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As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

~John Glenn

The most important thing we can do is inspire young minds and to advance the kind of science, math and technology education that will help youngsters take us to the next phase of space travel.

~John Glenn

To sit back and let fate play its hand out and never influence it is not the way man was meant to operate.

~John Glenn

We have an infinite amount to learn both from nature and from each other.

~John Glenn

I don't know what you could say about a day in which you have seen four beautiful sunsets.

~John Glenn

There are times when you devote yourself to a higher cause than personal safety.

~John Glenn

When others kid me about being bald, I simply tell them that the way I figure it, the good Lord only gave men so many hormones, and if others want to waste theirs on growing hair, that's up to them.

~John Glenn

I suppose the one quality in an astronaut more powerful than any other is curiosity. They have to get some place nobody's ever been.

~John Glenn

Too many people, when they get old, think that they have to live by the calendar.

~John Glenn

Zero G and I feel fine.

~John Glenn

I am a stranger. I come in peace. Take me to your leader and there will be a massive reward for you in eternity.

~John Glenn

You know, old folks can have dreams, too, as well as young folks, and then work toward them. And to have a dream like this come true for me is just a terrific experience.

~John Glenn

There is still no cure for the common birthday.

~John Glenn

This is a day we have managed to avoid for a quarter of a century. We've talked about it before and speculated about it, and it finally has occurred. We hoped we could push this day back forever.

~John Glenn

Just because I'm 77 doesn't mean I don't have a dream.

~John Glenn

The moment of twilight is simply beautiful.

~John Glenn

I was sold on flying as soon as I had a taste for it.

~John Glenn

We (the DOE) are poisoning our people in the name of national

# security.

~John Glenn

That was a real fireball.

~John Glenn

America had an emphasis on the individual and so education became available for everyone.

~John Glenn

I still love to fly and I'll never get over that.

~John Glenn

If we could do something that enhances the body's immune system here on Earth, it would be a tremendous step forward in the fight against disease and cancer and other things.

~John Glenn

Americans just want us to... not be concerned if they can be constitutionally justified... Why, if we had to do that we could not pass most of the laws we enact around here.

~John Glenn

I hate to think that we may be out there seven to ten years out and dependent on the Russians for our journey into space.

~John Glenn

I still have my [flight] license and I can still pass a flight physical.

~John Glenn

We had a lot of confidence that there was going to be a successful mission. We weren't off on some suicide effort, certainly [with Friendship 7].

~John Glenn

I think we're a long ways from really putting colonies of people out there who would live their whole lives out there in space. I don't see that happening for quite some time.

~John Glenn

I think that it's good for us to be able to travel in space and do research in space, and I emphasize the research, because space travel to me is far more than just seeing how far we can go.

~John Glenn

I think in America we have to get back to being the best educated general citizenry in the world and make sure we do not lose our lead in research, if we're to have a leadership position in the world.

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~John Glenn

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