

John Lydon

Quotes

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When you talk like an asshole and look like an asshole, you're an asshole

~John Lydon

Freedom isn't to do what you want at somebody else's expense.

~John Lydon

I'm very open about my politics. I don't believe in any political party at all, none of them.

~John Lydon

I'm no one's lap dog, you can't put me on a leash.

~John Lydon

Ever get the feeling you've been cheated?

~John Lydon

Punk became a circus didn't it? Everybody got it wrong. The message was supposed to be: Don't follow us, do what you want!

~John Lydon

Just because people think politically different to you doesn't mean they're inhuman.

~John Lydon

Sometimes the most positive thing you can be in a boring society is absolutely negative.

~John Lydon

Obama's dense as a doorbell; not much going on up there - it's a wooden top.

~John Lydon

You'd have to be daft as a brush to say you didn't like Pink Floyd.

~John Lydon

I have one major problem with the Internet: It's full of liars.

~John Lydon

I'm not this callous clown walking around laughing at life all the time. I've had some serious, serious problems in my life. But I've come out with a smile.

~John Lydon

I cannot comprehend fundamentalism. It's fundamentally wrong.

~John Lydon

I'm not here for your amusement. You're here for mine.

~John Lydon

I like crazy people, especially those who don't see the risk.

~John Lydon

I'm just permanently agitated by everything and everyone.

~John Lydon

Remaining childish is a tremendous state of innocence.

~John Lydon

Meat isn't murder, it's delicious.

~John Lydon

Judge not others unless you're prepared to be judged!

~John Lydon

If you are pissing people off, you know you are doing something right

~John Lydon

You'll find that empty vessels make the most sound.

~John Lydon

I think national pride leads to nothing but wars and hate.

~John Lydon

I like lime-flavoured yoghurt. The end. There is no religion. It's a man-made fabrication. Once you understand that, you'll be a happier individual. Atheism is as pointless as satanism.

~John Lydon

Let's escape the past. The past didn't work. All we have is the future, and I'm the one who wrote "no future for you!" Don't let the irony be lost.

~John Lydon

Analog, electronic, whatever it happens to be, I simply love and adore literally every aspect of making music.

~John Lydon

U2 - that's a band that never should have existed. There's no life experience in any of their songs.

~John Lydon

Love is 2 minutes and 52 seconds of squelching noises.

~John Lydon

Any kind of history you read is basically the winning side telling you the others were bad.

~John Lydon

My way of thinking as I approach any human being on this planet is, 'What are you doing now?' That's what interests me. I don't come at anybody with a whole bunch of assumptions.

~John Lydon

I showed what I can do with butter, right? Eighty-five percent increase in sales. I'm very proud of them Country Life ads. They were funny and clever and classy like the Toblerone ads I grew up with.

~John Lydon

Being born into the Royal Family is like being born into a mental asylum. Marrying into it is not something to be taken lightly.

~John Lydon

Here's how I understand music. If you can play the same bunch of noise twice, it's music. To go beyond that is supercilious and pontificating.

~John Lydon

[Replying to the question of the presenter: "where did the name "Sex Pistols" come from, who thought this name up?"] Some animal. I can't remember. It doesn't matter. It's history.

~John Lydon

Rock n' roll is over, don't you get it? It lasted 25 years and now gets wiped out. The Sex Pistols were the bullet in the brain. They were the last rock and roll band.

~John Lydon

I don't tolerate liars. When somebody lies to me, that's really, like, just unbearable.

~John Lydon

I love discordancy. It makes people ill at ease and wakes up a part of their brain that's normally asleep.

~John Lydon

I hate death; it takes people away from you. You're left feeling rudderless.

~John Lydon

Until I see an Arab country, a Muslim country, with a democracy, I won't understand how anyone can have a problem with how they're treated.

~John Lydon

Over the years, during television interviews, whenever the host or the reviewer or whoever gets cynical and nasty with me, I will behave accordingly. I will defend myself.

~John Lydon

You never know how things will work out. After all the bad reasons in the world, some good came out.

~John Lydon

If dolphins are so intelligent, how come they ain't got Walkmans?

~John Lydon

Music can describe emotions far more accurately than words ever can. As soon as I realised that, I knew music was where I wanted to be.

~John Lydon

I could take on England, but I couldn't take on one heroin user.

~John Lydon

You're made to feel ugly, and I made ugly beautiful. Just by sheer persistence. Nobody has the right to say that I am ugly, and I will not be a professional victim, you know. Sorry!

~John Lydon

I don't need a Rolls-Royce, I don't need a house in the country, I don't need to live in the south of France. I'm quite happy as I am.

~John Lydon

You should never, ever be understood completely. That's like the kiss of death, isn't it? It's a full stop. I don't ever think you should put full stops on thoughts. They change.

~John Lydon

It's a repressive society where you can't be horrible, I'm not horrible, they made me horrible, I'm just honest.

~John Lydon

I nearly die of fear before I go on stage. Something wicked. I can't eat a thing the day before a gig.

~John Lydon

I love pop music. It's not easy to write a good pop song.

~John Lydon

I'm not blowing my own trumpet here, but I made a rap song 20 years ago with Afrika Bambaataa.

~John Lydon

I find Lady Gaga hilarious. And I kind of like her. My heart's warmed to her.

~John Lydon

It's a loser's emblem (swastika), because the Nazis lost the war. It's ridiculous to suggest we are involved with fascists. All my best friends are black, gay, Irish or criminals.

~John Lydon

We need wealthy dogs off the seats of power. They're taking us back to feudalism and I really don't want that. But I'm very far from being a socialist.

~John Lydon

If you have something to say then you want someone to pay attention or at least to have the opportunity for them to tell you to shut up and go away.

~John Lydon

You can't arrest me, I'm a rockstar.

~John Lydon

If you give me the chance, I'll destroy America for you.

~John Lydon

The real color of my hair is mouse. I always want to be ginger, which I was when I was born, or blond, because I live in L.A., and I want to look like I go surfing without any physical effort.

~John Lydon

Heaven is on this earth. There are no angels on the clouds with twanging harps... That's just another man's fantasy.

~John Lydon

Turn the other cheek too often and you get a razor through it.

~John Lydon

If you were to look back at me as a school kid you'd see a very quiet little church mouse kind of character.

~John Lydon

I never thought of Green Day as a punk band. Just bubblegum, really.

~John Lydon

Punk is like looking at a mirror. I already have a mirror so I don't need the Offspring to remind me how gorgeous I am.

~John Lydon

One of the most beautiful things about Britain, apart from the NHS and the free education, is the British Army.

~John Lydon

Only the fakes survive.

~John Lydon

It's quite sad to see how many people I've known over that years that just die off, you know like wilted flowers. Well, there's something to be said for flowers in the dustbin.

~John Lydon

The idea of hearing, 'Great gig, man,' one more time just turns my stomach over.

~John Lydon

I'm not limited to categories or genres. Anything human beings come up with fascinates me. If a three-legged idiot like me can dance to it, then that's all well and fine.

~John Lydon

I never wore a studded leather jacket, y'know. Ne-va! If I had had the money I wouldn't have spent it on shit like that.

~John Lydon

If anyone asks for your autograph they're showing you respect and give it back to them.

~John Lydon

I mean, the genuine roots of culture is folk music.

~John Lydon

I've always despised the hippies.

~John Lydon

If you really want the truth of anything, don't use Wikipedia.

~John Lydon

Rules are important, but they're temporary and they're always supposed to be changed.

~John Lydon

The only good political movement I've seen lately was Occupy Wall Street. They had no leaders, which was genius. But unfortunately it always ends up with some hippy playing a flute.

~John Lydon

I've always said, I thought the Sex Pistols was more Music Hall than anything else - because I think that really, more truths are said in humour than any other form.

~John Lydon

I keep falling off the edge of the stage because I can't see it. I can't see my wrinkles in the mirror either, though.

~John Lydon

My words are my bullets.

~John Lydon

Occasionally, a re-enactment is a fine thing. I love Civil War re-enactments.

~John Lydon

I don't believe in false memories, like I don't believe in false songs.

~John Lydon

I'm not going to pontificate and tell you to execute your government at dawn, but it wouldn't be a bad idea.

~John Lydon

Let's face it, I ain't ever gonna be the best singer in the world, or the best anything.

~John Lydon

Gossip is a very dangerous tool. We should be more wary of the gossip, and not the gossip they're trying to relay to you.

~John Lydon

It's nice to be irritated. It's a very joyous thing.

~John Lydon

I've never done anything deliberately; I just speak my mind, and that is what I consistently do and will always do in any way shape or form that I can.

~John Lydon

I have the integrity of a teenager and that's never going to be stolen from me. I'm the original virgin.

~John Lydon

I love consumerism, TV culture, shopping malls. There's nothing I'd ever buy, but I like being there. It's wacky.

~John Lydon

It's no good being nice and young and naive. There's no good in that at all. You've got to do it all yourself, and you've gotta learn quick. And you can't look for sympathy either.

~John Lydon

There's nothing glorious in dying. Anyone can do it.

~John Lydon

Dummy Dum Dum was my nickname for years at school. I was the strange one of the family, the one who couldn't remember his name.

~John Lydon

I don't release records to be anything but enjoyable.

~John Lydon

Anyone who's parading under a \$100,00-plus video is not free from corporate. That's just the MTV advertising agency. I find them all to be just a bit of a sham.

~John Lydon

I love being alive so much. When you come out of comas in your childhood, every moment awake is a joyous occasion.

~John Lydon

I've never said I'm a communist.

~John Lydon

I do use my music to entertain myself, as indeed I use other people's music.

~John Lydon

I'm not able to tell you what the best song is yet, because there's more to come. I feel that in me. I can still feel the burning energy and the desire to create and create and create.

~John Lydon

As a young concert-going person, I was never enamoured with celebrities who would walk out to feature in certain songs and then walk off.

~John Lydon

My reputation is a media creation.

~John Lydon

The day I run out of ideas is the day I stop making records.

~John Lydon

Love is two minutes fifty-two seconds of squishing noises. It shows your mind isn't clicking right.

~John Lydon

Do not stand in the middle, go to the right or to the left.

~John Lydon

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