

# Jonathon Keats

## Quotes

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...there's no reason why scholarship can't be as seriously playful as bubble-blowing.

~Jonathon Keats

We are not evolved really very well to be able to understand or to be able to work with and grapple with technologies that we have.

~Jonathon Keats

I think that as a society as well, we need to be smart about what technologies we take up and how construe progress.

~Jonathon Keats

I select my technology based on what I need and I also don't take up what I don't feel that I need.

~Jonathon Keats

I don't know whether what I do is art. But making things out in the world and having as many conversations as possible.

~Jonathon Keats

I don't have a cell phone. I am not a Luddite.

~Jonathon Keats

I do not think that technology is our salvation.

~Jonathon Keats

I would certainly never want to inflict anything on the world exactly as [Buckminster Fuller] envisioned it because there is a technocratic worldview that I find horrific.

~Jonathon Keats

What we need to do is we need to say, how can - how can we operate independently in terms of putting together these various technologies in order to be able to make the world a better place?

~Jonathon Keats

I think what we need to do is we need to seek some other way in which to do what is potentially good work by Google. Google has made the world a better place in some ways.

~Jonathon Keats

Where Google and [Buckminster] Fuller overlap are in the potential for putting together disparate technologies in ways that can lead to something that might be a larger solution to a larger problem.

~Jonathon Keats

What I think is really interesting is to look at the culture of disruption and of world-changing in terms of what [Buckminster] Fuller was doing and to draw the contrast more than the similarity.

~Jonathon Keats

I don't think that I am hopeful because I have some data that you don't, that I am going to share with you and going to convince you on that basis.

~Jonathon Keats

I think that I feel that I have no choice but to operate under the illusion, which may be a delusion, that we can somehow get past the destruction that we have brought and that we are causing today.

~Jonathon Keats

It isn't a matter of hope. It's a matter of - between the options of trying nothing and trying something, let's try something but let's also be very thoughtful about what that something is.

~Jonathon Keats

I don't really know what that job [experimental philosopher] entails.

~Jonathon Keats

I call myself an experimental philosopher which is as ambiguous a term as comprehensive anticipatory design scientist.

~Jonathon Keats

Serendipity looks a lot like creativity, at least at a distance, and if I can tap into these ways in which one thing resembles another.

~Jonathon Keats

Let's not be optimistic in the irreversibly irresponsible way that tends to happen with the crazies of geo-engineering. But let's talk about what sorts of changes we can make.

~Jonathon Keats

That is to say that despair does not seem to be in any way potentially to be productive.

~Jonathon Keats

I would say that what the value of talking about and thinking about a dome over Manhattan is that [Buckminster] Fuller has identified a scale of action I think is actually really compelling.

~Jonathon Keats

There were other auto manufacturers that were confabulating as much as [Buckminster Fuller] was, making claims about how cars resembled this or that aspect of nature.

~Jonathon Keats

The interesting thing writing about [Buckminster] Fuller is really to attempt to resurrect all of that and to do so for a new generation that has not grown up with him.

~Jonathon Keats

To me, the reason to write about [Buckminster] Fuller is because I think that he has ideas that are incredibly pertinent.

~Jonathon Keats

[Buckminster] Fuller said that everything at the time was basically a horse and buggy in the form of an automobile and it had that boxiness and basically aeronautics hadn't been invented.

~Jonathon Keats

I think it was impossible not to come upon a lot of confabulation simply because any good scholarship that has been done since [Buckminster Fuller] death has really delved in that.

~Jonathon Keats

I'm not especially interested in the job of the historian or journalist of trying to figure out what was true and what was not.

~Jonathon Keats

You have the insanity that is geo-engineering which is a case in which you say the planet is heating up. Let's spray some aerosol and cool it down.

~Jonathon Keats

It's essential for me to be working on a nonfiction sort of research project simultaneous with multiple projects that are in different realms of art practice or not.

~Jonathon Keats

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