

Jonas Salk

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If all the insects were to disappear from the earth, within 50 years all life on earth would end. If all human beings disappeared from the earth, within 50 years all forms of life would flourish.

~Jonas Salk

There is hope in dreams, imagination, and in the courage of those who wish to make those dreams a reality.

~Jonas Salk

Good parents give their children Roots and Wings. Roots to know where home is, wings to fly away and exercise what's been taught them.

~Jonas Salk

[Who owns the patent on this vaccine?] Well, the people, I would say. There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?

~Jonas Salk

Risks, I like to say, always pay off. You learn what to do, or what not to do.

~Jonas Salk

Your dreams tell you what to do; your reason tells you how to do it.

~Jonas Salk

It is always with excitement that I wake up in the morning wondering what my intuition will toss up to me, like gifts from the sea. I work with it and rely on it. It's my partner.

~Jonas Salk

I see the triumph of good over evil as a manifestation of the error-correcting process of evolution.

~Jonas Salk

The most important question we must ask ourselves is, 'Are we being good ancestors?'

~Jonas Salk

I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more.

~Jonas Salk

There is no such thing as failure, there's just giving up too soon.

~Jonas Salk

Eventually we'll realize that if we destroy the ecosystem, we destroy ourselves.

~Jonas Salk

Life is an error-making and an error-correcting process.

~Jonas Salk

When you inoculate children with a polio vaccine, you don't sleep well for two or three months.

~Jonas Salk

The mind, in addition to medicine, has powers to turn the immune system around.

~Jonas Salk

What is ... important is that we - number one: Learn to live with each other. Number two: try to bring out the best in each other.

~Jonas Salk

I have had dreams and I have had nightmares, but I have conquered my nightmares because of my dreams.

~Jonas Salk

Find the right questions. You don't invent the answers, you reveal the

answers.

~Jonas Salk

Our greatest responsibility is to be good ancestors.

~Jonas Salk

Reply when questioned on the safety of the polio vaccine he developed: It is safe, and you can't get safer than safe.

~Jonas Salk

There is a moment of conception and a moment of birth, but between them there is a long period of gestation.

~Jonas Salk

If all insects disappeared, all life on earth would perish. If all humans disappeared, all life on earth would flourish.

~Jonas Salk

Intuition will tell the thinking mind where to look next.

~Jonas Salk

What people think of as the moment of discovery is really the discovery of the question.

~Jonas Salk

As a child I was not interested in science. I was merely interested in things human, the human side of nature, if you like, and I continue to be interested in that. That's what motivates me.

~Jonas Salk

One of the greatest rewards for doing can be the chances it gives to do some more - even better.

~Jonas Salk

Evolution favors the survival of the wisest.

~Jonas Salk

It is said to await certainty is to await eternity.

~Jonas Salk

My job is to help people see what I see. If it's of value, fine. And, if it's not of value, then at least I've done what I can do.

~Jonas Salk

I pictured myself as a virus or a cancer cell and tried to sense what it would be like.

~Jonas Salk

Life is an error-making and an error-correcting process, and nature in marking man's papers will grade him for wisdom as measured both by survival and by the quality of life of those who survive.

~Jonas Salk

My ambition was to bring to bear on medicine a chemical approach. I did that by chemical manipulation of viruses and chemical ways of thinking in biomedical research.

~Jonas Salk

The people - could you patent the sun ?

~Jonas Salk

Charlotte's Web Life is magic, the way nature works seems to be quite magical.

~Jonas Salk

I have come to recognize evolution not only as an active process that I am experiencing at the time, but as something I can guide by the choices I make.

~Jonas Salk

Nothing happens quite by chance. It's a question of accretion of information and experience.

~Jonas Salk

It is possible to create an epidemic of health which is self-organizing and self-propelling.

~Jonas Salk

It is courage based on confidence, not daring, and it is confidence based on experience.

~Jonas Salk

The worst tragedy that could have befallen me was my success. I knew right away that I was through - cast out.

~Jonas Salk

I overcame the nightmares because of my dreams.

~Jonas Salk

Are we being good ancestors?

~Jonas Salk

A wisdom deficit - fewer elders and even fewer people who listen to them.

~Jonas Salk

The art of science is as important as so-called technical science. You need both. It's this combination that must be recognized and acknowledged and valued.

~Jonas Salk

I think of evolution as an error-making and error-correcting process,

and we are constantly learning from experience.

~Jonas Salk

My life is pretty well at peace, and the profession is more of an avocation. It's a calling, if you like, rather than a job. I do what I feel impelled to do, as an artist would.

~Jonas Salk

I have the impression that the new generation of young people, are coming up on the scene with a sense "ancestorhood", and with more wisdom than was evident before.

~Jonas Salk

I couldn't possibly have become a member of this Institute, you know, if I hadn't organized it myself.

~Jonas Salk

A good parent gives their child roots and wings.

~Jonas Salk

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