

# John Wyndham

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And we danced, on the brink of an unknown future, to an echo from a vanished past.

~John Wyndham

When a day that you happen to know is Wednesday starts off by sounding like Sunday, there is something seriously wrong somewhere.

~John Wyndham

Knowledge is simply a kind of fuel; it needs the motor of understanding to convert it into power.

~John Wyndham

...after all, what is a planet but an island in space?

~John Wyndham

It's humiliating to be dependent, anyway, but it's still a poorer pass to have no one to depend on.

~John Wyndham

Anybody who has had a great treasure has always led a precarious existence.

~John Wyndham

The simple rely on a bolstering mass of maxim and precept, so do the timid, so do the mentally lazy - and so do all of us, more than we imagine.

~John Wyndham

Why was I condemned to live in a democracy where every fool's vote is equal to a sensible man's?

~John Wyndham

Some quotations," said Zellaby, "are greatly improved by lack of context.

~John Wyndham

There was often a great deal of grown-up fuss that seemed disproportionate to causes.

~John Wyndham

The essential quality of life is living' the essential quality of living is change; change is evolution; and we are part of it.

~John Wyndham

Find a nice, self sufficient hilltop, and fortify it.

~John Wyndham

If you run away from a thing just because you don't like it, you don't like what you find either.

~John Wyndham

If you want to keep alive in the jungle, you must live as the jungle does.

~John Wyndham

Why should I? I've done nothing to be ashamed of. I am not ashamed - I am only beaten

~John Wyndham

We all have our youthful follies, embarrassing to recall -- but people somehow find it hard to dismiss as a youthful folly anything that has happened to be a financial success.

~John Wyndham

It must be, I thought, one of the race's most persistent and comforting hallucinations to trust that "it can't happen here" -- that one's own time and place is beyond cataclysm.

~John Wyndham

Knowing makes all the difference... It's the difference between just trying to keep alive, and having something to live for

~John Wyndham

The clock is the most sacred thing in a hospital.

~John Wyndham

The humans have a curious force they call ambition. It drives them, and, through them, it drives us. This force which keeps them active, we lack. Perhaps, in time, we machines will acquire it.

~John Wyndham

Children have a different convention of the fearful until they have been taught the proper things to be shocked at.

~John Wyndham

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