

# Michael Palin

## Quotes

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Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future

~Michael Palin

Geography prepares for the world of work - geographers, with their skills of analysis are highly employable!

~Michael Palin

Once the travel bug bites there is no known antidote, and I know that I shall be happily infected until the end of my life

~Michael Palin

One of the most important days of my life was when I learned to ride a bicycle.

~Michael Palin

I always wanted to be an explorer, but - it seemed I was doomed to be nothing more than a very silly person.

~Michael Palin

The human race should just slow down and think about what it is doing.

~Michael Palin

I am not a great cook, I am not a great artist, but I love art, and I love food, so I am the perfect traveller.

~Michael Palin

I am restless. I don't mind leaving this comfortable, static life. I could live a year on my own in a remote village.

~Michael Palin

All I ask of food is that it doesn't harm me.

~Michael Palin

Contrary to what the politicians and religious leaders would like us to believe, the world won't be made safer by creating barriers between people.

~Michael Palin

The trouble with travelling back later on is that you can never repeat the same experience.

~Michael Palin

I want people to know there is more to Somalia than looting and piracy.

~Michael Palin

I am very cautious of people who are absolutely right, especially when they are vehemently so.

~Michael Palin

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I enjoy writing, I enjoy my house, my family and, more than anything I enjoy the feeling of seeing each day used to the full to actually produce something. The end.

~Michael Palin

Armageddon is not around the corner. This is only what the people of violence want us to believe. The complexity and diversity of the world is the hope for the future.

~Michael Palin

I think some of the best modern writing comes now from travellers.

~Michael Palin

I got my first lifetime achievement award years ago, and I was very excited, but then I got a sense of: Well, can one get a second lifetime

award?

~Michael Palin

Now, what sort of person would write a scene where a young man stumbles upon a castle full only of beautiful young women? Answer: ME!

~Michael Palin

The Buddhist version of poverty is a situation where you have nothing to contribute.

~Michael Palin

Despite having seen a fair amount of the world, I still love travelling - I just have an insatiable curiosity and like looking out of a window.

~Michael Palin

I would love to go to Iran. The island of Madagascar, everyone says is pretty exotic, or the wonderful Namibian desert.

~Michael Palin

People are still crazy about Python after twenty-five years, which I find hard to believe.

~Michael Palin

The need to eat, sleep and dry out plays havoc with your sense of wonder.

~Michael Palin

I will die, but not retire.

~Michael Palin

My parents have been married forty-two years. I wonder how many of those were happy.

~Michael Palin

I cut down trees, I skip and jump, I like to press wild flowers. I put on women's clothing and hang around in bars.

~Michael Palin

I mistrust total competence. I've always felt life is a series of small disasters we try to get through.

~Michael Palin

You can't get a suit of armour and a rubber chicken just like that. You have to plan ahead.

~Michael Palin

My marriage has worked because I am not around much.

~Michael Palin

Somewhere, a long way away, people are doing sensible things like mowing lawns and digging gardens.

~Michael Palin

Night falls over Machu Picchu to the sound of Abba's 'Dancing Queen'.

~Michael Palin

When in doubt, resort to animation.

~Michael Palin

People say the most stupid things on the spur of the moment that they then have to retract.

~Michael Palin

'Nice' means nothing. Is it someone who doesn't swear and shout? I swear and shout. 'Nice' sounds ineffectual.

~Michael Palin

If atheists are deaf to the word of God, then theists are blind to the

ways of man.

~Michael Palin

In the absence of fear there is little faith.

~Michael Palin

One of the difficult things of so much travelling is to say goodbye.

~Michael Palin

It's not a model if it's full-scale, Tomkinson, it's an icebreaker.

~Michael Palin

I can be me, and people seem quite happy with that.

~Michael Palin

Please don't ask which I enjoy more - acting or hosting - because I love them equally.

~Michael Palin

There is barely a country in the world where you will be completely safe.

~Michael Palin

I'd got over playing a character. People accepted who I was, and if I was incompetent and useless, they felt quite endeared to me.

~Michael Palin

I have been unusually blessed in that I've been allowed to pursue two strands of a career that both delight me and seem to please the public.

~Michael Palin

I saw novelists as being admirable people and I thought... I thought... maybe, one day, I could be one of them.

~Michael Palin

I am certainly more interested in interviewing than being interviewed. Sometimes you find yourself attacked from the start.

~Michael Palin

I've never particularly liked travelling with large groups or being told where to go by somebody else. I prefer to find out for myself.

~Michael Palin

George Harrison's passing was really sad, but it does make the afterlife seem much more attractive.

~Michael Palin

I'm aware that, if you feel down, it can be strangely unrelated to circumstances around you. That's just the way life is.

~Michael Palin

Ronnie Barker was a straightforward man who had this extraordinary ability to make the nation laugh

~Michael Palin

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