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Quotes about Nuclear Age

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If you ask a member of this generation two simple questions: How do you want the world to be in fifty years? and What do you want your life to be like five years from now? the answers are quite often preceded by Provided there is still a world and Provided I am still alive. To the often-heard question, Who are they, this new generation? one is tempted to answer, Those who hear the ticking. And to the other question, Who are they who utterly deny them? the answer may well be, Those who do not know, or refuse to face, things as they really are.

- Arendt, Hannah

Rest in peace. The Mistake shall not be repeated.

- Cenotoph

Although personally I am quite content with existing explosives, I feel we must not stand in the path of improvement.

- Churchill, Winston

It sometimes strikes me that the whole of science is a piece of impudence; that nature can afford to ignore our impertinent interference. If our monkey mischief should ever reach the point of blowing up the earth by decomposing an atom, and even annihilated the sun himself, I cannot really suppose that the universe would turn a hair.

- Crowley, Aleister

The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking and we thus drift toward unparalleled catastrophe.

- Einstein, Albert

No country without an atom bomb could properly consider itself independent.

- Gaulle, Charles De

Mick Jagger and I just really liked each other a lot. We talked all night. We had the same views on nuclear disarmament.

- Hall, Jerry

What has kept the world safe from the bomb since 1945 has not been deterrence, in the sense of fear of specific weapons, so much as it's been memory. The memory of what happened at Hiroshima.

- Hersey, John

The base emotions Plato banned have left a radio-active and not radiant land.

- Houston, Libby

For the first time in the history of mankind, one generation literally has the power to destroy the past, the present and the future, the power to bring time to an end.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

What happened at Hiroshima was not only that a scientific breakthrough had occurred and that a great part of the population of a city had been burned to death, but that the problem of the relation of the triumphs of modern science to the human purposes of man had been explicitly defined.

- Macleish, Archibald

The flame from the angel's sword in the garden of Eden has been catalyzed into the atom bomb; God's thunderbolt became blunted, so man's thunderbolt has become the steel star of destruction.

- O'Casey, Sean

There are no accidents, only nature throwing her weight around. Even the bomb merely releases energy that nature has put there. Nuclear war would be just a spark in the grandeur of space. Nor can radiation alter nature: she will absorb it all. After the bomb, nature will pick up the cards we have spilled, shuffle them, and begin her game again.

- Paglia, Camille

The atom bomb was no great decision. It was merely another powerful weapon in the arsenal of righteousness.

- Truman, Harry S

The terror of the atom age is not the violence of the new power but the speed of man's adjustment to it -- the speed of his acceptance.

- White, Elwyn Brooks



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