

Philip K. Dick

Quotes

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The basic tool for the manipulation of reality is the manipulation of words. If you can control the meaning of words, you can control the people who must use the words.

~Philip K. Dick

There will come a time when it isn't 'They're spying on me through my phone' anymore. Eventually, it will be 'My phone is spying on me'.

~Philip K. Dick

Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away.

~Philip K. Dick

Everything in life is just for a while.

~Philip K. Dick

It is sometimes an appropriate response to reality to go insane.

~Philip K. Dick

Reality is just a point of view.

~Philip K. Dick

There is no route out of the maze. The maze shifts as you move through it, because it is alive.

~Philip K. Dick

To fight the Empire is to be infected by its derangement.... Whoever defeats the Empire becomes the Empire; it proliferates like a virus.

~Philip K. Dick

â€‘we all lie to ourselves; we tell our own selves more lies than we ever do other people.

~Philip K. Dick

Just because something bears the aspect of the inevitable one should

not, therefore, go along willingly with it.

~Philip K. Dick

Reality denied comes back to haunt.

~Philip K. Dick

Each of us assumes everyone else knows what he is doing. They all assume we know what we are doing. We don't.

~Philip K. Dick

Don't try to solve serious matters in the middle of the night.

~Philip K. Dick

So books are real to me, too; they link me not just with other minds but with the vision of other minds, what those minds understand and see. I see their worlds as well as I see my own.

~Philip K. Dick

If you think this Universe is bad, you should see some of the others.

~Philip K. Dick

I'm not much but I'm all I have.

~Philip K. Dick

My schedule for today lists a six-hour self-accusatory depression.

~Philip K. Dick

The problem with introspection is that it has no end.

~Philip K. Dick

This, to me, is the ultimately heroic trait of ordinary people; they say no to the tyrant and they calmly take the consequences of this resistance.

~Philip K. Dick

How undisturbed, the sleep of the foolish.

~Philip K. Dick

Many men talk like philosophers and live like fools.

~Philip K. Dick

The most dangerous kind of person... is one who is afraid of his own shadow.

~Philip K. Dick

I'm tired and I want to rest; I want to get out of this and go lie down somewhere, off where it's dark and no one speaks. Forever.

~Philip K. Dick

You're killing yourself with cynicism. Your idols got taken away from you one by one and now you have nothing to give your love to.

~Philip K. Dick

Sometimes one must try anything, it is no disgrace. On the contrary, it is a sign of wisdom.

~Philip K. Dick

The mentally disturbed do not employ the Principle of Scientific Parsimony: the most simple theory to explain a given set of facts. They shoot for the baroque.

~Philip K. Dick

Where there's dope, there's hope!

~Philip K. Dick

For each person there is a sentenceâ€”a series of wordsâ€”which has the power to destroy them.

~Philip K. Dick

Perhaps if you know you are insane then you are not insane. Or you are becoming sane, finally.

~Philip K. Dick

It's easy to win. Anybody can win.

~Philip K. Dick

Activity does not necessarily mean life. Quasars are active. And a monk meditating is not inanimate.

~Philip K. Dick

No structure, even an artificial one, enjoys the process of entropy. It is the ultimate fate of everything, and everything resists it.

~Philip K. Dick

Any given man sees only a tiny portion of the total truth, and very often, in fact almost ... perpetually, he deliberately deceives himself about that little precious fragment as well.

~Philip K. Dick

Whom the gods notice they destroy. Be small... and you will escape the jealousy of the great.

~Philip K. Dick

It really seems to me that in the midst of great tragedy, there is always the horrible possibility that something terribly funny will happen.

~Philip K. Dick

When you are crazy you learn to keep quiet.

~Philip K. Dick

No man is infinitely strong; for every creature that runs, flies, hops or crawls there is a terminal nemesis which he will not circumvent, which will finally do him in.

~Philip K. Dick

(Insanity) is not hubris, not pride; it is inflation of the ego to its ultimate - confusion between him who worships and that which is worshipped. Man has not eaten God; God has eaten man.

~Philip K. Dick

This is a mournful discovery. 1)Those who agree with you are insane
2)Those who do not agree with you are in power.

~Philip K. Dick

Strange how paranoia can link up with reality now and then.

~Philip K. Dick

In a society of criminals, the innocent man goes to jail.

~Philip K. Dick

A lot can be said for the infinite mercies of God, but the smarts of a good pharmacist, when you get down to it, is worth more.

~Philip K. Dick

We do not have an ideal world, such as we would like, where morality is easy because cognition is easy. Where one can do right with no effort because he can detect the obvious.

~Philip K. Dick

To live is to be haunted.

~Philip K. Dick

It has been said of dreams that they are a 'controlled psychosis,' or, put another way, a psychosis is a dream breaking through during waking hours.

~Philip K. Dick

I like her; I could watch her the rest of my life. She has breasts that smile.

~Philip K. Dick

No matter how long a log stays in the water, it doesn't become a crocodile.

~Philip K. Dick

Fear can make you do more wrong than hate or jealousy... fear makes you always, always hold something back.

~Philip K. Dick

Drug misuse is not a disease, it is a decision, like the decision to step out in front of a moving car. You would call that not a disease but an error of judgment.

~Philip K. Dick

It's not what happened but how it is told.

~Philip K. Dick

He felt all at once like an ineffectual moth, fluttering at the windowpane of reality, dimly seeing it from outside.

~Philip K. Dick

How much of what we call 'reality' is actually out there or rather within our own head?

~Philip K. Dick

Maybe each human being lives in a unique world, a private world, a world different from those inhabited and experienced by all other humans.

~Philip K. Dick

That is the artist's job: take mineral rock from dark silent earth,

transform it into shining light-reflecting form from sky.

~Philip K. Dick

It is amazing that when someone else spouts the nonsense you yourself believe you can readily perceive it as nonsense

~Philip K. Dick

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Those who refused to respond to the new stimulus would perish. Adapt or perish.

~Philip K. Dick

Be happy now because tomorrow you are dying.

~Philip K. Dick

When two people dream the same dream, it ceases to be an illusion.

~Philip K. Dick

When he turned on the tape-transport once more, Arctor was saying, "-- as near as I can figure out, God is dead." Luckman answered, "I didn't know He was sick.

~Philip K. Dick

I think great art should play a part in the ordinary man's life, don't you? It can make his existence so much richer and more meaningful.

~Philip K. Dick

THE ONLY REAL FAILURE IS TO FAIL OTHERS.

~Philip K. Dick

If the last to know he's an addict is the addict, then maybe the last to know when a man means what he says is the man himself, he

reflected.

~Philip K. Dick

In a one-party system there is always a landslide.

~Philip K. Dick

The will to believe chases out the rational mind, whenever and wherever the two come into conflict.

~Philip K. Dick

Should we have a leader or should we think for ourselves? Obviously the latter in principle. But-sometimes there lies a gulf between what is theoretically right and that which is practical.

~Philip K. Dick

Everything is true,' he said. 'Everything anybody has ever thought.' 'Will you be all right?' 'I'll be all right,' he said, and thought, And I'm going to die. Both those are true, too.

~Philip K. Dick

Science fiction writers, I am sorry to say, really do not know anything. We can't talk about science, because our knowledge of it is limited and unofficial, and usually our fiction is dreadful.

~Philip K. Dick

He started keeping a journal - had been, in fact, secretly doing so for some time: the furtive act of a deranged person.

~Philip K. Dick

Certainly it constitutes bad news if the people who agree with you are buggier than batshit.

~Philip K. Dick

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~Philip K. Dick

Truth, she thought. As terrible as death. But harder to find.

~Philip K. Dick

The Empire is the institution, the codification, of derangement; it is insane and imposes its insanity on us by violence, since its nature is a violent one.

~Philip K. Dick

Madness has its own dynamism. It just goes on.

~Philip K. Dick

My major preoccupation is the question, 'What is reality?'

~Philip K. Dick

Dilemma of civilized man; body mobilized, but danger obscure.

~Philip K. Dick

Matter is plastic in the face of Mind.

~Philip K. Dick

I will never fully understand; that is the nature of such creatures. Or is this Inner Truth now, this that is happening to me? I will wait. I will see. Which it is. Perhaps it is both.

~Philip K. Dick

What constitutes the authentic human being?

~Philip K. Dick

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Emigrate or Degenerate.

~Philip K. Dick

If I'd known it was harmless, I'd have killed it myself!

~Philip K. Dick

The hell with the newspapers. Nobody reads the letters to the editor column except the nuts. It's enough to get you down.

~Philip K. Dick

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Skill is a function of chance. It's an intuitive best-use of chance situations.

~Philip K. Dick

On some other world, possibly it is different. Better. There are clear good and evil alternatives. Not these obscure admixtures, these blends, with no proper tool by which to untangle the components.

~Philip K. Dick

I'm a strange person. Sometimes I hardly know what I'm going to do or say next. Sometimes I seem a stranger to myself. Sometimes what I do surprises me and I can't understand why I do it.

~Philip K. Dick

A weird time in which we are alive. We can travel anywhere we want, even to other planets. And for what? To sit day after day, declining in morale and hope.

~Philip K. Dick

The frogs hopping indoors agree that we are on a prison planet. They themselves are frog criminals that were convicted of doing frog crimes.

~Philip K. Dick

In a civil war, every side is wrong. It's hopeless to try to untangle it. Everyone is a victim.

~Philip K. Dick

How can days and happenings and moments so good become so quickly ugly, and for no reason, for no real reason? Just - change. With nothing causing it.

~Philip K. Dick

The bird is gone, and in what meadow does it now sing?

~Philip K. Dick

Fish cannot carry guns.

~Philip K. Dick

When I was a child, I thought as a child. But now I have put away childish things. ... I must be scientific.

~Philip K. Dick

Don't never participate in no bad scenes, he reminded himself; that was his motto in life.

~Philip K. Dick

I mean, knowing people, people are terrified of the unknown and they want to just kill the unknown.

~Philip K. Dick

The unconscious is selective, when it learns what to listen for.

~Philip K. Dick

It is futile to try to make the universe add up. But I guess we must go on anyhow.

~Philip K. Dick

A man is an angel that has gone deranged.

~Philip K. Dick

Insanity - to have to construct a picture of one's life, by making inquiries of others.

~Philip K. Dick

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