

# Peter Block Quotes

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Commitment, Giving, Answers, Safety, Self, Artist, Leadership, Change,  
Inspirational, Thinking, Mean, Block, Cousin*

How do you change the world? One room at a time. Which room? The one you're in.

~Peter Block

We must establish a personal connection with each other. Connection before content. Without relatedness, no work can occur.

~Peter Block

All we have to do to create the future is to change the nature of our conversations, to go from blame to ownership, and from bargaining to commitment, and from problem solving to possibility.

~Peter Block

Transformation comes more from pursuing profound questions than seeking practical answers.

~Peter Block

The essential challenge is to transform the isolation and self-interest within our communities into connectedness and caring for the whole.

~Peter Block

The shift in the world begins with a shift in our thinking. Shifting our thinking does not change the world, but it creates a condition where the shift in the world becomes possible.

~Peter Block

One's vision is not a road map but a compass.

~Peter Block

The task of leadership is to be intentional about the way we group people and the questions that we engage them in.

~Peter Block

If there is no transformation inside of us, all the structural change in the

world will have no impact on our institutions.

~Peter Block

It is a misuse of our power to take responsibility for solving problems that belong to others.

~Peter Block

The price of change is measured by our will and courage, our persistence, in the face of difficulty.

~Peter Block

Why do anything unless it is going to be great?

~Peter Block

If we believe something does not exist unless we measure it, then we put aside: love, feeling, intuition, art and philosophy.

~Peter Block

What worked yesterday is the gilded cage of tomorrow.

~Peter Block

The world does not need a better definition of issues, or better planning or project management. It needs the issues and the plans to have more of an impact, which is the promise of engagement.

~Peter Block

We must act as if our institutions are ours to create, our learning is ours to define, our leadership we seek is ours to become.

~Peter Block

Change from the top down happens at the will and whim of those below.

~Peter Block

It is hard to learn when we think we know something.

~Peter Block

If you need ownership and responsibility from core workers, patriarchy can't get you there.

~Peter Block

Questions draw us together. Answers push us apart.

~Peter Block

The goal is to balance a life that works with a life that counts.

~Peter Block

Every parent's deepest wish is that their children are self sufficient, happy, and able to live a full life.

~Peter Block

The choice to worry about why we are doing something more than how we do something is risky business.

~Peter Block

To be committed means you are willing to make a promise with no exception of return.

~Peter Block

...the artist treats intuition and nuance with respect and reminds us that a little madness resides in all of us. Artists give voice to feelings, to conflict, to the prism of human experience.

~Peter Block

To live our lives fully, to work whole heartily, to refuse directly what we can't swallow, to accept the mystery in all matters of meaning- this is the ultimate adventure.

~Peter Block

As long as we wish for safety, we will have difficulty pursuing what matters.

~Peter Block

Why follow the steps of another to find out where our dreams will lead us.

~Peter Block

We are reluctant to let go of the belief that if I am to care for something I must control it.

~Peter Block

Anecdotes, personal stories, reminiscences, like biblical parables, are the medium through which faith is restored. Stories are a form of poetry, and give us a saving image to personally relate to.

~Peter Block

We have banished our artists to the fringe of society and tell them to eat cake. It is our artists who choose freedom over safety and use their talents to question and confront the culture.

~Peter Block

If you believe that saying no will get you shot, well, what a fine way to go.

~Peter Block

We get the leaders we create.

~Peter Block

How many times have we brought in an outsider to tell us what we already knew?

~Peter Block

Learning and performance will become one and the same thing.

Everything you say about learning will be about performance. People will get the point that learning is everything.

~Peter Block

Structure influences behavior. Design spaces that make you feel "you are welcome here and that you came to the right place."

~Peter Block

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