

### Jacques Cousteau

#### French Ocean Explorer

- Jacques Cousteau was a French naval officer, ocean explorer, and co-inventor of the Aqua-Lung.

- He is known for his extensive underseas investigations.

- Jacques Cousteau was drawn to undersea exploration by his love of the ocean and of underwater diving.

- In 1943 Jacques Cousteau and French engineer Èmile Gagnan developed the first fully automatic compressed-air Aqua Lung. It allowed divers to swim freely underwater for extended periods of time.

 Jacques Cousteau helped to invent many other tools useful to oceanographers. Including the diving saucer, which is an easily maneuverable small submarine for seafloor exploration), and a number of underwater cameras.

- Jacques Cousteau served in World War II as a gunnery officer in France and later was a member of the French Resistance against the German occupation of the country.

- Jacques Cousteau's experiements with underwater filmmaking began during the war.
  - He was involved in conducting oceanographic research.
  - When the war ended, he continued working for the French navy. He was the head of the Undersea Research Group.
    - Jacques Cousteau founded numerous marketing, manufacturing, engineering, and research organizations.
    - In 1950, he converted a British minesweeper into the *Calypso*, an oceanographic research ship, which he and his crew carried out numerous expeditions.
- Eventually, he popularized oceanographic research and the sport of scuba diving in the book *Le Monde du silence* (The Silent World).

### Jacques Cousteau Quotes

- The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever.

- For most of history, man has had to fight nature to survive; in this century he is beginning to realize that, in order to survive, he must protect it.

- The future is in the hands of those who explore... and from all the beauty they discover while crossing perpetually receding frontiers, they develop for nature and for humankind an infinite love.

- The sea, the great unifier, is man's only hope. Now, as never before, the old phrase has a literal meaning: we are all in the same boat.
- From birth, man carries the weight of gravity on his shoulders. He is bolted to earth. But man has only to sink beneath the surface and he is free.
  - The best way to observe a fish is to become a fish.
  - The reason I love the sea I cannot explain it's physical. When you dive you begin to feel like an angel. It's a liberation of your weight.
  - Water and air, the two essential fluids on which all life depends, have become global garbage cans.
- When one man, for whatever reason, has the opportunity to lead an extraordinary life, he has no right to keep it to himself.
  - In the deep space of the sea I have found my moon.
- I was playing when I invented the aqualung. I think play is the most serious thing in the world.
  - Sometimes we are lucky enough to know that our lives have been changed, to discard the old, embrace the new, and run headlong down an immutable course.
- No sooner does man discover intelligence than he tries to involve it in his own stupidity.

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