

Bob Newhart

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Comedians are never really on vacation because you're always at attention... that antenna is always out there.

~Bob Newhart

I think you should be a child for as long as you can. I have been successful for 74 years being able to do that. Don't rush into adulthood, it isn't all that much fun.

~Bob Newhart

I love portraying the totally indifferent person.

~Bob Newhart

I don't like country music, but I don't mean to denigrate those who do. And for the people who like country music, denigrate means 'put down'.

~Bob Newhart

Laughter gives us distance. It allows us to step back from an event, deal with it and then move on.

~Bob Newhart

I'm most proud of the longevity of my marriage, my kids, and my grandchildren. If you don't have that, you really don't have very much.

~Bob Newhart

People with a sense of humor tend to be less egocentric and more realistic in their view of the world and more humble in moments of success and less defeated in times of travail.

~Bob Newhart

It's getting harder and harder to differentiate between schizophrenics and people talking on a cell phone. It still brings me up short to walk by somebody who appears to be talking to themselves.

~Bob Newhart

I was never a Certified Public Accountant. I just had a degree in accounting. It would require passing a test, which I would not have been able to do.

~Bob Newhart

I still feel thirty, except when I try to run.

~Bob Newhart

There's gratification in making somebody laugh. It's a wonderful sound. I find myself, to this day, doing it, wanting to make people laugh.

~Bob Newhart

Don't ever have two dogs. That way you won't know which one to blame.

~Bob Newhart

I am a minimalist. I like saying the most with the least.

~Bob Newhart

I don't want to find the secret. I'm afraid all the joy will go out of it if I find the secret.

~Bob Newhart

But I really believe that if you have the ability, there is an obligation to make people laugh

~Bob Newhart

I think that what comes through in Chicago humor is the affection. Even though you're poking fun at someone or something, there's still an affection for it.

~Bob Newhart

Well, my career choice made a difference because I never would have met my wife, Jenny. I met her through comedian Buddy Hackett. He set

us up on a blind date and then we got married.

~Bob Newhart

Continuing to do stand-up is always a challenge because the audiences and the environments in which you work very often differ.

~Bob Newhart

I think one reason for a successful marriage is laughter. I think laughter gets you through the rough moments in a marriage.

~Bob Newhart

I was influenced by every comedian I ever saw work. That's the only way you learn how to do it.

~Bob Newhart

I think everyone probably starts out sounding like someone else, but gradually you develop your own sound.

~Bob Newhart

I don't know how many sacred cows there are today. I think there's a little confusion between humor and gross passing for humor. That's kind of regrettable.

~Bob Newhart

The only thing I have never done is a Broadway play. I'm not sure I have the discipline necessary to do a Broadway play. I know it holds a fascination for certain actors.

~Bob Newhart

I wasn't much good. When I went into the line on a fake - I would holler 'I don't have it!'

~Bob Newhart

Sometimes you forget you're famous. You wonder, Why is that person

staring at me?

~Bob Newhart

Cell phones have gotten so small, you can't tell who's a cell phone user and who's a schizophrenic.

~Bob Newhart

All I can say about life is, 'Oh God, enjoy it!'

~Bob Newhart

Humor's a weapon if you want to make it one.

~Bob Newhart

When I started out in 1960, I thought it might possibly last a couple of years. I never expected it to last 42. I take great satisfaction in that longevity.

~Bob Newhart

The only way to survive is to have a sense of humour.

~Bob Newhart

Jack Benny was, without a doubt, the bravest comedian I have ever seen work. He wasn't afraid of silence. He would take as long as it took to tell the story.

~Bob Newhart

I really don't know what makes a comedian. I think it's a family background and environment. Yet if you put the same ingredients in another person, he may never utter a funny line.

~Bob Newhart

It was a decision to work clean. I just prefer to work that way. I have no problem with comedians who don't work that way. There was a temptation in the early '70s to reconsider. I decided against it.

~Bob Newhart

You should have a value system. You can win if you stick with your value system.

~Bob Newhart

I worked in accounting for two and a half years, realized that wasn't what I wanted to do with the rest of my life, and decided I was just going to give comedy a try.

~Bob Newhart

This stammer got me a home in Beverly Hills, and I'm not about to screw with it now.

~Bob Newhart

More and more, as I get older, people come up to me and say, 'Thank you for all the laughter.' And my standard answer is, 'It was my pleasure.' But that's the truth.

~Bob Newhart

I think there are still words you can't use in family entertainment that you can use in a sitcom today.

~Bob Newhart

I can't remember the last live-action, non-animated Christmas movie.

~Bob Newhart

Funny is funny is funny.

~Bob Newhart

When you're going for a joke, you're stuck out there if it doesn't work. There's nowhere to go. You've done the drum role and the cymbal clash and you're out on the end of the plank.

~Bob Newhart

The giant superstars are people whose talent is so enormous that their death wish can't destroy it.

~Bob Newhart

I've been told to speed up my delivery when I perform. But if I lose the stammer, I'm just another slightly amusing accountant.

~Bob Newhart

All comedians are, in a way, anarchists. Our job is to make fun of the existing world.

~Bob Newhart

As an actor, you generally want to see the other actor's face.

~Bob Newhart

Television series are like the stock market. There's room for bears and bulls but no room for pigs.

~Bob Newhart

I'm very open to the up-and-comers.

~Bob Newhart

You shouldn't get too close to the truth, because then maybe you stop being funny.

~Bob Newhart

There's a lot of cynicism. Let's really enjoy Christmas, with all that's going on in the world.

~Bob Newhart

The best advice I could give someone trying to get into the comedy field is to take advantage of every opportunity you have to work to hone your skills.

~Bob Newhart

I've done more than I thought I was ever going to do. I've had a very long and very satisfying career.

~Bob Newhart

Women are more emotional. They do get flustered. Which is not to say that men are better than they. It's simply the way it is.

~Bob Newhart

I kind of do it in my head, then I'll try pieces of it on stage and if it looks promising, I'll put it together.

~Bob Newhart

I've been married forty-five years. I think laughter is the secret.

~Bob Newhart

A collision is what happens when two motorists go after the same pedestrian.

~Bob Newhart

One of the first things you ever learn as a stand-up is don't show fear.

~Bob Newhart

I think there's a part, just a part of comedians, that is still childlike.

~Bob Newhart

The first time I got up in front of an audience was terror, abject terror, which continued for another four or five years. There still is, a little bit.

~Bob Newhart

I don't have a show anymore. I don't have a check coming in every week. This is important to me, I got to score a million tonight or it could all be over.

~Bob Newhart

I don't have a stack of scripts...

~Bob Newhart

I didn't need the elf outfit to play an elf; I could just play an elf.

~Bob Newhart

I've been a very lucky actor.

~Bob Newhart

Well I was much too practical to presume to have a career in comedy.

~Bob Newhart

I feel more comfortable in comedy.

~Bob Newhart

You never know when you'll come upon something and it's going to be fodder for new material.

~Bob Newhart

Because of the spin-meisters and the focus groups and the way politics is run now. It's run by polls and focus groups. So it's even more true today, I think, than it was some 40 years ago.

~Bob Newhart

You do a clean show and it's over and the audience have enjoyed themselves and you've enjoyed yourself, and you haven't had to resort to shock.

~Bob Newhart

I couldn't play off people that I don't personally like.

~Bob Newhart

I was not influenced by Jack Benny, and people have remarked on my timing and Jack's timing, but I don't think you can teach timing. It's

something you hear in your head.

~Bob Newhart

Don't be silly and don't waste your time.

~Bob Newhart

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