

# Susan George Quotes

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Party, Years, Jobs, Want, Investment, Development, Real, Strong, Worry, Done,  
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What I worry about is climate change, because that would have untold effects that we can't even measure yet.

~Susan George

There is no degree of human suffering which in and of itself is going to bring about change. Only organisation can change things.

~Susan George

If the economy becomes disembodied from society it can only lead to disaster.

~Susan George

As the rich consume more and more, they are clearly not going to want to downgrade their own status.

~Susan George

This erosion of the middle class is happening all over the place. The opening of a wider gap between rich and poor is always accompanied by such a process.

~Susan George

We have the most crude accounting tools. It's tragic because our accounts and our national arithmetic doesn't tell us the things that we need to know.

~Susan George

The Sierra Club in the United States has now really come out for population control and reduction.

~Susan George

I used to work a lot on food issues and every time somebody predicted that production would be inadequate they got egg on their face a year or two later.

~Susan George

We're trying to run a 21st century society and economy with 19th century Darwinian, competitive, crude ideas.

~Susan George

Much of what is called investment is actually nothing more than mergers and acquisitions, and of course mergers and acquisitions are generally accompanied by downsizing.

~Susan George

The World Bank is now the biggest culprit in the debt crisis.

~Susan George

If you cut down a forest, it doesn't matter how many sawmills you have if there are no more trees.

~Susan George

The World Development Movement, to take just one example, is doing good work. Some political parties are, too.

~Susan George

Debt is such a powerful tool, it is such a useful tool, it's much better than colonialism ever was because you can keep control without having an army, without having a whole administration.

~Susan George

Only around 2% of the earth's surface is cultivatable land.

~Susan George

The real fight is about what should be in the marketplace and what should not. Should education be a marketable commodity? Should healthcare?

~Susan George

What is missing, I think, is this notion of the common good.

~Susan George

Now we are flying off into outer space, there is no clear curb on what can be done in the name of the economy.

~Susan George

There are a lot of people who don't contribute anything to consumption and production.

~Susan George

Everything has to be done to build some sort of international democracy. We've seen only the tiniest beginnings of that.

~Susan George

Cost recovery is the polite way of saying, make families pay to educate their children.

~Susan George

Subsidize... or lend.

~Susan George

What you need if you want jobs are small and medium sized enterprises, local initiatives, labour intensive work, community development, service providers and the like.

~Susan George

If we wait for the U.S. to do something, we will be waiting for a very long time. It's Europe, it's Australia, it's the other developed and middle developing countries that have got to do the job.

~Susan George

It seems to be the thing now that young people are getting back into politics.

~Susan George

Whats immediately profitable is the only kind of logic that capitalism understands.

~Susan George

Markets cant think about anything beyond about three months. This is very long-term for markets, which is why the important things in life have got to be taken outside of the marketplace.

~Susan George

Redistribution of wealth would require enormous amounts of investment. The only time an elite has accepted this has been during crises, such as in America in the 1930s under Roosevelt.

~Susan George

I'm a radical reformist, because between where we are and where I want to go there's a great deal of work, and I won't see the end of this.

~Susan George

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