

Kim Stanley Quotes

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It was a world of acts, and words had no more influence on acts than the sound of a waterfall has on the flow of the stream.

~Kim Stanley

Below the 40th latitude there is no law; below the 50th no god; below the 60th no common sense and below the 70th no intelligence whatsoever.

~Kim Stanley

Historical analogy is the last refuge of people who can't grasp the current situation.

~Kim Stanley

The distinguishing mark of true adventures, is that it is often no fun at all while they are actually happening.

~Kim Stanley

We are here to inscribe ourselves on the universe, and it is not inappropriate to remind ourselves of this when blank slates are given us.

~Kim Stanley

First you fall in love with Antarctica, and then it breaks your heart.

~Kim Stanley

An excess of reason is itself a form of madness

~Kim Stanley

None of us know our real names.

~Kim Stanley

Each of us have a gift, you see, given us freely by the universe. And each of us with every breath gives something back

~Kim Stanley

Desire is life trying to continue to be life. All living things desire... Life is wanting.

~Kim Stanley

We should conceive of ourselves not as rulers of Earth, but as highly powerful, conscious stewards: The Earth is given to us in trust, and we can screw it up or make it work well and sustainably.

~Kim Stanley

The only part of an argument that really matters is what we think of the people arguing.

~Kim Stanley

Habits begin to form at the very first repetition. After that there is a tropism toward repetition, for the patterns involved are defenses , bulwarks against time and despair.

~Kim Stanley

You can't get any movement larger than five people without including at least one flippin idiot.

~Kim Stanley

In the beginning was the dream, and the work of disenchantment never ends.

~Kim Stanley

Logic was to cognition as geometry was to landscape

~Kim Stanley

You can't choose your childhood, it's just what happens to you. But after that you choose. And that's really what (makes you).

~Kim Stanley

The command to be free is a double bind

~Kim Stanley

Whistling together. Some kind of performance. I mean, not just a conversation, but a performance.

~Kim Stanley

It's fragile what we know. It's gone every time we forget. Then someone has to learn it all over again.

~Kim Stanley

Very few people ever bother to find out what other people really think. They are willing to accept whatever they are told about anyone sufficiently distant.

~Kim Stanley

It was not power that corrupted people, but fools who corrupted power.

~Kim Stanley

Money equals power; power makes the law; and law makes government.

~Kim Stanley

Every moment an epiphany arrives and cleaves the mountain asunder

~Kim Stanley

It's too bad we only had the courage to live our lives fully in dreams.

~Kim Stanley

Reincarnation is a story we tell; then in the end it's the story itself that is the reincarnation.

~Kim Stanley

Many of the technologies we've invented are necessary to keep 6.5 billion people alive. We can't go back from that, so we need to

decarbonize really rapidly.

~Kim Stanley

What kind of Dv would it take to escape history, to escape an inertia that powerful, and carve a new course? The hardest part is leaving Earth behind.

~Kim Stanley

It was a mistake to speak one's mind at any time, unless it perfectly matched your political purpose; and it never did.

~Kim Stanley

The invisible hand never picks up the check.

~Kim Stanley

You can never properly predict the future as it really turns out. So you are doing something a little different when you write science fiction. You are trying to take a different perspective on now.

~Kim Stanley

It would take 2,000 Vietnam Memorials to list the [Twentieth] century's war dead.

~Kim Stanley

Sad but true: individual intelligence probably peaked in the Upper Paleolithic, and we have been self-domesticated creatures ever since

~Kim Stanley

A lot of scientists act on their beliefs and so do things that look crazy to the rest of us.

~Kim Stanley

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