

# John Coltrane Quotes

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One positive thought produces millions of positive vibrations.

~John Coltrane

Invest yourself in everything you do. There's fun in being serious.

~John Coltrane

The real risk is not changing. I have to feel that I'm after something. If I make money, fine. But I'd rather be striving. It's the striving, man, it's that I want.

~John Coltrane

God breathes through us so completely...So gently we hardly feel it...yet it is our everything.

~John Coltrane

Starting in the middle of a musical sentence and moving in both directions at once.

~John Coltrane

I'd like to point out to people the divine in a musical language that transcends words. I want to speak to their souls.

~John Coltrane

My music is the spiritual expression of what I am: my faith, my knowledge, my being.

~John Coltrane

I think music is an instrument. It can create the initial thought patterns that can change the thinking of people.

~John Coltrane

Damn the rules, it's the feeling that counts.

~John Coltrane

You can play a shoestring if you're sincere.

~John Coltrane

I believe that men are here to grow themselves into the best good that they can be - at least, this is what I want to do.

~John Coltrane

Don't ever get so big or important that you can not hear and listen to every other person.

~John Coltrane

All of the technique doesn't matter... only if the feeling is right.

~John Coltrane

All a musician can do is to get closer to the source.

~John Coltrane

If you're bourgeois, money is it. It's all the questions and all the answers. Ain't no E-flat or color blue, only \$12.98 or \$1,000. If it isn't money, it isn't nothing.

~John Coltrane

Whatever I'd say would be an understatement. I can only say my life was made much better by knowing him. He was one of the greatest people I've ever known, as a man, a friend, and a musician.

~John Coltrane

The main thing a musician would like to do is to give a picture to the listener of the many wonderful things he knows of and senses in the universe.

~John Coltrane

When you begin to see the possibilities of music, you desire to do something really good for people.

~John Coltrane

All a musician can do is to get closer to the sources of nature, and so feel that he is in communion with the natural laws.

~John Coltrane

Jazz is a word they use to sell our music, but to me that word does not exist.

~John Coltrane

There are so many things to be considered in making music. The whole question of life itself... I know that I want to produce beautiful music, music that does things to people that they need.

~John Coltrane

I think I was first awakened to musical exploration by Dizzy Gillespie and Bird. It was through their work that I began to learn about musical structures and the more theoretical aspects of music.

~John Coltrane

I want to be the force which is truly for good.

~John Coltrane

Change is inevitable in music - things change.

~John Coltrane

I'm into scales right now.

~John Coltrane

Working with Monk is like falling down a dark elevator shaft.

~John Coltrane

Keep a thing happenin' all throughout.

~John Coltrane

I think the majority of musicians are interested in truth.

~John Coltrane

The first time I heard Bird play, it hit me right between the eyes.

~John Coltrane

Any time you play your horn, it helps you. If you get down, you can help yourself even in a rock 'n' roll band.

~John Coltrane

Sometimes I think I was making music through the wrong end of a magnifying glass.

~John Coltrane

I think I know what it is but don't ask me to play it

~John Coltrane

Sometimes I wish I could walk up to my music for the first time, as if I had never heard it before.

~John Coltrane

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