

# Robert Metcalfe

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I predict the Internet will soon go spectacularly supernova and in 1996 catastrophically collapse.

~Robert Metcalfe

If you cannot be on the project each day to check on things, then you should not try and be your own contractor.

~Robert Metcalfe

Invention is a flower, innovation is a weed.

~Robert Metcalfe

Grove giveth and Gates taketh away.

~Robert Metcalfe

In network theory, the value of a system grows as approximately the square of the number of users of the system.

~Robert Metcalfe

The world needs a better understanding of how to encourage innovation. And innovators need to get better at it. Sign me up.

~Robert Metcalfe

I saw that there are people who will connive against innovation. They're hostile to it. And that has shaped my behavior ever since.

~Robert Metcalfe

When you're running a company, creating jobs is the last thing you want to. When you're running a company you want to employ as few people as possible, and yet you inadvertently create jobs.

~Robert Metcalfe

Innovation makes the world go round. It brings prosperity and freedom.

~Robert Metcalfe

You don't grow the economy by growing government.

~Robert Metcalfe

Where visionaries can be good at persuasion, CEOs are good at wielding authority. Visionaries transcend organizations, resources, and current realities, while CEOs master them.

~Robert Metcalfe

I consider what I write to be literature. I choose the words carefully.

~Robert Metcalfe

I've screwed up and I've overcommitted and it's typical of me.

~Robert Metcalfe

In seven to ten years video traffic on the Internet will exceed data and voice traffic combined.

~Robert Metcalfe

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