

# Kary Mullis

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In the 1950s in Columbia, South Carolina, it was considered OK for kids to play with weird things. We could go to the hardware store and buy 100 feet of dynamite fuse.

~Kary Mullis

Each of us have things and thoughts and descriptions of an amazing universe in our possession that kings in the 17th Century would have gone to war to possess.

~Kary Mullis

You can't ask your pharmacist to stock larger quantities of potassium nitrate because you want to make a bigger rocket.

~Kary Mullis

Art is subject to arbitrary fashion.

~Kary Mullis

Sometimes a good idea comes to you when you are not looking for it. Through an improbable combination of coincidence, naivete and lucky mistakes.

~Kary Mullis

Science consistently produces a new crop of miraculous truths and dazzling devices every year.

~Kary Mullis

We are the recipients of scientific method. We can each be a creative and active part of it if we so desire.

~Kary Mullis

Science grows like a weed every year.

~Kary Mullis

Scientists are doing an awful lot of damage to the world in the name of

helping it. I don't mind attacking my own fraternity because I am ashamed of it.

~Kary Mullis

People don't realize that molecules themselves are somewhat hypothetical, and that their interactions are more so, and that the biological reactions are even more so.

~Kary Mullis

The mystery of that damn virus has been generated by the \$2 billion a year they spend on it.

~Kary Mullis

Sometimes in the morning, when it's a good surf, I go out there, and I don't feel like it's a bad world.

~Kary Mullis

We were fortunate to have the Russians as our childhood enemies. We practiced hiding under our desks in case they had the temerity to drop a nuclear weapon.

~Kary Mullis

I think I might have been stupid in some respects, it if weren't for my psychedelic experiences.

~Kary Mullis

I've been writing about my boyhood, when I was a little kid back on my grandfather's farm where we didn't know about black widow spiders or all that stuff. But writing about that is so easy.

~Kary Mullis

The horror of it is, every goddamn thing you look at seems pretty scary to me.

~Kary Mullis

I can say exactly what I feel about any issue, and I'm going to do that.

~Kary Mullis

I'm not driven by being understood.

~Kary Mullis

I'm not politically correct.

~Kary Mullis

My mother would give my brothers and me a pile of catalogues and let us pick what we wanted for Christmas.

~Kary Mullis

And all I knew about drugs was what I read in magazines like Time and Life. I learned that marijuana was a dangerous addictive drug and that I should stay away from it.

~Kary Mullis

I love a microphone and a big crowd; I'm an entertainer, I guess.

~Kary Mullis

If reincarnation is a useful biological idea it is certain that somewhere in the universe it will happen.

~Kary Mullis

I'm really optimistic in the mornings.

~Kary Mullis

I like writing about biology, not doing it.

~Kary Mullis

Science has not been successful by making up explanations of things that fit with the current social fabric.

~Kary Mullis

Fish don't know much about water, and people didn't know much about air.

~Kary Mullis

Law shuttles between freeing us and enslaving us.

~Kary Mullis

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