

Jerry Garcia

Quotes

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We're like licorice. Not everybody likes licorice, but the people who like licorice really like licorice.

~Jerry Garcia

You ain't gonna learn what you don't wanna know.

~Jerry Garcia

Somebody has to do something, and it's just incredibly pathetic that it has to be us.

~Jerry Garcia

Truth is something you stumble into when you think you're going someplace else.

~Jerry Garcia

You don't want to be the best at what you do, you want to be the only one.

~Jerry Garcia

Nothing left to do but smile.

~Jerry Garcia

It's pretty clear now that what looked like it might have been some kind of counterculture is, in reality, just the plain old chaos of undifferentiated weirdness.

~Jerry Garcia

Constantly choosing the lesser of two evils is still choosing evil.

~Jerry Garcia

If you're able to enjoy something, to devote your life to it or a reasonable amount of time and energy, it will work out for you.

~Jerry Garcia

All I know is, if you listen to society, you'll never get anywhere!

~Jerry Garcia

You do not merely want to be considered just the best of the best. You want to be considered the only one who does what you do.

~Jerry Garcia

Live life expecting the worst, hoping for the best, and living for the future!

~Jerry Garcia

Sometimes the lights all shining on me, other times I can barely see. Lately it occurs to me what a long strange trip it's been.

~Jerry Garcia

I equate Deadheads to people that like black licorice. There aren't many people that like black licorice, but the ones that do, REALLY REALLY like it! Or buttermilk, or whatever.

~Jerry Garcia

We're involved in a society which is undergoing some really weird changes now.

~Jerry Garcia

To me, that's the key thing, the pursuit of happiness. That's the basic, ultimate freedom.

~Jerry Garcia

Magic is what we do, music is how we do it.

~Jerry Garcia

If the thunder don't get ya then the lightning will.

~Jerry Garcia

What is life but being conscious? And good and evil are manifestations of consciousness. If you reject one, you're not getting the whole thing that's there to be had.

~Jerry Garcia

We would all like to be able to live an uncluttered life, a simple life, a good life.

~Jerry Garcia

Done time in the lock-up, done time on the streets. Done time on the upswing, and time in defeat. I know what I'm askin'. I know it's a lot. Just to say that I love you. Believe it or not.

~Jerry Garcia

The real problems are cultural. The problems of the people who take drugs as a cultural trap - I think there's a real problem there, the crack stuff, the hopelessness of the junkie. The urban angst.

~Jerry Garcia

America is still mostly xenophobic and racist. That's the nature of America, I think.

~Jerry Garcia

Too much of a good thing is just about right

~Jerry Garcia

For me, the lame part of the Sixties was the political part, the social part. The real part was the spiritual part.

~Jerry Garcia

Each person makes their own decision about what it is that is happening, whether they like it or don't like it, whether they want to lend their energy to it or not or what, you know.

~Jerry Garcia

I think The Grateful Dead kind of represents the spirit of being able to go out and have an adventure in America at large.

~Jerry Garcia

Right now, America is under the gun. It's being tested and is being co-opted in a big way.

~Jerry Garcia

We didn't invent the Grateful Dead, the crowd invented the Grateful Dead. We were just in line to see what was going to happen.

~Jerry Garcia

And when you don't have to talk to the person next to you, that's real clean. Takes a certain thing not to try to keep anything up, not to have to entertain one another.

~Jerry Garcia

We were very fortunate to have a a little time in history when LSD was still legal and were able to experiment with drugs just like we were doing with music.

~Jerry Garcia

If you assume you haven't learned anything yet, there's no reason your playing can't stay dynamic all your life.

~Jerry Garcia

If you think of music as a universal language, it still has some very powerful dialects.

~Jerry Garcia

I read somewhere that 77 per cent of all the mentally ill live in poverty. Actually, I'm more intrigued by the 23 per cent who are apparently doing quite well for themselves.

~Jerry Garcia

It's not enough to be the best at what you do. You must be perceived as the only one who does what you do.

~Jerry Garcia

Hunter can write a melody and stuff like that, but his forte is lyrics. He can write a serviceable melody to hang his lyrics on, and sometimes he comes up with something really nice.

~Jerry Garcia

What a long strange trip it's been.

~Jerry Garcia

Stuff that's hidden and murky and ambiguous is scary because you don't know what it does.

~Jerry Garcia

You can't repeat things because each time is different. The universe has changed. Everything has changed.

~Jerry Garcia

Everybody needs adventure, and everybody needs something to enlarge his or her lives.

~Jerry Garcia

And as far as I'm concerned, it's like I say, drugs are not the problem. Other stuff is the problem.

~Jerry Garcia

Every silver lining has a touch of grey.

~Jerry Garcia

What's been great about the human race gives you a sense of how great you might get, how far you can reach.

~Jerry Garcia

I mean, whatever kills you kills you, and your death is authentic no matter how you die.

~Jerry Garcia

For me, I think the only danger is being too much in love with guitar playing. The MUSIC is the most important thing, and the guitar is only the instrument.

~Jerry Garcia

Whistle through your teeth and spit cuz, it's Alright

~Jerry Garcia

The bigger issue, was the whole takeover of the food industry by big corporations.

~Jerry Garcia

I don't think that Slaughterhouse-Five was successful movie material. In fact, Vonnegut's books mostly I don't feel are movie material.

~Jerry Garcia

Nobody stopped thinking about those psychedelic experiences. Once you've been to some of those places, you think, 'How can I get back there again but make it a little easier on myself?'

~Jerry Garcia

Run faster, jump higher, reach farther, and you'll always win!

~Jerry Garcia

Listen to the river sing sweet songs to rock my soul.

~Jerry Garcia

There's a lot there to enlarge you. That's part of the value of being in an extended family is that it enlarges you. It makes you bigger. It makes you more.

~Jerry Garcia

Cats on the bandstand, give them each a big hand, anyone who sweats like that must be all right.

~Jerry Garcia

And for me there's still more material than 20 lifetimes that I can use up.

~Jerry Garcia

I think that America is in danger of losing its adventurous spirit in the cause of some kind of illusion of safety, or substitute of law and order there.

~Jerry Garcia

Either you were a hoodlum, or you were a puddle on the sidewalk.

~Jerry Garcia

The satisfaction of producing a work of art is the thing of getting off on it on some level.

~Jerry Garcia

If something doesn't work, it becomes obvious immediately. This just isn't going to work.

~Jerry Garcia

American society has gone completely into denial.

~Jerry Garcia

Some things may work, but they definitely won't work every time. Some things may work at various times.

~Jerry Garcia

The sun will shine in my back door one day.

~Jerry Garcia

The pursuit of happiness is an overview kind of thing. It's not in the Bill of Rights.

~Jerry Garcia

What we do is as American as lynch mobs. America has always been a complex place.

~Jerry Garcia

It's much too late to do anything about rock & roll now.

~Jerry Garcia

People may need something to celebrate. They need a context in which to celebrate things. They need something that fills the void that's left by the bankruptcy of religion and so forth.

~Jerry Garcia

I'm goin' where the wind don't blow so strange, maybe off on some high cold mountain chain.

~Jerry Garcia

If you are picking the lesser of two evils, you are still picking Evil.

~Jerry Garcia

It's odd that there is a high level of appreciation of nature. There is the aesthetic side that really loves nature and beauty.

~Jerry Garcia

If you are going to develop beast technology, you want to start by having cage technology. You want to make the rules first, you know.

~Jerry Garcia

The Japanese are hard to figure out.

~Jerry Garcia

There is some art that says the same thing to everybody. WE need something like that. What that is, I don't know. But virtual reality may be the key to it.

~Jerry Garcia

I think it's too bad that everybody's decided to turn on drugs, I don't think drugs are the problem. Crime is the problem. Cops are the problem. Money's the problem. But drugs are just drugs.

~Jerry Garcia

In this universe the top end is light and the bottom end is real hard stuff.

~Jerry Garcia

There's a need for a ritual and for real joy and real bliss. Real fun.

~Jerry Garcia

I have all the patience in the world about Sirens. For me it's not a Grateful Dead project, it's a Me project.

~Jerry Garcia

Now there is no place you can go where you don't hear certain types of music.

~Jerry Garcia

Our strong suit is what we do, and our audience.

~Jerry Garcia

Don't tell me this town 'aint got no heart

~Jerry Garcia

At some point or another, our boundaries run into the boundaries of the

exterior reality. Like we run into laws and other things that we don't own or don't have control over.

~Jerry Garcia

So we are pretty convinced we don't want to play huge stadiums unless we can play them well.

~Jerry Garcia

We've been trying to sell out for years, nobody's buying!

~Jerry Garcia

How many Beethovens are there that just for lack of the training, the world doesn't get exposed to.

~Jerry Garcia

Death comes at you no matter what you do in this life, and to equate drugs with death is a facile comparison.

~Jerry Garcia

The point is there is more information now than you can pass along comfortably in an oral tradition, say a strictly speaking culture. That is a problem.

~Jerry Garcia

With the recognition comes additional responsibility, because then we're no longer a one-shot. We're now part of the environment.

~Jerry Garcia

Sometimes you have to be clever.

~Jerry Garcia

I'm shopping around for something to do that no one will like.

~Jerry Garcia

The pursuit of happiness is such a large of concept.

~Jerry Garcia

And the live show is still our main thing.

~Jerry Garcia

The world that you can go walk outside and walk around the block. That's reality. The reality that's being talked about is something else entirely.

~Jerry Garcia

You can't make rules regarding the moral behavior of something unless you know what the hell it is, and what it's capacities are. What it can do, what it can't do.

~Jerry Garcia

There is no dogma, there isn't anything about how the universe works.

~Jerry Garcia

You reach into cyberspace and you grab some cyber stuff, build it up, and the computer will give you a 360 of it.

~Jerry Garcia

That's part of that thing of transcending languages. Every person will have their own language.

~Jerry Garcia

Most musicians, regardless of what culture they come from, can get together and agree on some stuff about music. As there is going to be a common ground.

~Jerry Garcia

every mind is at least as heavy as mine

~Jerry Garcia

I sat down to my supper, twas a bottle of red whiskey.

~Jerry Garcia

Kerouac was a breeze, some kind of incredible super-American, mythos personality blasting through the highways of 1947 America.

~Jerry Garcia

I am not a keyboard person. The mouse is better.

~Jerry Garcia

The world has to tell us. In other words, we don't have an agenda or a battle plan or a map or a direction or anything. We're just going along, and our world is telling us.

~Jerry Garcia

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