

Moby Quotes

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The good thing about working alone is I get a lot done and I can experiment more. The bad thing is I miss out on the gregarious, social way that most musicians work.

~Moby

One simple word: ugh. Is something still considered a conspiracy if it's played out right under our noses?

~Moby

I'm envious of people who can sleep as long as they want. I have the circadian rhythm of a farmer.

~Moby

The good thing about not being drop-dead gorgeous is that as time passes, I don't have much to worry about. I have friends who are actors and every day they look in the mirror with trepidation.

~Moby

Could you look an animal in the eyes and say to it, 'My appetite is more important than your suffering'?

~Moby

My reason for becoming a vegetarian was simple: I loved (and love) animals

~Moby

I like noise. It's always puzzled me why one of the goals of contemporary recording is to get rid of noise and to eliminate any element of a performance.

~Moby

Dogs have boundless enthusiasm but no sense of shame. I should have a dog as a life coach.

~Moby

To truly live a creative life means that you will need to experiment in as many different fields as possible.

~Moby

Basically we should stop doing those things that are destructive to the environment, other creatures, and ourselves and figure out new ways of existing.

~Moby

Music can always serve a role in people's lives when it's emotional and warm and inviting and beautiful.

~Moby

The only sort of descriptive adjective or catch phrase for my music would be 'eclectic.'

~Moby

And if we obey God, we must disobey ourselves, and it is in this disobeying ourselves, wherein the hardness of obeying God consists.

~Moby

It's heartbreaking that so many hundreds of millions of people around the world are desperate for the right to vote, but here in America people stay home on election day.

~Moby

My mother and I were on welfare and food stamps until I was 18, so I've always had this ethos of, like, 'try and make a little bit of money now because you don't know what's going to happen tomorrow.'

~Moby

I realized that I don't like touring. I'll never complain about it because no one wants to hear about a relatively successful musician complain about the hardships of staying in a hotel.

~Moby

Actually, the most entitled people I've met are indie rockers and indie actors, because they really believe their press.

~Moby

I think a lot of self-importance is a product of fear. And fear, living in sort of an un-self-examined fear-based life, tends to lead to narcissism and self-importance.

~Moby

I may be a lifelong 'downtowner,' but Central Park really is the most amazing and the most beautiful part of New York City.

~Moby

Most artists, you know, you spend their entire lives learning how to play music and write songs, and they don't really know how the music business works.

~Moby

I saw people around me who were falling deeper and deeper into alcoholism and substance abuse. It's seductive because alcohol is amazing and drugs are amazing, they work so well.

~Moby

In a way I almost feel like the election of Donald Trump has inspired Democrats and progressives and punk rockers in a way that hasn't been seen since Vietnam.

~Moby

That is not all I need. I need dogs. A house filled with dogs and a smart, funny, kind, loving girlfriend or wife.

~Moby

I'm just fascinated with the world that I can see, but I'm even more fascinated with the world that I can't see.

~Moby

I will be very sad when global warming and toxins kill off all the toads and frogs and salamanders. Here's hoping we, as humans, figure out a way to be less stupid.

~Moby

There's something about the human brain, that it actually has a predilection towards negativity, which served us really well when we lived in an environment that was very threatening.

~Moby

It just seems like musicians want to sell a few records and put out a perfume line, and I think it's so sad that there are so many musicians who don't want to change the world.

~Moby

There is a lot of music in the world that I love that does not always get the appropriate exposure.

~Moby

I was never encouraged to believe anything. I was brought up in a profoundly agnostic or pantheistic community.

~Moby

Luckily almost no one buys music anymore, so selling music doesn't really affect any of my professional decisions.

~Moby

If I was a sex symbol, I would be getting laid a lot more than I am now.

~Moby

The main thing that excites me and makes me want to get out of bed is the thought of being able to go into my studio to work on music.

~Moby

Being a vegan is pretty easy these days, as almost every town and city has health food stores and vegetarian-friendly restaurants.

~Moby

I'd rather be around broken people who have a degree of humility, and just get on with their work.

~Moby

A lot of times good, pristine recordings prevent the listener from getting emotionally involved in the music.

~Moby

I'd much rather go to a Banksy art show than a Moby art show. My art is painfully naive.

~Moby

If you don't want to be beaten, imprisoned, mutilated, killed or tortured, then you shouldn't condone such behaviour towards anyone, be they human or not.

~Moby

The average life expectancy of a celebrity is 20 years less than someone working in a coal mine.

~Moby

In 1991 I did an interview wherein I described myself as a 'teetotal Christian,' which was an exaggeration, although I do like tea and Christ.

~Moby

I see 'Ahab's Wife' as offering an alternative vision to

~Moby

Have I dated a supermodel? Of course not. I'd look ridiculous.

~Moby

The worst case scenario is you really like someone's work, then you meet them and they're a self-involved, entitled douchebag.

~Moby

Scotland is one of my favourite places to perform: it's really something special. Scottish audiences are just so enthusiastic; their approach to dance music just feels similar to my own somehow.

~Moby

My secret is being not terrible at a lot of things.

~Moby

People don't truly respond to something until they see the direct consequences.

~Moby

Success usually breeds a degree of hubris.

~Moby

There is a dysfunctional strangeness to Los Angeles that doesn't exist in any other western city. The roads are crumbling, no-one knows what they're doing, the city government barely works.

~Moby

The midlife crisis you're having at 30 is indulgent, but the midlife crisis you have at 45 is to an extent thrust upon you.

~Moby

I've never seen Friends; I've never seen Seinfeld. I've heard people reference these things but I've never seen them.

~Moby

The reason I didn't like cocaine is it made me do stupid things, have stupid conversations, and stay awake until 11 o'clock in the morning unable to think, read, sleep or speak.

~Moby

Over time, I started becoming more and more aware of the vastness and complexity of the universe, which led me away from any sort of conventional Christianity.

~Moby

One of the nice things about licensing music to movies or advertisements is you can reach a lot of people who normally wouldn't hear music.

~Moby

Better a loving single-parent family than a 'conventional' family where the parents hate each other and the father is a demagogue.

~Moby

'Arbitrary' and 'odd' are the words which best describe the pattern of my career. I'm perpetually baffled by the whole thing.

~Moby

I'd strike the sun if it insulted me.

~Moby

My job of being a musician in a recording studio has nothing to do with being a musician being on tour performing.

~Moby

Biologically we're all the same. We all get sad, we all get happy, and we all die. Anyone who pretends that that's not the case is either a sociopath or utterly delusional.

~Moby

If I found myself married with children and had tons of puppies and a fun place to live, I imagine I'd be happier, but I kind of like being a little bit isolated and lonely.

~Moby

There's nothing in the actual Bible that limits a Christian in their appreciation of or interest in science. Anti-science is purely a function of ignorant fundamentalism.

~Moby

If I spend 100 days in a row making music there's a chance nothing will come of it. But if I spend 100 days not making music it's guaranteed that nothing will come of it. So keep working.

~Moby

I'm like a bad musical cliché because I bring my guitar on the road and try to write songs in hotel rooms.

~Moby

Whether the Virgin Mary existed, I don't know. But the human need for her to appear in tortilla, that's what inspires my interest.

~Moby

If someone writes a nice review of my record, I feel like I should take them out to dinner or go over and clean their apartment.

~Moby

One of the goals of a spiritual practice is self-awareness, and one of the best tools of self-awareness is simple emotional vulnerability.

~Moby

It's a very strange phenomenon being hated by people you've never met. Some journalists just seem to hate me and everything I do, and it's disconcerting because I've never met this person.

~Moby

I'm like a monk with a taste for hookers.

~Moby

My uncle is from Argentina, so I grew up hearing Spanish. My Spanish isn't very good, but my pronunciation isn't terrible.

~Moby

The progressive movement needs more crazy and amoral/immoral right-wing politicians and pundits like Tom DeLay and Newt Gingrich and Ann Coulter and Sean Hannity.

~Moby

I'd just rather have a really sharp, interesting, smart gay son than some big dumb hetero meathead.

~Moby

Let peace and beauty reign.

~Moby

I find myself for whatever reason unable to live in the apartment I renovate and have to sell.

~Moby

I'm not Catholic but the Virgin Mary fascinates me because she's like a folk hero.

~Moby

The truth is that genetics has robbed me of hair. But it's not interesting to blame genetics.

~Moby

When I was in my twenties, I thought I was bulletproof.

~Moby

What sounds good on the radio is really loud kick drums and loud snare drums, when everything's bombastic and in your face. It's the equivalent of a houseguest who screams all the time.

~Moby

I've been having a midlife crisis since I was four years old.

~Moby

New York has inspired more remarkable music than any other city I can think of.

~Moby

I don't want to get too nuanced, but we have the electoral college in the United States and that means we don't have direct democracy.

~Moby

It's almost like a sign of mental illness to base your self-worth on the opinions of complete strangers, you know?

~Moby

People who meditate and have a good spiritual practice, their immune systems are stronger. Generally, they are happier and healthier.

~Moby

All human belief systems are inherently flawed.

~Moby

My goal is to make one-not a hodgepodge, but just the sort of record that I would want to listen to.

~Moby

It's perfectly natural for me to sit down and talk about meditating and spiritual practice with my friends. But then I realize, how would it sound to a drunk cynical guy in London?

~Moby

A lot of people have realized that a good spiritual practice and a good meditation practice have real benefit. It's not just something nice to do to make the universe happy.

~Moby

Somehow, magically, I've become an electronic musician, and I have a recording studio that looks like the bridge of the Enterprise.

~Moby

I truly believe, as an institution, most major labels should just die.

~Moby

One problem with a lot of musicians is that they remove themselves in a studio and make a record and assume people are going to pay attention to it just because they've made it.

~Moby

I'm a terrible cook, so I usually eat out with friends.

~Moby

Sit down, close your eyes, and think about dogs for ten minutes. On a very clear, physiological, and neurochemical level, your body is changed by these really positive thoughts.

~Moby

I'm obsessed with politics, and I talk about it any chance I can get. I have strong opinions about how the world should be run.

~Moby

I remind myself that the universe is 15 billion years old, and I'm only 46 years old, so my perspective is sort of limited and fear-based and skewed.

~Moby

I met Elton John at an Interview dinner, and we just sort of became friends. He's got such a wicked sense of humor.

~Moby

When I can really open myself up to someone and show someone who I really am, it's amazing when it happens.

~Moby

Punishing people for listening to music is exactly the wrong way to protect the music business.

~Moby

To me, one of the easiest ways of addressing climate change and potentially remedying climate change is to stop subsidizing animal agriculture.

~Moby

Shaving your head is acceptable. It's when you start wearing toupees and brushing your hair over that things go wrong.

~Moby

I just want to try - on a daily basis keep trying - to make music that I really love.

~Moby

Every time you read an interview with a supermodel, they're always like, 'Oh, I was a such nerd.' I resent that a little bit. I was in the A/V club. I used to eat my lunch in a closet.

~Moby

I just have to remind myself that my daily quotidie in life has almost nothing to do with any aspect of my professional life as a public figure.

~Moby

I feel compelled to make art that on one hand reflects and sometimes almost creates like a sense of comfort when confronted with the strangeness of the world.

~Moby

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