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Frank Vincent Zappa (December 21, 1940 – December 4, 1993) was an American composer, guitarist, singer and satirist. In his 33-year musical career, Zappa proved to be one of the most prolific musicians ever, releasing over 60 albums during his life.

A drug is neither moral nor immoral -- it's a chemical compound. The compound itself is not a menace to society until a human being treats it as if consumption bestowed a temporary license to act like an asshole.

- Zappa, Frank

You can't be a Real Country unless you have a BEER and an airline -- it helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a BEER.

- Zappa, Frank

Most rock journalism is people who can't write, interviewing people who can't talk, for people who can't read.

- Zappa, Frank

Music, in performance, is a type of sculpture. The air in the performance is sculpted into something.

- Zappa, Frank

The manner in which Americans consume music has a lot to do with leaving it on their coffee tables, or using it as wallpaper for their lifestyles, like the score of a movie --it's consumed that way without any regard for how and why it's made.

- Zappa, Frank

There are more love songs than anything else. If songs could make you do something we'd all love one another.

- Zappa, Frank

No change in musical style will survive unless it is accompanied by a change in clothing style. Rock is to dress up to.

- Zappa, Frank

Do we really want to know how Michael Jackson makes his music? No. We want to understand why he needs the bones of the Elephant Man -- and, until he tells us, it doesn't make too much difference whether or not he really is bad.

- Zappa, Frank

Without music to decorate it, time is just a bunch of boring production deadlines or dates by which bills must be paid.

- Zappa, Frank

Information is not knowledge.

Knowledge is not wisdom.

Wisdom is not truth.

Truth is not love.

Love is not music.

Music is the best.

- Zappa, Frank

The United States is a nation of laws: badly written and randomly enforced.

- Zappa, Frank



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