

Stewart Brand Quotes

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A library doesn't need windows. A library is a window.

~Stewart Brand

If you don't like bacteria, you're on the wrong planet.

~Stewart Brand

Humans have made a huge hole in nature in the last 10,000 years. [With de-extinction,] we have the ability now, and maybe the moral obligation, to repair some of the damage.

~Stewart Brand

Once a new technology rolls over you, if you're not part of the steamroller, you're part of the road.

~Stewart Brand

A building is not something you finish. A building is something you start.

~Stewart Brand

The great problem with the future is that we die there. This is why it is so hard to take the future personally, especially the longer future, because that world is suffused with our absence.

~Stewart Brand

All buildings are predictions. All predictions are wrong.

~Stewart Brand

If all of your electricity in your lifetime came from nuclear [energy], the waste from that lifetime of electricity would go in a Coke can.

~Stewart Brand

One advantage of a solar collector in space: It would be some kind of origami thing that would unfold and be relatively light because it doesn't have gravity to deal with.

~Stewart Brand

There's no unemployment in squatter cities. Everyone works. One-sixth of humanity is there. It's soon going to be more than that.

~Stewart Brand

Do what's good for humans, modeled on how humans already do things; ignore what's convenient for computers.

~Stewart Brand

Information wants to be free, because the cost of getting it out is getting lower and lower all the time.

~Stewart Brand

When a fantasy turns you on, you're obligated to God and nature to start doing it right away.

~Stewart Brand

Redefine the possible.

~Stewart Brand

Information wants to be free. Information also wants to be expensive.

~Stewart Brand

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~Stewart Brand

The main problem with solar on the Earth's surface is that it is so intermittent, and we don't have decent storage yet.

~Stewart Brand

Style is time's fool. Form is time's student

~Stewart Brand

In our researches on the likely economic apocalypse it's become clear what is the prime survival tool for hard times: friends. Good friends. Lots of them.

~Stewart Brand

Carbon tax has the advantage of basically being able to subsidize one set of activities that you want with another set of activities that you don't want. It's like a cigarette tax.

~Stewart Brand

[Wind energy] takes a very large footprint on the land, five to 10 times what you'd use for nuclear, and typically to get one gigawatt of electricity is on the order of 250 square miles of wind farm.

~Stewart Brand

We are as gods and might as well get good at it.

~Stewart Brand

Art flouts convention. Convention became convention because it works.

~Stewart Brand

Want to know where the action in a culture is? Watch where new language is turning up and where the lawyers collect, usually in that sequence.

~Stewart Brand

When a generation talks just to itself, it becomes more filled with folly than it might have otherwise.

~Stewart Brand

There should always be in sight the draw â€” a kind of a beacon that draws you on through the labyrinth.

~Stewart Brand

The technology of synthetic biology is currently accelerating at four times the rate of Moore's Law. It's been doing that since 2005, and it's likely to continue.

~Stewart Brand

Historians will consider this a dark age. Science historians can read Galileo's technical correspondence from the 1590s but not Marvin Minsky's from the 1960s.

~Stewart Brand

Civilization's shortening attention span is mismatched with the pace of environmental problems.

~Stewart Brand

You own your own words, unless they contain information. In which case they belong to no one.

~Stewart Brand

As you gain elevation [on the mountain] your IQ goes down - but your emotional affect goes up, which is great for having a mythic experience, whether you want to or not.

~Stewart Brand

Programming (or making music) at night is dreamtime, a period exclusively mental, utterly absorbed, sustained and timeless, placeless, disembodied.

~Stewart Brand

Many of my contemporaries in the developed world see subsistence farming as soulful and organic, but it is a poverty trap and an environmental disaster.

~Stewart Brand

This is pretty much the infrastructural stuff that comes along with large

quantities of energy. Whichever technology we are looking at has serious hazardous issues.

~Stewart Brand

We can influence the future but not see it.

~Stewart Brand

How can I throw my life away in the least unhappy way?

~Stewart Brand

Tool - something with a use on one end and a grasp on the other end.

~Stewart Brand

The point is to explore whatever may be helpful for thinking, understanding, and acting responsibly over long periods of time.

~Stewart Brand

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