

Walter Isaacson

Quotes

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Just being the seeker, somebody whose open to spiritual enlightenment, is in itself the important thing and it's the reward for being a seeker in this world.

~Walter Isaacson

I hope that some day scientists can be considered heroes again, instead of Paris Hilton.

~Walter Isaacson

Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently.

~Walter Isaacson

It's about doing something larger than yourself. It's about serving this world, helping others.

~Walter Isaacson

...never let a passion for the perfect take precedence over pragmatism.

~Walter Isaacson

i had no idea what i wanted to do with my life and no idea how college was going to help me figure it out.

~Walter Isaacson

One way to remember who you are is to remember who your heroes are.

~Walter Isaacson

People who know what they're talking about don't need PowerPoint.

~Walter Isaacson

I think that genius comes not just from having great mental processing power. It comes from being able to, as Steve Jobs' ad said, think

different.

~Walter Isaacson

If you act like you can do something, then it will work.

~Walter Isaacson

Picasso had a saying - 'good artists copy, great artists steal' - and we have always been shameless about stealing great ideas.

~Walter Isaacson

Physics should represent a reality in time and space, free from spooky action at a distance.

~Walter Isaacson

Vision w/o execution is just hallucination. You need the right combination of visionary + team that can execute

~Walter Isaacson

Did Alexander Graham Bell do any market research before he invented the telephone?

~Walter Isaacson

One of the great pressures we're facing in journalism now is it's a lot cheaper to hire thumb suckers and pundits and have talk shows on the air than actually have bureaus and reporters

~Walter Isaacson

I think when money starts to corrupt journalism, it undermines the journalism, and it undermines the credibility of the product, and you end up not succeeding.

~Walter Isaacson

Smart people are a dime a dozen. What matters is the ability to think different... to think out of the box.

~Walter Isaacson

You know, one of these things that happened in the '60s and '70s was this confluence of, sort of, a counter-culture with computer culture.

~Walter Isaacson

I think one problem we've had is that people who are smart and creative and innovative as engineers went into financial engineering.

~Walter Isaacson

I think right now we need to look back at the founding values of our country. Rise above partisanship, be less bitter when it comes to important matters that have to be solved.

~Walter Isaacson

If you truly have a passion for what you do, you will care even about the parts unseen.

~Walter Isaacson

Pretend to be completely in control and people will assume that you are.

~Walter Isaacson

Simply handing over your iPod to a friend, your blind date, or the total stranger sitting next to you on the plane opens you up like a book."
(Steven Levy)

~Walter Isaacson

I think when you're looking for people to interview, you want to make it fair and honest. You're not just bringing people on so you can beat them up or, you know, make fools out of them or something

~Walter Isaacson

I discovered that the best innovation is sometimes the company, the

way you organize a company. The whole notion of how you build a company is fascinating." Steve Jobs

~Walter Isaacson

The reality distortion field was a confounding mélange of a charismatic rhetorical style, indomitable will, and eagerness to bend any fact to fit the purpose at hand.

~Walter Isaacson

On Startups: "I hate it when people call themselves "entrepreneurs" when what they're really trying to do is launch a startup and then sell or go public, so they can cash in and move on.

~Walter Isaacson

Otherwise, as Dylan says, if you're not busy being born, you're busy dying.

~Walter Isaacson

I think the biggest innovations of the twenty-first century will be the intersection of biology and technology. A new era is beginning, just like the digital one was when I was his age.

~Walter Isaacson

We're all swimming in this digital revolution that we live in.

~Walter Isaacson

I think that notion of being a seeker, somebody who never felt totally fulfilled, but was always passionate about the search, that comes from the background, probably.

~Walter Isaacson

Without Steve Jobs, you would have well-designed computers, probably open and not integrated, but they wouldn't have sex appeal, they wouldn't have romance.

~Walter Isaacson

I think that we shouldn't be fixated all the time on the ups and downs of the weekly ratings, of the quarter-hour ratings.

~Walter Isaacson

Polite and velvety leaders, who take care to avoid bruising others, are generally not as effective at forcing change.

~Walter Isaacson

I used to be an angry man myself. I'm a recovering alcoholic so I could recognize that in Steve. (quoting Jean-Louis Gassmann)

~Walter Isaacson

I've always had an abundance of material about the subjects of my biographies.

~Walter Isaacson

But the point is to get a whole new generation of people and people in general more re-engaged in news, and this has happened a lot since September 11th of course.

~Walter Isaacson

I don't think there was enough skepticism because I think most of us kind of believed that Saddam Hussein was building biological, chemical, and perhaps even, nuclear weapons.

~Walter Isaacson

I think it is valuable and should be valued by its consumers. Charging for content forces discipline on journalists: they must produce things that people actually value.

~Walter Isaacson

I think it's very important to have a sense of balance in covering the

war, but you don't have to be morally neutral about terrorism.

~Walter Isaacson

I think it's really good that you have great competition among news networks, and for that matter all the networks in general. It's bringing more and more people in to watching the news.

~Walter Isaacson

Asked about the fact that Apple's iTunes software for Windows computers was extremely popular, Jobs joked, 'It's like giving a glass of ice water to somebody in hell.

~Walter Isaacson

There are parts of his life and personality that are extremely messy, and that's the truth

~Walter Isaacson

Politics is for the present, while our equations are for eternity.

~Walter Isaacson

Most innovation comes from people working together, collaborating in teams.

~Walter Isaacson

Mainly, the reason people who didn't succeed had trouble because they had trouble forming teams. They didn't know how to collaborate.

~Walter Isaacson

I wonder now how tough you have to be to get big things done.

~Walter Isaacson

What Einstein was able to do was - to use a cliché - think out of the box.

~Walter Isaacson

Let's crowd source, curate, and add royalties to books

~Walter Isaacson

I am a fruitarian and I will only eat leaves picked by virgins in the moonlight - Steve Jobs

~Walter Isaacson

I think different religions are different doors to the same house. Sometimes I think the house exists, and sometimes I don't. It's the great mystery. (Steve Jobs)

~Walter Isaacson

When you write biographies, whether it's about Ben Franklin or Einstein, you discover something amazing: They are human.

~Walter Isaacson

Terrorism is a horrible thing that is the great threat to civilization on our planet.

~Walter Isaacson

I've asked Jobs why he didn't get an operation then and he said, 'I didn't want my body to be opened... I didn't want to be violated in that way.'

~Walter Isaacson

You and I love understanding American Revolution, but let's also understand the digital revolution, because that makes us more comfortable with our technology.

~Walter Isaacson

A theme of digital success is keeping it simple.

~Walter Isaacson

The best and most innovative products don't always win...(it's an)

aesthetic flaw in how the universe worked

~Walter Isaacson

Good telling of human stories is the best way to keep the Internet and World Wide Web from becoming a waste wastland.

~Walter Isaacson

I think that's exactly what Silicon Valley was all about in those days. Let's do a startup in our parents' garage and try to create a business.

~Walter Isaacson

In the age of the internet when everybody's a pundit, we're still gonna need somebody there to go talk to the colonels, to be on the ground in Baghdad and stuff and that's very expensive.

~Walter Isaacson

Sometimes, to relieve stress, he would soak his feet in the toilet, a practice that was not as soothing for his colleagues.

~Walter Isaacson

And if you don't have your ears open, you're not going to be able to figure out what you should be doing.

~Walter Isaacson

For some people, miracles serve as evidence of God's existence.

~Walter Isaacson

By the end of his career, he [Steve Jobs] has proven that he can do the impossible, and he has gathered probably the most loyal team of eight players of any business in America.

~Walter Isaacson

I think that Benjamin Franklin felt very strongly in foreign policy in this world, that you needed to at least show some humility, especially when

you were strong.

~Walter Isaacson

Most of the collaborations of technology were done by teams...Collaboration is key to creativity

~Walter Isaacson

Innovation requires articulation.

~Walter Isaacson

Was he smart? No, not exceptionally. Instead, he was a genius.

~Walter Isaacson

if you can't keep him interested, that's your fault.

~Walter Isaacson

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