

John Perry Barlow

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Relying on the government to protect your privacy is like asking a peeping tom to install your window blinds.

~John Perry Barlow

If all ideas have to be bought, then you have an intellectually regressive system that will assure you have a highly knowledgeable elite and an ignorant mass.

~John Perry Barlow

When cryptography is outlawed, bayl bhgynjf jvyy unir cevinpl.

~John Perry Barlow

If you're not lost, you're not much of an explorer.

~John Perry Barlow

We will create a civilization of the Mind in Cyberspace. May it be more humane and fair than the world your governments have made before.

~John Perry Barlow

I ... believe that angels, or something like them, sometimes live among us, hidden within our fellow human beings.

~John Perry Barlow

I come from Cyberspace, the new home of Mind. On behalf of the future, I ask you of the past to leave us alone. You are not welcome among us. You have no sovereignty where we gather.

~John Perry Barlow

We are creating a world where anyone, anywhere may express his or her beliefs, no matter how singular, without fear of being coerced into silence or conformity.

~John Perry Barlow

You do not know our culture, our ethics, or the unwritten codes that

already provide our society more order than could be obtained by any of your impositions.

~John Perry Barlow

But groundless hope, like unconditional love, is the only kind worth having.

~John Perry Barlow

I mean I look forward to the day when I can be Republican again.

~John Perry Barlow

We are in the middle of the most transforming technological event since the capture of fire.

~John Perry Barlow

The future's here, we are it, we are on our own

~John Perry Barlow

Our universities are so determined to impose tolerance that they'll expel you for saying what you think and never notice the irony

~John Perry Barlow

We cannot separate the air that chokes from the air upon which wings beat.

~John Perry Barlow

Out of the ashes of the music business, comes the rebirth of the musician business.

~John Perry Barlow

So I'm just waiting until one party or the other actually gets a moral compass and a backbone.

~John Perry Barlow

Hope does not always require probability.

~John Perry Barlow

The Internet treats censorship as a malfunction and routes around it.

~John Perry Barlow

One may as well be optimistic. The road to catastrophe will be rougher if it's paved with dread.

~John Perry Barlow

Everyone seems to be playing well within the boundaries of his usual rule set. I have yet to hear anyone say something that seemed likely to mitigate the idiocy of this age.

~John Perry Barlow

The one thing that I know government is good for is countervailing against monopoly. It's not great at that either, but it's the only force I know that is fairly reliable.

~John Perry Barlow

Incompetence is a double-edged banana.

~John Perry Barlow

In Cyberspace, the First Amendment is a local ordinance.

~John Perry Barlow

I support freedom of expression, no matter whose, so I oppose DDoS attacks regardless of their target... they're the poison gas of cyberspace.

~John Perry Barlow

I'm still strongly opposed to antismoking laws, strongly opposed to any law that regulates personal behavior.

~John Perry Barlow

I don't know that I believe in the supernatural, but I do believe in miracles, and our time together was filled with the events of magical unlikelihood.

~John Perry Barlow

But generally speaking, I felt to engage in the political process was to sully oneself to such a degree that whatever came out wasn't worth the trouble put in.

~John Perry Barlow

I have always felt that no matter how inscrutable its ways and means, the universe is working perfectly and working according to a greater plan than we can know.

~John Perry Barlow

The more you've got, the shorter it feels.

~John Perry Barlow

God's jokes are the soul's curriculum.

~John Perry Barlow

The first serious infowar is now engaged. The field of battle is WikiLeaks. You are the troops.

~John Perry Barlow

Most libertarians are worried about government but not worried about business. I think we need to be worrying about business in exactly the same way we are worrying about government.

~John Perry Barlow

New solutions win by virtue of adoption, and they don't get adopted if they're bad solutions.

~John Perry Barlow

I've begun to wonder if we wouldn't also regard spelunkers as desperate criminals if AT&T owned all the caves.

~John Perry Barlow

I had always thought that the idea of love at first sight was one of those things invented by lady novelists from the South with three names.

~John Perry Barlow

The Corporate impulse for human uniformity instills shame at difference and, thus, the contemporary zeal for privacy.

~John Perry Barlow

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