Philip Greenspun Quotes

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If I'd had more time or been a better writer, I would have tried to put the same ideas and experiences into a novel. But I didn't so I slapped it up on the Web.

~Philip Greenspun

We worried about competitors, but it was an unreasonable fear. As a friend once pointed out, most gunshot wounds are self-inflicted.

~Philip Greenspun

We're not a vocational school. If someone wants to get a high-paying job, I would hope that there are easier ways to do it than working through a formal computer science curriculum.

~Philip Greenspun

SQL, Lisp, and Haskell are the only programming languages that I've seen where one spends more time thinking than typing.

~Philip Greenspun

Even the lamest page can be saved by collaboration.

~Philip Greenspun

Greenspun's Tenth Rule of Programming: any sufficiently complicated C or Fortran program contains an ad hoc informally-specified bug-ridden slow implementation of half of Common Lisp.

~Philip Greenspun

The devil is real. He lives inside C programs.

~Philip Greenspun

Although the Buddhists will tell you that desire is the root of suffering, my personal experience leads me to point the finger at system administration.

~Philip Greenspun

Remember that in 1993 a company with a bad Web site needed an engineer. Today, a company with a bad Web site needs a psychiatrist.
~Philip Greenspun

I don't myself believe in astrology. However, I think that's because I'm a Libra and Libras are always skeptical.
~Philip Greenspun

Like most people in Academia, my vision of the future is the same as the average industry person's vision of five years ago.
~Philip Greenspun

Most people who are rich chose their parents wisely.
~Philip Greenspun

Even within traditional universities there has always been debate about whether it wouldn't be better to focus on only one course at a time.
~Philip Greenspun

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