

R. Buckminster Fuller

Quotes

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You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

You cannot change how someone thinks, but you can give them a tool to use which will lead them to think differently.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

In order to change an existing paradigm you do not struggle to try and change the problematic model. You create a new model and make the old one obsolete.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Pollution is nothing but the resources we are not harvesting. We allow them to disperse because we've been ignorant of their value.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Mistakes are great, the more I make the smarter I get.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

If you want to teach people a new way of thinking, don't bother trying to teach them. Instead, give them a tool, the use of which will lead to new ways of thinking.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

We are called to be architects of the future, not its victims.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

You can rest assured that if you devote your time and attention to the highest advantage of others, the Universe will support you, always and only in the nick of time.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Love is metaphysical gravity.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

The pyramids, attached with age, have forgotten the names of their founders.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Integrity is the essence of everything successful.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

As long as one human being is hungry, the entire human race is hungry.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Ninety-nine per cent of who you are is invisible and untouchable.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

When I am working on a problem, I never think about beauty but when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

We are not going to be able to operate our Spaceship Earth successfully nor for much longer unless we see it as a whole spaceship and our fate as common. It has to be everybody or nobody.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Everything you've learned in school as "obvious" becomes less and less obvious as you begin to study the universe.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Our beds are empty two-thirds of the time. Our living rooms are empty seven-eighths of the time. Our office buildings are empty one-half of the

time. It's time we gave this some thought.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

All children are born geniuses; 9,999 out of every 10,000 are swiftly, inadvertently degeniusized by grownups.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

To do more and more with less and less until eventually you can do everything with nothing.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

The minute you begin to do what you really want to do, it's really a different kind of life.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Never forget that you are one of a kind. Never forget that if there weren't any need for you in all your uniqueness to be on this earth, you wouldn't be here in the first place.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Whether it is to be Utopia or Oblivion will be a touch-and-go relay race right up to the final moment.... Humanity is in 'final exam' as to whether or not it qualifies for continuance in Universe.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

There is no such thing as a failed experiment, only experiments with unexpected outcomes.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Let architects sing of aesthetics that bring Rich clients in hordes to their knees; Just give me a home, in a great circle dome Where stresses and strains are at ease.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Thinking is a momentary dismissal of irrelevancies.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

It is not for me to change you. The question is, how can I be of service to you without diminishing your degrees of freedom?

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Real wealth is ideas plus energy.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

There is no energy crisis, only a crisis of ignorance.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

A designer is an emerging synthesis of artist, inventor, mechanic, objective economist and evolutionary strategist.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

I have spent most of my life unlearning things that were proved not to be true

~R. Buckminster Fuller

It is essential to release humanity from the false fixations of yesterday which seem now to bind it to a rationale of action leading only to extinction.

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The World has become too dangerous for anything less than Utopia.

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Dear reader, traditional human power structures and their reign of darkness are about to be rendered obsolete.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

[My vision is] To make the world work for 100% of humanity in the shortest possible time through spontaneous cooperation without ecological offense or the disadvantage of anyone.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Humanity is acquiring all the right technology for all the wrong reasons.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

To expose a 4.2 Trillion dollar ripoff of the American people by the stockholders of the 1000 largest corporations over the last one-hundred years will be a tall order of business.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Search others for their virtue, and yourself for your vices.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Humans beings always do the most intelligent thingâ€"after they've tried every stupid alternative and none of them have worked

~R. Buckminster Fuller

If we do more with less, our response will be adequate to take care of everybody.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Tombs are the clothes of the dead and a grave is a plain suit; while an expensive monument is one with embroidery.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Everyone has the perfect gift to give the world-and if each of us is freed up to give our unique gift, the world will be in total harmony.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

The purpose of our lives is to add value to the people of this generation and those that follow.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Don't fight forces, use them.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

There is enough for everyone. People think that there isn't enough, so they get as much as they can, so many people don't have enough.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

To ask a politician to lead us is to ask the tail of a dog to lead the dog.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Geniuses are just people who had good mothers.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

I do not look upon human beings as good or bad.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

It is the integrity of each individual human that is in final examination. On personal integrity hangs humanity's fate.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

I'm not a genius. I'm just a tremendous bundle of experience.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

None of the world's problems will have a solution until the world's individuals become thoroughly self-educated.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Integrity is the courage and self-discipline to cooperate and initiate according to the Divine, which you know in your heart as Truth.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

When individuals join in a cooperative venture, the power generated far exceeds what they could have accomplished acting individually.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

War is obsolete. We are not here to fight something or tear something down; We are here to be the example of what is possible. Any sane individual will tell you that violence is ... not the way.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

You can't change anything by fighting or resisting it. You change something by making it obsolete through superior methods.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

What usually happens in the educational process is that the faculties are dulled, overloaded, stuffed and paralyzed so that by the time most people are mature they have lost their innate capabilities.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

We must do away with the absolutely specious notion that everybody has to earn a living.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Everyone is born a genius, but the process of living de-geniuses them.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

The wave is not the water. The water merely told us about the wave moving by.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

You can never learn less; you can only learn more.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

The one common experience of all humanity is the challenge of problems.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

There is only one revolution tolerable to all men, all societies, all political systems: Revolution by design and invention.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

We should stop kidding ourselves. We should let go of things that aren't true. It's always better with the truth.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

There is something patently insane about all the typewriters sleeping with all the beautiful plumbing in the beautiful office buildings -and all the people sleeping in the slums.

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People never leave a sinking ship until they see the lights of another ship approaching.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Parents are usually more careful to bestow knowledge on their children rather than virtue, the art of speaking well rather than doing well; but their manners should be of the greatest concern.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

God is a verb, not a noun.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Television is the third parent.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

If success or failure of this planet and of human beings depended on how I am and what I do... HOW WOULD I BE? WHAT WOULD I DO?

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Tension is the great integrity.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

The opposite of nature is impossible.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

The nearest each of us can come to God is by loving the truth.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Don't try to make me consistent. I am learning all the time.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

We must progress to the stage of doing all the right things for all the right reasons instead of doing all the right things for all the wrong reasons.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Nature is trying very hard to make us succeed, but nature does not depend on us. We are not the only experiment.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Nature does have manure and she does have roots as well as blossoms, and you can't hate the manure and blame the roots for not being blossoms.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

We are prisoners of our own metaphors, metaphorically speaking.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

You have to decide whether you want to make money or make sense, because the two are mutually exclusive.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

A problem adequately stated is a problem well on its way to being solved.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

If man chooses oblivion, he can go right on leaving his fate to his political leaders. If he chooses Utopia, he must initiate an enormous education program - immediately, if not sooner.

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By the time you are 88 years old, you "have consumed 300 tons of food, air and water."

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Seeing-is-believing is a blind spot in man's vision.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Most of my advances were by mistake. You uncover what is when you get rid of what isn't.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

There is no joy equal to that of being able to work for all humanity and doing what you're doing well.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

All human advances occur in the outlaw area.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Those who play with the devil's toys will be brought by degrees to wield

his sword.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

I look for what needs to be done. After all, that's how the universe designs itself.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

With our minds alone we can discover those principles we need to employ to convert all humanity to success in a new, harmonious relationship with the universe.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Don't attempt to reform man. An adequately organized environment will permit humanity's original, innate capabilities to become successful.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

There will come a time when the proper education of children, by a glorified system of spontaneous education of choice, similar to the Montessori System, will be made possible.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

I have great hope for tomorrow. My hope lies in three things-truth, youth, and love.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

People should think things out fresh and not just accept conventional terms and the conventional way of doing things.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Topology is the science of fundamental pattern and structural relationships of event constellations.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

We are powerfully imprisoned in these Dark Ages simply by the terms

in which we have been conditioned to think.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

Now there is one outstanding important fact regarding spaceship earth, and that is that no instruction book came with it.

~R. Buckminster Fuller

There is room enough indoors in New York City for the whole 1963 world's population to enter, with room enough inside for all hands to dance the twist in average nightclub proximity.

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You can never learn less; you can only learn more. The reason I know so much is because I have made so many mistakes.

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