

John Brunner Quotes

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It's supposed to be automatic but actually you have to press this button.

~John Brunner

If there is such a phenomenon as absolute evil, it consists in treating another human being as a thing.

~John Brunner

After all, the rich get richer and the poor get children. Which is okay so long as lots of them starve in infancy.

~John Brunner

What in Gods name is it worth to be human, if we have to be saved from ourselves by a machine?

~John Brunner

To go faster you must slow down.

~John Brunner

If the evidence says you're wrong, you don't have the right theory. You change the theory, not the evidence.

~John Brunner

There are two kinds of fools. One says, "This is old, and therefore good." And one says, " This is new, and therefore better.

~John Brunner

What people want, mainly, is to be told by some plausible authority that what they are already doing is right. I don't know know of a quicker way to become unpopular than to disagree.

~John Brunner

How do you whip up resentment against absentee landlords and pocketers of bribes when the highest ambition of the people is either to

become the former or be in a position to receive the latter?

~John Brunner

Let's all be different same as me.

~John Brunner

You have many years to live do things you will be proud to remember when you're old.

~John Brunner

It's not because my mind is made up that I don't want you to confuse me with any more facts. It's because my mind isn't made up. I already have more facts than I can cope with.

~John Brunner

"Pay him what was promised", said the caliph. "And put out his eyes."

~John Brunner

Love and joy are incredibly habit-forming; often a single exposure is enough to cause permanent addiction.

~John Brunner

First you use machines, then you wear machines, and then ...? Then you serve machines.

~John Brunner

For all the claims one hears about the liberating impact of the data-net, the truth is that it's wished on most of us a brand-new reason for paranoia.

~John Brunner

Papa Hegel he say that all we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history. I knew people who can't even learn from what happened this morning. Hegel must have been taking the long view.

~John Brunner

Like living creatures, automobiles expired when their environment became saturated with their own excreta. We ourselves are living creatures. We don't want the same to happen to us.

~John Brunner

We fret about how to keep going the same old way when we should be casting around for another way that's better.

~John Brunner

I'm myself, not a label.

~John Brunner

Yes, for most people nowadays television is their only contact with the world beyond their work.

~John Brunner

UNFAIR :: Term applied to advantages enjoyed by other people which we tried to cheat them out of and didn't manage.

~John Brunner

I can't see heaven but I credit hell I live in New York so I know it well. When they shut out heaven with the Fuller Dome God gave it up and He went home.

~John Brunner

to travel faster than a speeding bullet is not much help if you and it are heading straight towards each other

~John Brunner

Don't bother explaining--I've heard all the excuses and the trouble is most of them are true.

~John Brunner

It's common platitude that knowledge is neutral but every now and then it would be useful if it were on your side and not theirs.

~John Brunner

Christ, what an imagination I've got!

~John Brunner

Who should know better than a cosmetician that human beings are less than rational creatures?

~John Brunner

People who hate in concrete terms are dangerous. People who manage to hate only in abstracts are the ones worth having for your friends.

~John Brunner

Rumors that the sun is out at Santa Ynez are without foundation," the radio said.

~John Brunner

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