

# Alan King Quotes

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Ed Sullivan brought me to TV first in 1952, then Garry Moore's program gave me a lot of confidence and freedom.

~Alan King

Marriage is nature's way of keeping us from fighting with strangers.

~Alan King

If you want to read about love and marriage, you've got to buy two separate books.

~Alan King

Let's face it: It's difficult enough to be funny without worrying about what is going to offend whom.

~Alan King

I made it, Ma - Carnegie Hall. And I didn't have to practice.

~Alan King

A summary of every Jewish holiday: They tried to kill us, we won, let's eat!

~Alan King

You know you are getting old when people tell you how good you look.

~Alan King

Banks have a new image. Now you have 'a friend,' your friendly banker. If the banks are so friendly, how come they chain down the pens?

~Alan King

My father helped me leave. He said, 'It's all out there, it's not here.'

~Alan King

If you stop and think about it, nearly all great humor is at the expense of someone or something.

~Alan King

As life's pleasures go, food is second only to sex. Except for salami and eggs. Now that's better than sex, but only if the salami is thickly sliced.

~Alan King

I don't mind being 65, but nobody is gonna tell me to come in at 5:30 to have the early bird special.

~Alan King

I'm only... I'm only unhappy when the reviews are bad, but give me a good review and I'm a... I'm just screaming all over the place with joy.

~Alan King

The world is full of little dictators trying to run your life.

~Alan King

You do live longer with bran, but you spend the last fifteen years on the toilet.

~Alan King

I think one of the big things about comedy is the ability for the audience to identify.

~Alan King

When I read Dickens for the first time, I thought he was Jewish, because he wrote about oppression and bigotry, all the things that my father talked about.

~Alan King

My brother is the youngest member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. And I wouldn't let him cut my nails.

~Alan King

Larry David finds a way to make jokes about the Holocaust. It would never have occurred to me. And it was funny.

~Alan King

I won't eat in a place that has suits of armor.

~Alan King

There's a charm, there's a rhythm, there's a soul to Jewish humor. When I first saw Richard Pryor perform, I told him, 'You're doing a Jewish act.'

~Alan King

I always plan dinner first thing in the morning. That's the only way I can get through the day, having a specific meal to look forward to at night.

~Alan King

I just never saw my mother in any other room but the kitchen. There were always pots going.

~Alan King

If you keep yourself alive and current, funny is funny.

~Alan King

Comedy is an amazing calling. Once you get that first laugh, it's hard to turn away. Then, of course, you're hooked and you have to learn how to survive in the business.

~Alan King

And humor has always been a weapon. You want to get even on somebody? You want to attack somebody? Make fun of them.

~Alan King

There's nobody to believe in anymore, nobody to trust.

~Alan King

My mother kept the house clean and we ate good. I didn't know we were poor until I started giving interviews.

~Alan King

My son says I never tell stories about anyone who's living.

~Alan King

Modesty is not one of my virtues.

~Alan King

As a parent, I'd - I'd be a better father.

~Alan King

My favorite way to spend Saturday is in and out of bed, watching sports on TV and eating.

~Alan King

The ability to absorb a book and make someone else's words and story your own was exactly what I was doing on stage.

~Alan King

I was a high school throw-out.

~Alan King

My mother's sister was killed in a trolley car accident, so I was raised as one of eight with my sister and six male cousins.

~Alan King

One thing I've never said in my whole life is, 'Let's have dinner at a Japanese restaurant.'

~Alan King

Milton took vaudeville, which, if you look up 'vaudeville' in the dictionary, right alongside of it, it says 'Milton Berle' - and he made it

just a tremendous party.

~Alan King

It's not easy being a father, but I've been allowed a comeback.

~Alan King

When I get up in the morning, I have to decide what I'm going to have for dinner or I can't get through the day.

~Alan King

Everything my mother made had to cook for 80 hours, and when she made matzoh balls she didn't know fluffy. Everything sank.

~Alan King

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