

# Vandana Shiva Quotes

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We are either going to have a future where women lead the way to make peace with the Earth or we are not going to have a human future at all.

~Vandana Shiva

The time has come to reclaim the stolen harvest and celebrate the growing and giving of good food as the highest gift and the most revolutionary act.

~Vandana Shiva

The liberation of the earth, the liberation of women, the liberation of all humanity is the next step of freedom we need to work for, and it's the next step of peace that we need to create.

~Vandana Shiva

Genetic engineering has never been about saving the world, it's about controlling the world.

~Vandana Shiva

Uniformity is not nature's way; diversity is nature's way.

~Vandana Shiva

In nature's economy the currency is not money, it is life.

~Vandana Shiva

Nature shrinks as capital grows. The growth of the market cannot solve the very crisis it creates.

~Vandana Shiva

We share this planet, our home, with millions of species. Justice and sustainability both demand that we do not use more resources than we need.

~Vandana Shiva

You cannot insert a gene you took from a bacteria into a seed and call it LIFE. You have not created life, instead you have only polluted it.

~Vandana Shiva

Seed is not just the source of life. It is the very foundation of our being.

~Vandana Shiva

We've moved from wisdom to knowledge, and now we're moving from knowledge to information, and that information is so partial - that we're creating incomplete human beings.

~Vandana Shiva

You are not Atlas carrying the world on your shoulder. It is good to remember that the planet is carrying you.

~Vandana Shiva

I think what we owe each other is a celebration of life and to replace fear and hopelessness with fearlessness and joy.

~Vandana Shiva

It's not an investment if its destroying the planet.

~Vandana Shiva

The fact that I still find so much beauty in a handicraft is because my mother taught us to see not just the craft as a product but the craft as an embodiment of human creativity and human labor.

~Vandana Shiva

Soil, not oil, holds the future for humanity.

~Vandana Shiva

The end of consumerism and accumulation is the beginning of the joy of living.

~Vandana Shiva

If you are doing the right thing for the earth, she's giving you great company.

~Vandana Shiva

As usual, in every scheme that worsens the position of the poor, it is the poor who are invoked as beneficiaries.

~Vandana Shiva

Cultivating and conserving diversity is no luxury in our times: it is a survival imperative.

~Vandana Shiva

That amazing power of being able to stand with total courage in the face of total power and not be afraid. That is stri shakti.

~Vandana Shiva

Whenever we engage in consumption or production patterns which take more than we need, we are engaging in violence.

~Vandana Shiva

Diversity creates harmony, and harmony creates beauty, balance, bounty and peace in nature and society, in agriculture and culture, in science and in politics.

~Vandana Shiva

Earth Democracy connects people in circles of care, cooperation, and compassion instead of dividing them through competition and conflict, fear and hatred.

~Vandana Shiva

We must occupy the food system to create food democracy.

~Vandana Shiva

It is time to learn from the mistakes of monocultures of the mind and the

essentialising violence of reductionist thought. It is time to turn to diversity for healing.

~Vandana Shiva

Patriarchy is based on appropriating rights and leaving responsibility to others.

~Vandana Shiva

Whatever happens to seed affects the web of life.

~Vandana Shiva

The abuse of the Earth is the ecological crisis.

~Vandana Shiva

Biopiracy (is) biological theft; illegal collection of indigenous plants by corporations who patent them for their own use.

~Vandana Shiva

The art of teaching is clarity and the art of learning is to listen.

~Vandana Shiva

It is not an investment if it destroys the planet

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The only way to build hope is through the Earth.

~Vandana Shiva

Nature has given us this for free, it was meant to sustain us, we will not allow it to become a monopoly to finance the Imperial Army.

~Vandana Shiva

My mother taught that if anyone needs you, you should be available to them.

~Vandana Shiva

I think we will become disenchanted with the glamour of globalization.

~Vandana Shiva

When it comes to owning the seed for collecting royalties, the GMO companies say, 'it's mine.' But when it comes to contamination, cross-pollination, health problems, the response is we're not liable.

~Vandana Shiva

In the seed and the soil, we find the answers to every one of the crises we face. The crises of violence and war. The crises of hunger and disease. The crisis of the destruction of democracy.

~Vandana Shiva

When you don't take into account the way ecological systems work, then you do damage.

~Vandana Shiva

I didn't leave physics because of boredom. I left it because other issues compelled me in a bigger way. And I always say to myself, "When I'm 60, I'd like to go back to what I interrupted."

~Vandana Shiva

Globalisation has in effect made the citizen disappear, and it has reduced the state into being a mere instrument of global capital.

~Vandana Shiva

In traditional agriculture, the soil is the mother. She's the mother who gives, to whom you must give back.

~Vandana Shiva

Biotech and geo engineering have the same mindset, of engineering, of power, of control, of mastery of nature.

~Vandana Shiva

It is from the Himalayan forests and ecosystems that I learned most of what I know about ecology.

~Vandana Shiva

We're still eating the leftovers of World War II.

~Vandana Shiva

I like to live my life so that my loved ones give me the things I need as gifts and I give them the things they need. Frankly a society built around consumerism is hell

~Vandana Shiva

It is only with local [agriculture] that we can manage the complexity and care that sustainability requires.

~Vandana Shiva

The agrarian crisis [in India] is an unnecessary tragedy, resulting directly from an economics of greed and a politics driven by the economies of greed.

~Vandana Shiva

Unless the poor of the world agitate for themselves to be heard, there will be no changes in their circumstances.

~Vandana Shiva

We're living in the anthropocene age and now human beings will be the shapers of our future, that totally control the overall functions of not just our planet, but our relationship with other planets.

~Vandana Shiva

The idea of engineering is an idea of mastery. And today the role that we are being asked to play is a role based on informed humanity.

~Vandana Shiva

Given that I was interested in physics, I think it was easier for me to do physics in India.

~Vandana Shiva

When you control seed, you control food.

~Vandana Shiva

In civilizational issues you don't look at the tiny details as the debate. You have to look at the big picture!

~Vandana Shiva

I saw brilliant ideas coming out of the [Chipko] movement that needed better articulation, that needed elaboration and systematic analysis. I just followed that and it's been very exciting.

~Vandana Shiva

democracy ... begins from the ground up. Anything living grows from the bottom up. Everything dangerous, like bombs, gets dropped from the sky down.

~Vandana Shiva

The system of seeds based on monoculture is wrong and inappropriate. The biodiverse system has produced more food, and biodiversity means that seeds must be in the hands of farmers.

~Vandana Shiva

I do have fun. Even when I'm fighting I'm enjoying it: I think there's nothing as exhilarating as protecting that which you find precious.

~Vandana Shiva

We have managed to make the celebration of diversity our mode of resistance.

~Vandana Shiva



Food is the place where you begin.

~Vandana Shiva

Amory Lovins has said that the only reason Americans look efficient is that each has 300 energy slaves. Those 300 energy slaves will now be reproduced among the elite of India.

~Vandana Shiva

Governments have a favorite phrase: "lean and mean." But they've been made very, very fat for corporate interests.

~Vandana Shiva

Something is very, very wrong when people don't have access to drinking water, and Coke creates its market out of that scarcity.

~Vandana Shiva

Population control is not an issue involving contraceptives for third world women. It is an issue of ecological justice.

~Vandana Shiva

The spinning wheel became the symbol of Indian independence. So we always say, "if the spinning wheel was the symbol of our first independence, then the seed is the symbol of our second independence."

~Vandana Shiva

It is often too late by the time the government reacts.

~Vandana Shiva

Nature has gifted this rich biological diversity to us. We will not allow it to become the monopoly of a handful of corporations. We will keep it as the basis of our wealth and our sustenance.

~Vandana Shiva

Ecofeminism is a good term for distinguishing a feminism that is ecological from the kind of feminisms that have become extremely technocratic. I would even call them very patriarchal.

~Vandana Shiva

To create the protection for the corporations, government is actually growing bigger than ever before, in every part of the world. Yet it's growing extremely thin as a protector of people.

~Vandana Shiva

It's a phenomenon that started in the United States in which corporations make claims on the life forms, biodiversity and innovations of other cultures by applying for patents on them.

~Vandana Shiva

The best and most evolved technologies are those that do not destroy the very base on which we live

~Vandana Shiva

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