

Stephen Fry Quotes

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Real, Comedy, Mean, Years, Gay, Funny, Want, Sorry, Mind, Ideas*

You don't need a Harvard MBA to know that the bedroom and the boardroom are just two sides of the same ballgame.

~Stephen Fry

You are who you are when nobody's watching.

~Stephen Fry

As I say I don't want to kill myself, I just wouldn't mind dying.

~Stephen Fry

Estate agents: like them or loathe them, you'd be mad not to loathe them.

~Stephen Fry

The only reason people do not know much is because they do not care to know. They are incurious. Incuriosity is the oddest and most foolish failing there is.

~Stephen Fry

People who can change and change again are so much more reliable and happier than those who can't

~Stephen Fry

Love in all eight tones and all five semitones of the word's full octave.

~Stephen Fry

Nothing in this world is at it seems. Except, possibly, porridge.

~Stephen Fry

Wine can be a better teacher than ink, and banter is often better than books

~Stephen Fry

All the big words -virtue, justice, truth, ...- are dwarfed by the greatness

of kindness

~Stephen Fry

Stop feeling sorry for yourself and you will be happy.

~Stephen Fry

It is the useless things that make life worth living and that make life dangerous too: wine, love, art, beauty. Without them life is safe, but not worth bothering with.

~Stephen Fry

It's hard to be a friend to someone who's depressed, but it is one of the kindest, noblest, and best things you will ever do.

~Stephen Fry

A cousin of mine who was a casualty surgeon in Manhattan tells me that he and his colleagues had a one-word nickname for bikers: Donors. Rather chilling.

~Stephen Fry

I have always been an impassioned advocate for the works of Shakespeare. I regard him as one of the most complete miracles of his or any other age.

~Stephen Fry

Books are no more threatened by Kindle than stairs by elevators.

~Stephen Fry

I may have looked happy but inside I was hopelessly depressed.

~Stephen Fry

People still don't get how astounding Darwinism is. People think what shocked everybody was that Charles Darwin seemed to be saying we had descended from apes.

~Stephen Fry

Hell, I am young. I am free. My teeth are clean. The sun shines. To hell with everything else

~Stephen Fry

If ignorance is bliss, why aren't there more happy people in the world?

~Stephen Fry

It's now very common to hear people say 'I'm rather offended by that'.

~Stephen Fry

Better sexy and racy Than sexist and racist

~Stephen Fry

I'm afraid I was very much the traditionalist. I went down on one knee and dictated a proposal which my secretary faxed over straight away.

~Stephen Fry

I shouldn't be saying this, high treason really, but I sometimes wonder if Americans aren't fooled by our accent into detecting a brilliance that may not really be there.

~Stephen Fry

Homosexuals are not interested in making other people homosexuals. Homophobes are interested in making other people homophobes.

~Stephen Fry

I don't need you to remind me of my age. I have a bladder to do that for me.

~Stephen Fry

This is the point. One technology doesn't replace another, it complements. Books are no more threatened by Kindle than stairs by

elevators.

~Stephen Fry

Having a great intellect is no path to being happy.

~Stephen Fry

I want you to know that you are not alone in your being alone.

~Stephen Fry

My first words, as I was being born [...] I looked up at my mother and said, 'that's the last time I'm going up one of those.

~Stephen Fry

I think we have all experienced passion that is not in any sense reasonable.

~Stephen Fry

You either get Norfolk, with its wild roughness and uncultivated oddities, or you don't. It's not all soft and lovely. It doesn't ask to be loved.

~Stephen Fry

Taste every fruit of every tree in the garden at least once. It is an insult to creation not to experience it fully. Temperance is wickedness.

~Stephen Fry

My secret is that I have never thought there is a secret to anything in life. Passion. Love. Drive. Work. Work. Work. Dull but true.

~Stephen Fry

I am a lover of truth, a worshipper of freedom, a celebrant at the altar of language and purity and tolerance.

~Stephen Fry

There is no right language or wrong language any more than there are right or wrong clothes.

~Stephen Fry

When we understand every single secret of the universe, there will still be left the eternal mystery of the human heart.

~Stephen Fry

If you know someone who's depressed, please resolve never to ask them why. Depression isn't a straightforward response to a bad situation; depression just is, like the weather.

~Stephen Fry

Philosophy is an odd thing... There is no particular Socratic or Dimechian or Kantian way to live your life. They don't offer ethical codes and standards by which to live your life.

~Stephen Fry

The English language is like London: proudly barbaric yet deeply civilised, too, common yet royal, vulgar yet processional, sacred yet profane.

~Stephen Fry

In a dung heap, even a plastic bead can gleam like a sapphire.

~Stephen Fry

Christmas to a child is the first terrible proof that to travel hopefully is better than to arrive.

~Stephen Fry

Seriousness is no more a guarantee of truth, insight, authenticity or probity, than humour is a guarantee of superficiality and stupidity.

~Stephen Fry

It only takes a room of Americans for the English and Australians to realise how much we have in common.

~Stephen Fry

Those who rule the world get so little opportunity to run about and laugh and play in it.

~Stephen Fry

My life, at least, is divided between writing and performing and mixtures of the two.

~Stephen Fry

Education is the sum of what students teach each other between lectures and seminars.

~Stephen Fry

I like to think of myself at home in the armchair, writing, smoking and occasionally wandering down the shop.

~Stephen Fry

You don't sit down and write a wish list about the person you are going to fall violently in love with. It just doesn't work like that.

~Stephen Fry

Atheism is not just about not believing there is a God, but on the assumption that there is one, what kind of God is he?

~Stephen Fry

To me, reason is as spiritual as anything else, the beauty of reason seems to me indelible and ineffable and numinous... the spirit is after all the same word we use to describe... essence

~Stephen Fry

You can't reason yourself back into cheerfulness any more than you

can reason yourself into an extra six inches in height.

~Stephen Fry

An original idea. That can't be too hard. The library must be full of them.

~Stephen Fry

I think faith in each other is much harder than faith in God...

~Stephen Fry

Hey-ho, it's raining inside: it isn't my fault and there's nothing I can do about it, but sit it out. But the sun may well come out tomorrow and when it does, I shall take full advantage.

~Stephen Fry

I knew I couldn't believe in God, because I was fundamentally Hellenic in my outlook.

~Stephen Fry

The email of the species is deadlier than the mail.

~Stephen Fry

Well, isn't it splendid & rather toffee?

~Stephen Fry

A real education takes place, not in the lecture hall or library, but in the rooms of friends, with earnest frolic and happy disputation.

~Stephen Fry

Sex without smiling is as sickly and as base as vodka and tonic without ice.

~Stephen Fry

There is so much we can learn from TV. It's a window on the world.

~Stephen Fry

Moving from chair to chair, from coffee machine to coffee machine is the limit of my action in most films. But I enjoy being cast in them because I love watching them.

~Stephen Fry

Nature admits no hierarchy of beauty or usefulness or importance.

~Stephen Fry

Incuriosity is the oddest and most foolish failing there is.

~Stephen Fry

I'm afraid I don't believe there is such a thing as blasphemy, just outrage from those insecure in their own faith.

~Stephen Fry

I don't watch television, I think it destroys the art of talking about oneself.

~Stephen Fry

The church has no power over our lives any more, which is something of a blessing for those who do not enjoy red-hot poker or iron thumb-screws.

~Stephen Fry

Generally, we admire the thing we are not.

~Stephen Fry

It is a cliché that most clichés are true, but then like most clichés, that cliché is untrue.

~Stephen Fry

Compromise is a stalling between two fools.

~Stephen Fry

Many people would no more think of entering journalism than the sewage business - which at least does us all some good.

~Stephen Fry

That one can love another of the same gender, that is what the homophobe really cannot stand.

~Stephen Fry

Thank you for your input; I can tell you are struggling towards being interesting.

~Stephen Fry

I have to mime at parties when everyone sings Happy Birthday... Mime or mumble and rumble and growl and grunt so deep that only moles, manta rays and mushrooms can hear me.

~Stephen Fry

Like vichyssoise, revenge is a dish best served cold.

~Stephen Fry

Coming out as gay was an easy enough matter for me, since I worked in a profession where being gay had a long history of being accepted.

~Stephen Fry

I went to Cambridge and thought I would stay there. I thought I would quietly grow tweed in a corner somewhere and become a Don or something.

~Stephen Fry

Talent is inborn, but technique is learned.

~Stephen Fry

It is easy to forget that the most important aspect of comedy, after all, its great saving grace, is its ambiguity. You can simultaneously laugh at a situation, and take it seriously.

~Stephen Fry

I get an urge, like a pregnant elephant, to go away and give birth to a book.

~Stephen Fry

Entry is not equivalent to possession.

~Stephen Fry

We always make the mistake, the fatal mistake in the case of military people, of imagining that each war will be a kind of version of the one that happened previously.

~Stephen Fry

Hold the newsreader's nose squarely, waiter, or friendly milk will countermand my trousers.

~Stephen Fry

I don't believe there is a God. If I were to believe in a god, I would believe in gods.

~Stephen Fry

When push-off comes to shove-off, a man must have a reason to get out of bed in the mornings, something more than the threat of bedsores, at any rate.

~Stephen Fry

A cut glass English accent can fool unsuspecting Americans into detecting a brilliance that isn't there

~Stephen Fry

...as absurd and dishonest as claiming that the trouble with computer games is that they stop people watching television.

~Stephen Fry

Literature is the only access to truth we have on this planet.

~Stephen Fry

You can't just say there is a god because the world is beautiful. You have to account for bone cancer in children

~Stephen Fry

They are just 100 per cent bear, whereas human beings feel we're not 100 per cent human, that we're always letting ourselves down. We're constantly striving towards something, to some fulfilment.

~Stephen Fry

There's nothing worse than the British in one of their fits of morality.

~Stephen Fry

No adolescent ever wants to be understood, which is why they complain about being misunderstood all the time.

~Stephen Fry

The people I know who swear the most tend to have the widest vocabularies.

~Stephen Fry

I was happy there. Which is to say I was not unhappy there. Unhappiness and happiness I have always been able to carry about with me, irrespective of place and people, because I have never joined in.

~Stephen Fry

How can I tell you what I think until I've heard what I'm going to say?

~Stephen Fry

Knowing what I now know I would never have done anything so fatuous; but then I never would have known what I know now had I not.

~Stephen Fry

It's extremely unlucky to be superstitious, for no other reason than it is always unlucky to be colossally stupid.

~Stephen Fry

When you've seen a nude infant doing a backward somersault you know why clothing exists.

~Stephen Fry

And of course you are mad, if by a madman we mean a mind that questions and rejects every civilized norm.

~Stephen Fry

Stop wanting wealth and fame and start wanting instead to do something well about which you are passionate

~Stephen Fry

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