opportunity, though, to do something we didn't do in the industrial age, and that is to get a leg up on this, to bring the public in quickly, to have an informed debate.

~Jeremy Rifkin

Many of the genetically modified foods will be safe, I'm sure. Will most of them be safe? Nobody knows.

~Jeremy Rifkin

The world's environment can no longer handle beef.

~Jeremy Rifkin

Back in 1983, the United States government approved the release of the first genetically modified organism. In this case, it was a bacteria that prevents frost on food crops.

~Jeremy Rifkin

Can we reach biosphere consciousness and global empathy in time to avert planetary collapse?

~Jeremy Rifkin

What the public needs to understand is that these new technologies, especially in recombinant DNA technology, allow scientists to bypass biological boundaries altogether.

~Jeremy Rifkin

The position I took at the time was that we hadn't really examined any of the potential environmental consequences of introducing genetically modified organisms.

~Jeremy Rifkin

We are entering a new phase in human history - one in which fewer and fewer workers will be needed to produce the goods and services for the global population.

~Jeremy Rifkin

Europe will not accept genetically modified foods. It doesn't make any difference in the final analysis what Brussels does, what Washington does, or what the World Trade Organization does.

~Jeremy Rifkin

Being both entrepreneurial and social is no longer an oxymoron, but rather a tautology.

~Jeremy Rifkin

The industry's not stupid. The industry knows that if those foods are labeled "genetically engineered," the public will shy away and won't take them.

~Jeremy Rifkin

Turning points in human consciousness occur when new energy regimes converge with new communications revolutions, creating new economic eras.

~Jeremy Rifkin

What I'm suggesting to you is that this could be a renaissance. We may be on the cusp of a future which could provide a tremendous leap forward for humanity.

~Jeremy Rifkin

We are learning that the earth functions like an invisible organism. We are the various cells of one living being. Those who work to save the earth are its antibodies.

~Jeremy Rifkin

Generations of human beings were transformed into machines in the relentless pursuit of material wealth: We lived to work.

~Jeremy Rifkin

We were making the first step out of the age of chemistry and physics, and into the age of biology.

~Jeremy Rifkin

They're now turning those seeds into intellectual property, so they have a virtual lock on the seeds upon which we all depend for our food and survival.

~Jeremy Rifkin

The American public is not aware that there might be potential allergenic and toxic reactions. With regular food, at least people know which foods they have an allergy to.

~Jeremy Rifkin

I know quite a few farmers all over the United States who have tried this and have said the opposite, that they have to use more herbicides, not less. The same holds true with BT.

~Jeremy Rifkin

Today we are raised with the notion that to be secure is to be financially autonomous. Amassing wealth is viewed as the primary rite of passage to a secure, autonomous existence.

~Jeremy Rifkin

We are already producing enough food to feed the world. We already

have technology in place that allows us to produce more than we can find a market for.

~Jeremy Rifkin

A refuge is supposed to prevent what? The genes from flowing out of sight? This refuge idea won't stop insects from moving across boundaries. That's absurd.

~Jeremy Rifkin

So my attorneys brought litigation in the U.S. federal courts. The judge ruled in our favor.

~Jeremy Rifkin

The prospect of cheap fusion energy is the worst thing that could happen to the planet.

~Jeremy Rifkin

It may be that everything the life science companies are telling us will turn out to be right, and there's no problem here whatsoever. That defies logic.

~Jeremy Rifkin

In this country, the health concerns and the environmental concerns are as deep as in Europe. All the surveys show that. But here, we didn't have the cultural dimension. This is a fast-food culture.

~Jeremy Rifkin

If your corn has a herbicide-tolerant gene, it means you can spray your herbicides and kill the weeds; you won't kill your corn.

~Jeremy Rifkin

We're finally going to get the bill for the Industrial Age. If the projections are right, it's going to be a big one: the ecological collapse of the planet.

~Jeremy Rifkin

We need a game plan to deploy it very quickly to both move the economy forward and create the new businesses and jobs, and address climate change. It's a pretty big task. Pretty challenging.

~Jeremy Rifkin

One thing I've learned over these last 30 or 40 years is that people make history. There's no fait accompli to any of this.

~Jeremy Rifkin

Deep play precedes deep work.

~Jeremy Rifkin

Cosmologies are made up of small snippets of physical reality that have been remodeled by society into vast cosmic deceptions.

~Jeremy Rifkin

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