

# John Burdett

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I don't want enlightenment, I want him. Sorry Buddha, I loved him more than you.

~John Burdett

Don't ask me when I first mastered the obvious.

~John Burdett

I am moonlighting for the Buddha.

~John Burdett

Your fear of letting go prevents you from letting go of your fear of letting go.

~John Burdett

Las Vegas is the expression, in glitter and concrete, of Americas brittle and mutating id.

~John Burdett

Expecting to be wrong about most things most of the time brings, finally, the kind of humility that leads to peace. I think.

~John Burdett

Just studying Buddhism, then meditating and going to Buddhist monasteries, talking to Buddhist monks, combined with the Thai people themselves, changed the way I look at the world.

~John Burdett

When you notice light seeping into your coffin, it's hard to go on pretending that you're still dead.

~John Burdett

To a Buddhist, contradictions only exist in a mind that has been forced to cultivate them.

~John Burdett

The world other than as advertised can be an amazing place.

~John Burdett

There are plenty of brilliant people who are too stressed out to read challenging literary novels.

~John Burdett

Shun security, I advise aspiring novelists when they complain to me that they are stuck. Get disoriented. Maybe your agonizing writing block isnt agonizing enough. Your enemy is comfort.

~John Burdett

The function of the West is to turn bodies and minds into products. It cannot understand that the rest of the world holds this to be an obscenity, a corruption of our nirvanic nature.

~John Burdett

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