

# Paul Goodman

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Not to teach the whole curriculum is to give up on the whole man.

~Paul Goodman

The philosophic aim of education must be to get each one out of his isolated class and into the one humanity.

~Paul Goodman

A good teacher feels his way, looking for response.

~Paul Goodman

The family is the American fascism.

~Paul Goodman

In America you can say anything you want - as long as it doesn't have any effect.

~Paul Goodman

We certainly have at present the dismal situation that the most imaginative men are directed by a group, the top managers, who are among the least.

~Paul Goodman

Few great men would have got past personnel.

~Paul Goodman

When the sciences are supreme, average people lose their feeling of causality.

~Paul Goodman

It takes application, a fine sense of value, and a powerful community-spirit for a people to have serious leisure, and this has not been the genius of the Americans.

~Paul Goodman

The problem of translation is to retreat to a simpler tenor of one's own style and creatively adjust this to one's author.

~Paul Goodman

Humankind is innocent, loving, and creative, you dig? It's the bureaucracies that create the evil, that make Honor and Community impossible, and it's the kids who really take it in the groin.

~Paul Goodman

It is by losing himself in the objective, in inquiry, creation, and craft, that a man becomes something.

~Paul Goodman

Comedy is something that we can all share, no matter what language we speak or our background, it has the power to unite us all.

~Paul Goodman

Low pay generally means harder work under worse conditions.

~Paul Goodman

In the modern world, we Americans are the old inhabitants. We first had political freedom, high industrial production, an economy of abundance.

~Paul Goodman

There is the dumb silence of slumber or apathy... the fertile silence of awareness, pasturing the soul... the silence of peaceful accord with other persons or communion with the cosmos.

~Paul Goodman

There is only one curriculum, no matter what the method of education: what is basic and universal in human experience and practice, the underlying structure of culture.

~Paul Goodman

Few great men could pass personnel.

~Paul Goodman

It rarely adds anything to say, "In my opinion" - not even modesty. Naturally a sentence is only your opinion; and you are not the Pope.

~Paul Goodman

It is hard to grow up in a society in which one's important problems are treated as nonexistent. It is impossible to belong to it, it is hard to fight to change it.

~Paul Goodman

What the devil to do with the sentence "Who the devil does he think he's fooling?" You can't write "Whom the devil-".

~Paul Goodman

The organization of American society is an interlocking system of semi-monopolies notoriously venal, an electorate notoriously unenlightened, misled by mass media notoriously phony.

~Paul Goodman

The stultifying effect of the movies is not that the children see them but that their parents do, as if Hollywood provided a plausible adult recreation to grow up into.

~Paul Goodman

We do not need to be able to say what "human nature" is in order to be able to say that some training is "against human nature.

~Paul Goodman

Comedy deflates the sense precisely so that the underlying lubricity and malice may bubble to the surface.

~Paul Goodman

We do not behave as if we believed that the affairs of our world were significant enough for the intervention of great men.

~Paul Goodman

Penology...has become torture and foolishness, a waste of money and a cause of crime...a blotting out of sight and heightening of social anxiety.

~Paul Goodman

An obstacle is something you see when you take your eyes off the goal  
Few great men could pass personnel

~Paul Goodman

All men are creative but few are artists.

~Paul Goodman

When there is official censorship it is a sign that speech is serious.  
Where there is none, it is pretty certain that the official spokesmen have all the loud-speakers.

~Paul Goodman

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