

Jerry Pournelle

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Freedom is not free. Free men are not equal. Equal men are not free.

~Jerry Pournelle

Bureaucracies are progressive. meaning they have a burning fear that someone, somewhere, is doing something without permission.

~Jerry Pournelle

One of the things we must be able to agree to is to lose an election and not take to the streets.

~Jerry Pournelle

A Dark Age is not just a period in which people no longer know how to do things. The real key is that people no longer remember that certain things can be done at all.

~Jerry Pournelle

Of course most people underestimate the warrior characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman peoples anyway. It takes a heap of piety to keep a Viking from wanting to go sack a city.

~Jerry Pournelle

And that's another piece of advice I'll give junior writers; when you get to the point where they take you to lunch, let the editor suggest where to go.

~Jerry Pournelle

That which does not kill me, has made a grave tactical error.

~Jerry Pournelle

We have for years been building a society in which everybody plunders everybody, and while we are weary of being plundered, we enjoy the plunder.

~Jerry Pournelle

I have a big collection of quotation programs...In particular, I like MCR Software's Wisdom of the Ages, which has the best selection of relevant quotes I know.

~Jerry Pournelle

The Aztecs believe they started up in what's now New Mexico, and wandered for 10,000 years before they got down into where they are now, in Mexico City. That's a weird legend.

~Jerry Pournelle

In any ethical situation, the thing you want least to do is probably the right action.

~Jerry Pournelle

You no longer have much in the way of knowing what to do in a big, epic novel about the future, because nobody knows what the hell is going to happen.

~Jerry Pournelle

We juggle priceless eggs in variable gravity. I am afraid. I will taste fear until I die.

~Jerry Pournelle

The importance of information is directly proportional to its improbability.

~Jerry Pournelle

The definition of a Dark Age is that we no longer remember what we once could do.

~Jerry Pournelle

What man has done, man can aspire to do.

~Jerry Pournelle

And in down times it shakes a lot of the bad SF out, a lot the stuff that was bought for literary reasons, which is neither entertaining nor great literature.

~Jerry Pournelle

...with what we spent in Iraq we could build nuclear power plants and space solar power satellites and tell the Arabs to drink their oil.

~Jerry Pournelle

The American way of war is to build an army, then another, then a third, while building fleets. If the war is still on at that point we smash.

~Jerry Pournelle

If you submit a search of the following phrase on Google, you get over four hundred returns, and they are often very strange ones: "I have more information in one place than anybody in the world."

~Jerry Pournelle

Freedom is not free. It is bought at a high price. It can be squandered cheaply.

~Jerry Pournelle

Unrestricted laissez faire capitalism allocates resources in a most efficient way to satisfy human wants without regard to the rationality or morality of those desires.

~Jerry Pournelle

Grinding the faces of the poor seems to be the policy of the Greens.

~Jerry Pournelle

I think it takes about a million words to make a writer. I mean that you're going to throw away.

~Jerry Pournelle

Everything takes longer and costs more.

~Jerry Pournelle

It's not only possible, but likely that the Nobel Prize in economics will go in alternate years to people who disagree on nearly everything fundamental.

~Jerry Pournelle

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