

Wernher von Braun

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My experiences with science led me to God. They challenge science to prove the existence of God. But must we really light a candle to see the sun?

~Wernher von Braun

I have learned to use the word 'impossible' with the greatest caution.

~Wernher von Braun

Science does not have a moral dimension. It is like a knife. If you give it to a surgeon or a murderer, each will use it differently.

~Wernher von Braun

Basic research is what I am doing when I don't know what I am doing.

~Wernher von Braun

It was very successful, but it fell on the wrong planet.

~Wernher von Braun

The rocket worked perfectly, except for landing on the wrong planet.

~Wernher von Braun

It takes sixty-five thousand errors before you are qualified to make a rocket.

~Wernher von Braun

The best computer is a man, and it's the only one that can be mass-produced by unskilled labor.

~Wernher von Braun

Don't tell me that man doesn't belong out there. Man belongs wherever he wants to go - and he'll do plenty well when he gets there.

~Wernher von Braun

I believe in an immortal soul. Science has proved that nothing

disintegrates into nothingness. Life and soul, therefore, cannot disintegrate into nothingness, and so are immortal.

~Wernher von Braun

Conquering the universe one has to solve two problems: gravity and red tape. We could have mastered gravity.

~Wernher von Braun

All one can really leave one's children is what's inside their heads. Education, in other words, and not earthly possessions, is the ultimate legacy, the only thing that cannot be taken away.

~Wernher von Braun

A good engineer gets stale very fast if he doesn't keep his hands dirty.

~Wernher von Braun

To simply dismiss the concept of God as being unscientific is to violate the very objectivity of science itself.

~Wernher von Braun

It will free man from the remaining chains, the chains of gravity which still tie him to this planet.

~Wernher von Braun

I'm convinced that before the year 2000 is over, the first child will have been born on the moon.

~Wernher von Braun

One good test is worth a thousand expert opinions.

~Wernher von Braun

The greatest gain from space travel consists in the extension of our knowledge. In a hundred years this newly won knowledge will pay huge and unexpected dividends.

~Wernher von Braun

Man is not made for space. But with the help of biologists and medical doctors, he can be prepared and accommodated.

~Wernher von Braun

There is just one thing I can promise you about the outer-space program - your tax-dollar will go further.

~Wernher von Braun

We can lick gravity, but sometimes the paperwork is overwhelming.

~Wernher von Braun

If we continue at this leisurly pace, we will have to pass Russian customs when we land on the moon.

~Wernher von Braun

Looking back, nothing seems so simple than a utopian vision realised.

~Wernher von Braun

There are flying grandfathers. But I intend to be an orbiting grandfather.

~Wernher von Braun

The logistic requirements for a large, elaborate mission to Mars are no greater than those for a minor military operation extending over a limited theatre of war.

~Wernher von Braun

Crash programs fail because they are based on theory that, with nine women pregnant, you can get a baby in a month.

~Wernher von Braun

For my confirmation, I didn't get a watch and my first pair of long pants,

like most Lutheran boys. I got a telescope. My mother thought it would make the best gift.

~Wernher von Braun

If we were to start today on an organized and well-supported space program I believe a practical passenger rocket can be built and tested within ten years.

~Wernher von Braun

The same forces of nature which enable us to fly to the stars, enable us also to destroy our star.

~Wernher von Braun

Man belongs wherever he wants to go - and he'll do plenty well when he gets there.

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Everybody knows what the moon is, everybody knows what this decade is, and everybody can tell a live astronaut who returned from the moon from one who didn't

~Wernher von Braun

By the year 2000 we will undoubtedly have a sizable operation on the Moon, we will have achieved a manned Mars landing and it's entirely possible we will have flown with men to the outer planets.

~Wernher von Braun

Get me a broom. I'll sweep my own office.

~Wernher von Braun

What we will have attained when Neil Armstrong steps down upon the moon is a completely new step in the evolution of man.

~Wernher von Braun

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