

Phil Collins

Quotes

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Love can make you do things that you never thought possible

~Phil Collins

In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn.

~Phil Collins

When I go on Japanese Airlines, I really love it because I like Japanese food.

~Phil Collins

Before you write - remember that every speech has something of 'you' in the writing. Don't take that away when you write. Be yourself. Be comfortable in your own skin.

~Phil Collins

Find a way to my heart, and I will always be with you.

~Phil Collins

I'm not a singer who plays a bit of drums. I'm a drummer that sings a bit.

~Phil Collins

Put your faith in what you most believe in.

~Phil Collins

The world is in your hands, now use it.

~Phil Collins

Take a look at me now, cause there's just an empty space. And you coming back to me is against all odds and that's what I've got to face.

~Phil Collins

When destiny calls you, you've got to be strong. I may not be with you, but you've got to move on.

~Phil Collins

Perception determines insanity.

~Phil Collins

It's actually come as quite a shock to learn just how many people don't like me.

~Phil Collins

I don't own an ABBA album, and I never had the urge to go and buy one. If you're just talking about well crafted pop songs, they were fantastic.

~Phil Collins

I'm sorry that it was all so successful. I honestly didn't mean it to happen like that. It's hardly surprising that people grew to hate me.

~Phil Collins

Deep inside us we're not that different at all.

~Phil Collins

The answer is inside your head; it's easy to find if you take it logically.

~Phil Collins

The binding of reason and intuition is the fundamental crisis of the era we call humanity. Transcendence of duality is the key.

~Phil Collins

We're all turkeys! Some of us are running around with our heads cut off, some of us are flapping our wings that hard we're close to flying. But nothing is an eagle bar God.

~Phil Collins

Non-physicality may soon come to dominate our reality. Thanx Quatum

Mechanics!

~Phil Collins

I remember flying with Air India to New York quite a few years ago now and I love Indian food, so the fact that I had a curry on board was fantastic.

~Phil Collins

Think twice; it's just another day for you and me in paradise.

~Phil Collins

To be honest, I couldn't hold a conversation with anybody in any language other than English - and that's a struggle sometimes!

~Phil Collins

I never stopped thinking about the Alamo from that day to this. I'm a huge collector of memorabilia. I've got Davy Crockett's bullet pouch. I've got Colonel Travis's belt.

~Phil Collins

That's going to be on my headstone: 'He came. He wrote 'In the Air Tonight.' He... died.'

~Phil Collins

I can't consider myself a drummer any more.

~Phil Collins

I'm glad that the lyrics reach people and make them understand that we're all the same, really.

~Phil Collins

You know, I've released some great records and I've released some dogs. But frankly, the fun is in creating the thing.

~Phil Collins

When children see Michael Jackson they see a human being. When adults see him they see money.

~Phil Collins

I'll have the music, and then I'll just turn the microphone on, press Play and Record and sing. And whatever comes out ends up being the melody.

~Phil Collins

As I've gotten older and learned more, I realise that Hollywood has not told the truth.

~Phil Collins

If it's the beginning of something - like an album, I'm working on the lyrics and I take a walkman and headset.

~Phil Collins

Wait for it, wait for it! Anticipation is half the fun, So I've been told...

~Phil Collins

We stayed in some pretty shabby places in Europe.

~Phil Collins

I do that in whatever language of the country I'm in, because the audience appreciate it.

~Phil Collins

Another time, we had three days off in Australia, so we went out of our way to fly to Ayres Rock.

~Phil Collins

Believe it or not, Japanese is actually easier than some European languages!

~Phil Collins

I think I was the best drummer!

~Phil Collins

The day Tarzan opened in London, I sat in a hotel room and discussed the project in detail.

~Phil Collins

Many people think of me as a perfectionist, someone who polishes and shines each song and performance. I've always been bothered by that assumption.

~Phil Collins

I know it shouldn't make a difference, but crossing the dateline, we weren't sure what day it was - it was very strange. Now, I seem to cope with it better.

~Phil Collins

God is a spa-bath of water and we are all individual bubbles

~Phil Collins

Each thing leapfrogs. I do a Genesis project - like now, we're just finishing off an album - and then by the time the album is doing its thing, I could do nothing or I could do a film.

~Phil Collins

To be honest, producing records interests me less at the moment and I really don't want to get involved in album projects that are going to take up a lot of time

~Phil Collins

I'm much happier just to write myself out of the script entirely.

~Phil Collins

All I set out to do was to earn a living playing drums, you know? And as

luck would have it, I've surpassed that.

~Phil Collins

As I've got older, I've got more understanding of relationships and how they work - but every single relationship has different dynamics, so you can't paint everyone with the same colour.

~Phil Collins

Tattoos don't impress me. For me it's just another awkward part of fame. It's extraordinary - tattoos in basketball and soccer, it's quite extraordinary.

~Phil Collins

I've got one of four known Davy Crocket rifles. It's fantastic just to know it's one of the rifles that he actually used. His cousin had it.

~Phil Collins

I'm not sure at all about the current prog rock scene.

~Phil Collins

On the day of the show, I sit down with someone that speaks very good English and someone who speaks the local language very well and work out what I'm going to say.

~Phil Collins

We all have the same problems in relationships.

~Phil Collins

I can't remember much about the early flights, except that it was ages before we got into First Class.

~Phil Collins

My only saving grace is that I actually collect things that nobody else is interested in.

~Phil Collins

I don't really belong to that world and I don't think anyone's going to miss me. I'm much happier just to write myself out of the script entirely.

~Phil Collins

I just figured if I'm going to call myself a songwriter throughout my life, then writing for most genres of music is something I should at least attempt.

~Phil Collins

I've spent the last year and a half going through a very public separation, hiding in hotel lobbies.

~Phil Collins

There's no magic for getting into the groove... just banging away at it. Sometimes the lyrics come first, sometimes the music.

~Phil Collins

I am stopping so I can be a full time father to my two young sons on a daily basis.

~Phil Collins

I feel terrible for women that have had Phil Collins tattoos. Their poor husbands have to deal with.

~Phil Collins

That's the trouble with wishing you were somebody else. As much as you may want it, you know it'll never happen, at least not in this lifetime.

~Phil Collins

This stupid sensitivity! But then women like sensitivity.

~Phil Collins

As a writer, author, creator of something the fact that people are still interested, is fantastic.

~Phil Collins

Considering yourself selflessly selfish is a principle of all great thinkers

~Phil Collins

I'm just trying to do things that are interesting for me.

~Phil Collins

It's not often that an English drummer gets an Oscar. So I'm very, very proud of that.

~Phil Collins

I'm usually going to make a record, finish a record, start a record or start a tour or between tours.

~Phil Collins

As soon as you start making a record, things start getting lined up: the promotion, possibly even a tour.

~Phil Collins

To see a lot of the smaller labels disappear or get gobbled up by the bigger labels, that's a shame. It was a bit of a shock at first to see the demise of the record stores.

~Phil Collins

In 1977 we played America and Europe three times, and Japan - my marriage suffered as a result. My then wife took the kids to Canada to be near her parents

~Phil Collins

And I would like to marry and have more children. I would like to try and do it right.

~Phil Collins

Of course you can't please everyone all the time. It's just something that I've got to get over, and I'm better at it now.

~Phil Collins

As a composer I approached the drums differently than a non-composing drummer. I embraced drum machines.

~Phil Collins

Like last night I had a sequence with a gun and, to be honest, for me to be threatening with a gun and not be comical is quite hard.

~Phil Collins

I suppose Phil Collins offers something for everybody, and in hipdom that's not cool. But in the real world, there's no shame in that at all.

~Phil Collins

I'd love to work with Disney again.

~Phil Collins

You leave a country, they stop playing you on the radio.

~Phil Collins

I'm fascinated by what people will do to each other. Actually, I'm sort of interested in the gory details of life.

~Phil Collins

I prefer black music in general.

~Phil Collins

I very rarely listen to the in-flight stuff.

~Phil Collins

I suppose you can't take kids into consideration all the time, but I just wish there could be a bit of flexibility.

~Phil Collins

I'm not trying necessarily to become a movie star; that wouldn't be bad but that's not the aim. I'm just trying to do interesting things and go into areas where I've not been before.

~Phil Collins

I never said I was at the Alamo. Someone else said I was at the Alamo. Now I'm a nutter. I don't think that's fair.

~Phil Collins

Would you respect me if I didn't have this gun? Cause without it, I don't get it, and that's why I carry one.

~Phil Collins

You'll regret the day you ever messed with Philadelphia Collins and sons

~Phil Collins

Catering on planes, like on British Rail, is a standing joke, but I don't really have a problem with it. I don't quite know what people expect.

~Phil Collins

It's always been easy with Mark, he's a rock fan and we speak the same language. He's a big Beatles fan too. We worked a lot via CLI calls, though only meeting up once every couple of months.

~Phil Collins

Everyones a hypercrit and if you don't agree you're a liar as well

~Phil Collins

I have some rhythms on my computers, that are actually called

"trance", they go from 1-30 or 40. They're grooves that come on the synth. If I could somehow use them, I would.

~Phil Collins

To me, groups of musicians playing together, not fighting each other, but playing a groove together is one of the most exciting things to listen to.

~Phil Collins

I just don't think of myself as a star. This is what I do for a living; I'm fortunate that I make ends meet.

~Phil Collins

They're the only ones brave enough to give me these opportunities [on being offered a soundtrack!]

~Phil Collins

I joined Genesis when I was 19. I've earned the right to actually do nothing. I don't want to be a shadow of what I was, so I've kind of just quite willingly stood back.

~Phil Collins

In Genesis we saw ourselves as song-writers. After Peter Gabriel left I was the first to say: 'It's OK - we can just do instrumentals.'

~Phil Collins

I don't really listen to music.

~Phil Collins

Prog rock, with a little good taste, is ok. I tried to bring some of it into this century, I guess.

~Phil Collins

The stereotypical rock-star-trashing-a-hotel-room thing? Those days

had passed by the time I was in a band big enough to do it.

~Phil Collins

I've been a long-distance father.

~Phil Collins

There's something perverse isn't there, if you're playing in front of 100,000 people and there's 2000 people down the front who don't like, you think: what is it that they don't like?

~Phil Collins

Many of the articles printed over the last few months have ended up painting a picture of me that is more than a little distorted.

~Phil Collins

Genesis fans are a religious group!

~Phil Collins

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