

# Margaret Mead Quotes

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Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

~Margaret Mead

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

~Margaret Mead

Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.

~Margaret Mead

Prayer does not use up artificial energy, doesn't burn up any fossil fuel, doesn't pollute. Neither does song, neither does love, neither does the dance.

~Margaret Mead

I do not believe in using women in combat, because females are too fierce.

~Margaret Mead

I learned the value of hard work by working hard.

~Margaret Mead

Every time we liberate a woman, we liberate a man.

~Margaret Mead

Never depend upon institutions or government to solve any problem. All social movements are founded by, guided by, motivated and seen through by the passion of individuals.

~Margaret Mead

A small group of thoughtful people could change the world.

~Margaret Mead

Everyone needs to have access both to grandparents and grandchildren in order to be a full human being.

~Margaret Mead

Sister is probably the most competitive relationship within the family, but once the sisters are grown, it becomes the strongest relationship.

~Margaret Mead

We "mankind" stand at the center of an evolutionary crisis, with a new evolutionary device "our consciousness of the crisis" as our unique contribution.

~Margaret Mead

The solution to adult problems tomorrow depends on large measure upon how our children grow up today.

~Margaret Mead

There is no hierarchy of values by which one culture has the right to insist on all its own values and deny those of another.

~Margaret Mead

What people say, what people do, and what they say they do are entirely different things.

~Margaret Mead

A woman, even a brilliant woman, must have two qualities in order to fulfill her promise: more energy than mere mortals, and the ability to outwit her culture.

~Margaret Mead

[In Bali] life is a rhythmic, patterned unreality of pleasant, significant movement, centered in one's own body to which all emotions long ago withdrew.

~Margaret Mead

It is an open question whether any behavior based on fear of eternal punishment can be regarded as ethical or should be regarded as merely cowardly.

~Margaret Mead

A city is a place where there is no need to wait for next week to get the answer to a question, to taste the food of any country, to find new voices to listen to and familiar ones to listen to again.

~Margaret Mead

It is utterly false and cruelly arbitrary... to put all the play and learning into childhood, all the work into middle age, and all the regrets into old age.

~Margaret Mead

Injustice experienced in the flesh, in deeply wounded flesh, is the stuff out of which change explodes.

~Margaret Mead

One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don't come home at night.

~Margaret Mead

For the human species to evolve, the conversation must deepen.

~Margaret Mead

I must admit that I personally measure success in terms of the contributions an individual makes to her or his fellow human beings.

~Margaret Mead

An ideal culture is one that makes a place for every human gift

~Margaret Mead

Our humanity rests upon a series of learned behaviors, woven together

into patterns that are infinitely fragile and never directly inherited.

~Margaret Mead

A city must be a place where groups of women and men are seeking and developing the highest things they know.

~Margaret Mead

The time has come, I think, when we must recognize bisexuality as a normal form of human behavior.

~Margaret Mead

Nobody has ever before asked the nuclear family to live all by itself in a box the way we do. With no relatives, no support, we've put it in an impossible situation.

~Margaret Mead

We won't have a society if we destroy the environment.

~Margaret Mead

Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.

~Margaret Mead

The way to do fieldwork is never to come up for air until it is all over.

~Margaret Mead

Once any group in society stands in a relatively deprived position in relation to other groups, it is genuinely deprived.

~Margaret Mead

Man's role is uncertain, undefined, and perhaps unnecessary.

~Margaret Mead

Never underestimate the ability of a small group of committed

individuals to change the world.

~Margaret Mead

Many societies have educated their male children on the simple device of teaching them not to be women.

~Margaret Mead

Don't depend on governments or corporations to fix problems. Social revolutions are led by passionate individuals and that's what makes the difference.

~Margaret Mead

I was brought up to believe that the only thing worth doing was to add to the sum of accurate information in the world.

~Margaret Mead

we came to realize that a civilization which rode roughshod over the way of life of other peoples was incorporating evil in its own way of life.

~Margaret Mead

Human nature is potentially aggressive and destructive and potentially orderly and constructive.

~Margaret Mead

It may be necessary temporarily to accept a lesser evil, but one must never label a necessary evil as good.

~Margaret Mead

We will be a better country when each religious group can trust its members to obey the dictates of their own religious faith without assistance from the legal structure of the country.

~Margaret Mead

What is new is not bisexuality, but rather the widening of our awareness

and acceptance of human capacities for sexual love.

~Margaret Mead

There is no more creative force in the world than the menopausal woman with zest.

~Margaret Mead

We must have...a place where children can have a whole group of adults they can trust.

~Margaret Mead

Between friends there is no bribery. ... the relationship of friends is intrinsically fair and equal. Neither feels stronger or more clever or more beautiful than the other.

~Margaret Mead

We grow up never questioning that which is unquestioned around us.

~Margaret Mead

Life in the twentieth century is like a parachute jump: you have to get it right the first time.

~Margaret Mead

To the extent a person makes, invents or thinks something that is new to him, he may be said to have performed a creative act.

~Margaret Mead

Sooner or later I'm going to die, but I'm not going to retire.

~Margaret Mead

My grandmother wanted me to get a good education, so she kept me as far away from schools as possible.

~Margaret Mead

The most intractable problem today is not pollution or technology or war; but the lack of belief that the future is very much in the hands of the individual.

~Margaret Mead

Any town that doesn't have sidewalks doesn't love its children.

~Margaret Mead

human beings seem to hold on more tenaciously to a cultural identity that is learned through suffering than to one that has been acquired through pleasure and delight.

~Margaret Mead

Jealousy is not a barometer by which the depth of love can be read. It merely records the degree of the lover's insecurity.

~Margaret Mead

Manners, really good ones, make it possible to live with almost anyone, gracefully and pleasantly.

~Margaret Mead

Women want mediocre men, and men are working to be as mediocre as possible.

~Margaret Mead

Motherhood is a biological fact, while fatherhood is a social invention.

~Margaret Mead

I was wise enough to never grow up while fooling most people into believing I had.

~Margaret Mead

The important thing about women today is, as they get older, they still keep house. It's one reason why they don't die, but men die when they

retire. Women just polish the teacups.

~Margaret Mead

To demand that another love what one loves is tyranny enough, but to demand that another hate what one hates, is even worse.

~Margaret Mead

I have a respect for manners as such, they are a way of dealing with people you don't agree with or like.

~Margaret Mead

Dear Math, please grow up and solve your own problems. I'm tired of solving them for you. Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

~Margaret Mead

We have nowhere else to go... this is all we have.

~Margaret Mead

If a fish were an anthropologist, the last thing it would discover would be water.

~Margaret Mead

It is easier to change a man's religion than to change his diet.

~Margaret Mead

â€ž When a person is born we rejoice, and when they're married we jubilate, but when they die we try to pretend nothing has happened.

~Margaret Mead

Creationism: the theory that Rome was built in a day.

~Margaret Mead

And when our baby stirs and struggles to be born it compels humility:

what we began is now its own.

~Margaret Mead

Young people are moving away from feeling guilty about sleeping with somebody to feeling guilty if they are \*not\* sleeping with someone.

~Margaret Mead

Children not only have to learn what their parents learned in school, but also have to learn how to learn. This has to be recognized as a new problem which is only partly solved.

~Margaret Mead

Our first and most pressing problem is how to do away with warfare as a method of solving conflicts between national groups within a society who have different views about how the society is to run.

~Margaret Mead

Somehow, we have to get older people back close to growing children if we are to restore a sense of community, acquire knowledge of the past, and provide a sense of the future.

~Margaret Mead

You can never have a relationship with someone whose smell you don't like.

~Margaret Mead

We are now at a point where we must educate our children in what no one knew yesterday, and prepare our schools for what no one knows yet.

~Margaret Mead

Even though the ship may go down, the journey goes on.

~Margaret Mead

Women are scolded both for being mothers and for not being mothers, for wanting to eat their cake and have it too, and for not wanting to eat their cake and have it too.

~Margaret Mead

Because of their age long training in human relations for that is what feminine intuition really is women have a special contribution to make any group enterprise.

~Margaret Mead

Never ever depend on governments or institutions to solve any major problems. All social change comes from the passion of individuals.

~Margaret Mead

The closest friends I made all through life have been people who also grew up close to a loved and loving grandmother or grandfather.

~Margaret Mead

Having two bathrooms ruined the capacity to co-operate.

~Margaret Mead

No matter how many communes anybody invents, the family always creeps back.

~Margaret Mead

Earth Day is the first holy day...and is devoted to the harmony of nature... The celebration offends no historical calendar, yet it transcends them all.

~Margaret Mead

The anonymity of the city is one of its strengths as well as - carried too far - one of its weaknesses.

~Margaret Mead

Throughout history, females have picked providers for males. Males pick anything.

~Margaret Mead

Grandparents are given a second chance to enjoy parenthood with fewer of its tribulations and anxieties.

~Margaret Mead

The pains of childbirth were altogether different from the enveloping effects of other kinds of pain. These were pains one could follow with one's mind.

~Margaret Mead

There is no greater insight into the future than recognizing...when we save our children, we save ourselves

~Margaret Mead

Blackberry winter, the time when the hoarforst lies on the blackberry blossoms; without this frost the berries will not set. It is the forerunner of a rich harvest.

~Margaret Mead

It was not until we saw the picture of the earth, from the moon, that we realized how small and how helpless this planet is - something that we must hold in our arms and care for.

~Margaret Mead

As long as any adult thinks that he, like the parents and teachers of old, can become introspective, invoking his own youth to understand the youth before him, he is lost.

~Margaret Mead

Each suburban housewife spends her time presiding over a power plant sufficient to have staffed the palace of a Roman emperor with a

hundred slaves.

~Margaret Mead

The prophet who fails to present a bearable alternative and yet preaches doom is part of the trap that he postulates.

~Margaret Mead

Man's most human characteristic is not his ability to learn, which he shares with many other species, but his ability to teach and store what others have developed and taught him.

~Margaret Mead

I had no reason to doubt that brains were suitable for a woman.

~Margaret Mead

I was a child that both my parents wanted. I was told from the time I was born that I was totally satisfactory. I had a chance to be what I wanted to be.

~Margaret Mead

For the very first time the young are seeing history being made before it is censored by their elders.

~Margaret Mead

You know you love someone when you cannot put into words how they make you feel.

~Margaret Mead

One of the most dangerous things that can happen to a child is to kill or torture an animal and get away with it.

~Margaret Mead

Monogamous heterosexual love is probably one of the most difficult, complex and demanding of human relationships.

~Margaret Mead

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