

# Ray Kurzweil Quotes

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Brain, Intelligent, Phones, Profound, Years, Needs, Understanding, Self,  
Emotional, Energy, World*

Supercomputers will achieve one human brain capacity by 2010, and personal computers will do so by about 2020.

~Ray Kurzweil

Time would become meaningless if there were too much of it.

~Ray Kurzweil

Find your passion, learn how to add value to it, and commit to a lifetime of learning.

~Ray Kurzweil

When you talk to a human in 2035, you'll be talking to someone that's a combination of biological and non-biological intelligence.

~Ray Kurzweil

Mobile phones are misnamed. They should be called gateways to human knowledge.

~Ray Kurzweil

The past is over; the present is fleeting; we live in the future.

~Ray Kurzweil

Launching a breakthrough idea is like shooting skeet. People's needs change, so you must aim well ahead of the target to hit it.

~Ray Kurzweil

The profound aspect of technology is that once secrets are revealed, the magic doesn't disappear.

~Ray Kurzweil

A successful person isn't necessarily better than her less successful peers at solving problems; her pattern-recognition facilities have just learned what problems are worth solving.

~Ray Kurzweil

Does God exist? Well, I would say, 'not yet'.

~Ray Kurzweil

There are downsides to every technology. Fire kept us warm, but also burned down our villages.

~Ray Kurzweil

Information defines your personality, your memories, your skills.

~Ray Kurzweil

By 2009, computers will disappear. Displays will be written directly onto our retinas by devices in our eyeglasses and contact lenses.

~Ray Kurzweil

Death gives meaning to our lives. It gives importance and value to time. Time would become meaningless if there were too much of it.

~Ray Kurzweil

Our technology, our machines, is part of our humanity. We created them to extend ourselves, and that is what is unique about human beings.

~Ray Kurzweil

What we spend our time on is probably the most important decision we make.

~Ray Kurzweil

Nature, and the natural human condition, generates tremendous suffering. We have the means to overcome that, and we should deploy it.

~Ray Kurzweil

Death is a great tragedyâ€”a profound lossâ€”I don't accept itâ€”I think people are kidding themselves when they say they are comfortable with

death.

~Ray Kurzweil

In 1999, I said that in about a decade we would see technologies such as self-driving cars and mobile phones that could answer your questions, and people criticized these predictions as unrealistic.

~Ray Kurzweil

If we could convert 0.03 percent of the sunlight that falls on the earth into energy, we could meet all of our projected needs for 2030.

~Ray Kurzweil

Biological evolution is too slow for the human species. Over the next few decades, it's going to be left in the dust.

~Ray Kurzweil

Play is just another version of work

~Ray Kurzweil

The story of evolution unfolds with increasing levels of abstraction.

~Ray Kurzweil

The ethical debates are like stones in a stream. The water runs around them. You haven't seen any biological technologies held up for one week by any of these debates.

~Ray Kurzweil

We appear to be programmed with the idea that there are 'things' outside of our self, and some are conscious, and some are not.

~Ray Kurzweil

People talk philosophically, 'Oh, I don't want to live past 100.' You know, I'd like to hear them say that when they're 99.

~Ray Kurzweil

We'll be able to have very intelligent, little robots with computers going inside our bloodstream, keeping us healthy from inside, destroying cancer at the level of one cell.

~Ray Kurzweil

We're democratizing the tools of creativity.

~Ray Kurzweil

Doing real world projects is, I think, the best way to learn and also to engage the world and find out what the world is all about.

~Ray Kurzweil

Machines will follow a path that mirrors the evolution of humans. Ultimately, however, self-aware, self-improving machines will evolve beyond humans' ability to control or even understand them.

~Ray Kurzweil

A lot of movies about artificial intelligence envision that AIs will be very intelligent but missing some key emotional qualities of humans and therefore turn out to be very dangerous.

~Ray Kurzweil

Intuition is linear; our imaginations are weak. Even the brightest of us only extrapolate from what we know now; for the most part, we're afraid to really stretch.

~Ray Kurzweil

By the 2030s, the nonbiological portion of our intelligence will predominate.

~Ray Kurzweil

Science fiction is the great opportunity to speculate on what could happen. It does give me, as a futurist, scenarios.

~Ray Kurzweil

The telephone is virtual reality in that you can meet with someone as if you are together, at least for the auditory sense.

~Ray Kurzweil

The purposeful destruction of information is the essence of intelligent work.

~Ray Kurzweil

All of our schools need to bring 'learn from doing' into the mainstream education, not just afternoon.

~Ray Kurzweil

I consider myself an inventor, entrepreneur, and author.

~Ray Kurzweil

Humans feel deeply the suffering of their friends and allies and easily discount/dismiss the comparable experience of their enemies.

~Ray Kurzweil

I'm an inventor. I became interested in long-term trends because an invention has to make sense in the world in which it is finished, not the world in which it is started.

~Ray Kurzweil

The need to congregate workers in offices will gradually diminish.

~Ray Kurzweil

So what used to fit in a building now fits in your pocket, what fits in your pocket now will fit inside a blood cell in 25 years.

~Ray Kurzweil

The key issue as to whether or not a non-biological entity deserves rights really comes down to whether or not it's conscious.... Does it have feelings?

~Ray Kurzweil

I do have to pick my priorities. Nobody can do everything.

~Ray Kurzweil

I'm working on artificial intelligence. Actually, natural language understanding, which is to get computers to understand the meaning of documents.

~Ray Kurzweil

My mission at Google is to develop natural language understanding with a team and in collaboration with other researchers at Google.

~Ray Kurzweil

It is doubling now every two years. Doubling every two years means multiplying by 1,000 in 20 years. At that rate we'll meet 100 percent of our energy needs in 20 years.

~Ray Kurzweil

By 2029, computers will have emotional intelligence and be convincing as people.

~Ray Kurzweil

We only have to capture 1/10,000th of the solar energy landing on earth to completely satisfy all our energy needs.

~Ray Kurzweil

The fate of the universe is a decision yet to be made, one which we will intelligently consider when the time is right.

~Ray Kurzweil

[In] 2029, I think, computers will match and exceed human intelligence in the ways we're now superior, like being funny, where we still have an edge.

~Ray Kurzweil

Emotional intelligence is what humans are good at and that's not a sideshow. That's the cutting edge of human intelligence.

~Ray Kurzweil

Inventing is a lot like surfing: you have to anticipate and catch the wave at just the right moment.

~Ray Kurzweil

I envision some years from now that the majority of search queries will be answered without you actually asking. It'll just know this is something that you're going to want to see.

~Ray Kurzweil

A Singularitarian is someone who understands the Singularity and has reflected on its meaning for his or her own life.

~Ray Kurzweil



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