

Terence McKenna Quotes

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What we call reality is in fact nothing more than a culturally sanctioned and linguistically reinforced hallucination.

~Terence McKenna

You are a divine being. You matter, you count. You come from realms of unimaginable power and light, and you will return to those realms.

~Terence McKenna

The bigger you build the bonfire, the more darkness is revealed.

~Terence McKenna

If you don't have a plan, you become part of somebody else's plan.

~Terence McKenna

As the bonfires of knowledge grow brighter, the more the darkness is revealed to our startled eyes.

~Terence McKenna

The cost of sanity in this society, is a certain level of alienation

~Terence McKenna

The problem is not to find the answer, it's to face the answer

~Terence McKenna

I don't believe consciousness is generated in the brain any more than television programs are made inside my TV. The box is too small.

~Terence McKenna

Nature is not mute, it is a man who is deaf.

~Terence McKenna

The long night of human history is drawing at last to its conclusion.

~Terence McKenna

Life lived in the absence of the psychedelic experience upon which primordial shamanism is based is life trivialized, life denied, life enslaved to the ego.

~Terence McKenna

Belief is a toxic and dangerous attitude toward reality. After all, if it's there it doesn't require your belief- and if it's not there why should you believe in it?

~Terence McKenna

You have to take seriously the notion that understanding the universe is your responsibility, because the only understanding of the universe that will be useful to you is your own understanding.

~Terence McKenna

DMT is the most powerful hallucinogen there is. If it gets stronger than that I don't want to know about it.

~Terence McKenna

Worrying is betting against yourself.

~Terence McKenna

The main thing to understand is that we are imprisoned in some kind of work of art.

~Terence McKenna

Behind us: the unknown. Before us: the secret.

~Terence McKenna

Western civilization is a loaded gun pointed at the head of this planet.

~Terence McKenna

Science does not deal with subjective experience... Well that's too bad because that is all any of us ever have.

~Terence McKenna

The testimony of DMT, for me, is that there is a nearby dimension, teeming with intelligences, that from one of the more conservative perspectives seems like an ecology of souls.

~Terence McKenna

What we call imagination is actually the universal library of what's real. You couldn't imagine it if it weren't real somewhere, sometime.

~Terence McKenna

We are caught inside a mystery, veiled in an enigma, locked inside a riddle

~Terence McKenna

The real secret of magic is that the world is made of words, and that if you know the words that the world is made of you can make of it whatever you wish.

~Terence McKenna

How do we fight back? By creating art.

~Terence McKenna

Culture is a plot against the expansion of consciousness.

~Terence McKenna

The most beautiful things in the universe are inside the human mind.

~Terence McKenna

Our world is endangered by the absence of good ideas

~Terence McKenna

Television is by nature the dominator drug par excellence. Control of content, uniformity of content, repeatability of content make it inevitably

a tool of coercion, brainwashing, and manipulation.

~Terence McKenna

What civilization is, is 6 billion people trying to make themselves happy by standing on each other's shoulders and kicking each other's teeth in. It's not a pleasant situation.

~Terence McKenna

I'll try to be around and about. But if I'm not, then you know that I'm behind your eyelids, and I'll meet you there

~Terence McKenna

Think about our dilemma on this planet. If the expansion of consciousness does not loom large in the human future, what kind of future is it going to be?

~Terence McKenna

You put two egos together and you've either got a conflict, which is always interesting, or better yet, a love affair.

~Terence McKenna

If we could feel what we are doing to the Earth, we would stop immediately.

~Terence McKenna

Nature is not our enemy, to be raped and conquered. Nature is ourselves, to be cherished and explored.

~Terence McKenna

Being imposes some kind of obligation to find out what's going on.

~Terence McKenna

The truth for sure, when it arrives, will make you smile. If it doesn't, you should seek a deeper truth.

~Terence McKenna

Psychedelics are probably responsible for every aspect of human evolution apart from the decline in bodyhair.

~Terence McKenna

It's no big deal about how you get language to evolve. You cause language to evolve by saying new and intelligent things to each other.

~Terence McKenna

If you go to Paris you know more about reality than people who don't. If you smoke DMT you know more about reality than people who don't.

~Terence McKenna

It's a product of the fractal laws that govern the world at an informational level. There is no deeper truth.

~Terence McKenna

The drugs of the future will be computers. The computers of the future will be drugs.

~Terence McKenna

Ayahuasca loves to take prideful people and rub their nose in it. I mean it can make you beg for mercy like nothing. You have to really approach it humbly.

~Terence McKenna

You are some kind of a mystery suspended between two eternities. And in that moment, when a mind looks out at a world and asks the question, 'What is it?' In that moment art can be created.

~Terence McKenna

How can we know who is the other until we know who is the self?

~Terence McKenna

There is no liberation to compare with freeing oneself from the illusions and delusions of the age in which one lives.

~Terence McKenna

Our world is in crisis because of the absence of consciousness

~Terence McKenna

DMT seems to argue, convincingly I might add, that the world is made entirely of something, for want of a better word, we would have to call magic.

~Terence McKenna

We have changed. We are no longer, as I said, bipedal monkeys. We are instead a kind of cybernetic coral reef of organic components and inorganic technological components.

~Terence McKenna

There is an angel within the monkey struggling to get free, and this is what the historical crisis is all about.

~Terence McKenna

Mind conjures miracles out of time.

~Terence McKenna

We don't have to look far for miracles because they're all around us. Everything is astonishing. The universe on it's surface is alive with mystery.

~Terence McKenna

The world which we perceive is a tiny fraction of the world which we can perceive, which is a tiny fraction of the perceivable world.

~Terence McKenna

No one knows enough to worry.

~Terence McKenna

Human beings are co-partners with deity in the project of being. This is the basis of all magic.

~Terence McKenna

We do not birth our children into the world of nature. We birth our children into the world of culture.

~Terence McKenna

For all we know, we know nothing.

~Terence McKenna

We are the inheritors of a million years of striving for the unspeakable.

~Terence McKenna

Cultures are virtual realities made of language.

~Terence McKenna

The only real experience that counts, is your own.

~Terence McKenna

I think really what unites psychedelic people is the faith in the power of the imagination.

~Terence McKenna

We live in condensations of our imagination

~Terence McKenna

Shamanism is essentially a living tradition of alchemy that is not seeking the stone but has found the stone.

~Terence McKenna

You see, a secret is not something untold. It's something which can't be

told.

~Terence McKenna

Knowledge, or verbal facility, is no proof that you know what you're talking about.

~Terence McKenna

The only evil that associates itself with mushrooms is taking too little.

~Terence McKenna

In a way, this is a definition of shamanism. A shaman is a person who by some means has gotten out of their own culture.

~Terence McKenna

To date, the enterprise of thinking has moved us radically away from understanding anything.

~Terence McKenna

I connect the psychedelic dimension to the dimension of inspiration and dream.

~Terence McKenna

The imagination is the goal of history. I see culture as an effort to literally realize our collective dreams.

~Terence McKenna

Animals are something invented by plants to move seeds around. An extremely yang solution to a peculiar problem which they faced.

~Terence McKenna

Half the time you think your thinking you're actually listening

~Terence McKenna

Beauty is self-defined, perceived and understood without ambiguity. It's

the stuff that lies under the skins of our individual existences.

~Terence McKenna

My technique is don't believe anything. If you believe in something, you are automatically precluded from believing its opposite.

~Terence McKenna

Eros is an ego-overwhelming, boundary dissolving, breakthrough creating force scripted into human life that is pretty intrinsically psychedelic.

~Terence McKenna

Astonishment is the proper response to reality.

~Terence McKenna

Our ability to destroy ourselves is the mirror image of our ability to save ourselves.

~Terence McKenna

The tension in the world is the tension between the ego and the feminine, not between the masculine and the feminine.

~Terence McKenna

To me, the psychedelic experience is the experience of trying to make sense of reality.

~Terence McKenna

We cannot evolve faster than our language. The edge of being is the edge of meaning, and somehow we have to push the edge of meaning. We have to extend it.

~Terence McKenna

We have outlived this embryo, this human cradle, and now it's time to be up and about the great business of becoming citizens of the galaxy

and at home with our own heart.

~Terence McKenna

Nothing comes unannounced, but many can miss the announcement. So it's very important to actually listen to your own intuition rather than driving through it.

~Terence McKenna

A hallucination is a species of reality, as capable of teaching you as a videotape about Kilimanjaro or anything else that falls through your life.

~Terence McKenna

Ninety percent of the difficulty in your intellectual life would never have happened if you just had better taste.

~Terence McKenna

What blinds us, or what makes historical progress very difficult, is our lack of awareness of our ignorance.

~Terence McKenna

The only difference between a drug and a computer is that one is slightly too large to swallow. ... And our best people are working on that problem, even as we speak.

~Terence McKenna

I sort of see [cannabis] as the pilot light of Gian consciousness.

~Terence McKenna

People are concrescences of ambiguity.

~Terence McKenna

Everything will come true in cyberspace. That's the whole idea. What cyberspace is, on one level, it's simply the human imagination vivified, hardwired.

~Terence McKenna

Part of what is wrong with our society, and hence with ourselves, is that we consume images, we don't produce them. We need to produce, not consume, media.

~Terence McKenna

You could almost describe psychedelics as enzymes for the activity of the imagination.

~Terence McKenna

I think psychedelics are sort of like doing calisthenics in preparation for the marathon at the end of time.

~Terence McKenna

Art's task is to save the soul of mankind.. anything less is a dithering while Rome burns.

~Terence McKenna

Life must be a preparation for the transition to another dimension.

~Terence McKenna

We are so much the victims of abstraction that with the Earth in flames we can barely rouse ourselves to wander across the room and look at the thermostat.

~Terence McKenna

We are like caterpillars contemplating pupation.

~Terence McKenna

You aren't an object. You're a process of some sort.

~Terence McKenna

Our destiny is to become what we think, to have our thoughts become

our bodies and our bodies become our thoughts.

~Terence McKenna

Who is to say what is real and what is not?'Real' is a distinction of a naïve mind.

~Terence McKenna

The momentum now is inevitable. Now it's about each of us individually arranging the furniture of our own mind to deal with what has become inevitable.

~Terence McKenna

The whole of the Amazonian narcotic complex, as it's called in the old literature, is based on activation of DMT by one strategy or another.

~Terence McKenna

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