

Charlton Heston

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Political correctness is tyranny with manners.

~Charlton Heston

Political correctness is just tyranny with manners. I wish for you the courage to be unpopular. Popularity is history's pocket change. Courage is history's true currency.

~Charlton Heston

Dirty Harry, for example. Clint Eastwood was not a rogue cop. He was a maverick cop, but he was a good guy.

~Charlton Heston

Telling us what to think has evolved into telling us what to say, so telling us what to do can't be far behind.

~Charlton Heston

One way or another, if you're persistent, fortune always smiles on you.

~Charlton Heston

You can have my gun when you pry it from my cold, dead fingers.

~Charlton Heston

Another plague upon the land, as devastating as the locusts God loosed on the Egyptians, is 'Political Correctness.'

~Charlton Heston

To the divisive forces that would take freedom away, I want to tell you something: You can have my gun. You can pry it from my cold dead hands!

~Charlton Heston

Sometimes, to be silent is to be most eloquent.

~Charlton Heston

Any gun in the hands of a bad man is a bad thing. Any gun in the hands of a decent person is no threat to anybody â€” except bad people.

~Charlton Heston

In recent years, anyone in the government, certainly anyone in the FBI or the CIA, or recently, in again, Clint's film, In the Line of Fire, the main bad guy is the chief advisor to the president.

~Charlton Heston

We will preach the truth to a new generation: The doorway to all freedoms is framed with muskets. It's time the apologists step aside and let freedom's followers lead the way.

~Charlton Heston

The Internet is for lonely people. People should live.

~Charlton Heston

A policemen's job is only easy in a police state.

~Charlton Heston

You can spend a lifetime, and, if you're honest with yourself, never once was your work perfect.

~Charlton Heston

Shakespeare is the outstanding example of how that can be done. In all of Shakespeare's plays, no matter what tragic events occur, no matter what rises and falls, we return to stability in the end.

~Charlton Heston

My dad always said he wanted to be remembered for his body of work, and he's made more than 75 pictures, some good, some bad, and they will be his legacy to the world of acting.

~Charlton Heston

I always work on the theory that the audience will believe you best if you believe yourself.

~Charlton Heston

You could think of extraordinary examples to the contrary: *The Grapes of Wrath*... and even into the 70s.

~Charlton Heston

I am very proud of the fact that I led the arts contingent on the civil rights march in the summer of '63. In many ways, I think it was the high-water mark of the civil rights movement.

~Charlton Heston

Life is full of surprises, isn't it?

~Charlton Heston

I think there are probably more closet conservatives in Hollywood than there are closet homosexuals.

~Charlton Heston

Maybe it's good if God gives you something to think about every so often.

~Charlton Heston

I'm neither giving up nor giving in.

~Charlton Heston

As an actor, I'm thankful I have lived not one life, but many.

~Charlton Heston

I'm not a vegetarian but I want you to know that my four dogs are safe.

~Charlton Heston

The First Amendment is crucial. Of course it is. So are all the others.

And the Second Amendment is the one that guarantees that people can bear arms to protect themselves.

~Charlton Heston

I have lived my whole life on the stage and screen before you. I found purpose and meaning in your response.

~Charlton Heston

In what I think is the most serious problem the world faces, which is the population explosion, we will come I think to a time when measures that are not even dreamt of now will become necessary.

~Charlton Heston

Above all, a director has to be a good captain.

~Charlton Heston

I intend to dedicate my remaining time as president of the NRA to ensure that the Second Amendment is safe from Al Gore and all those who threaten it.

~Charlton Heston

The big studio era is from the coming of sound until 1950, until I came in ... I came in at a crux in film, which was the end of the studio era and the rise of filmmaking.

~Charlton Heston

I don't think rock music has any positive function.

~Charlton Heston

Lenin in 1921 observed very presciently that motion pictures were the most powerful tool ever invented to shape the way we thought. He was right. Political films can be successful.

~Charlton Heston

Celebrity is a corrosive condition for the soul.

~Charlton Heston

Society mends its wounds. And that's invariably true in all the tragedies, in the comedies as well. And certainly in the histories.

~Charlton Heston

A war put off is not a war avoided.

~Charlton Heston

An epic is the easiest kind of picture to make badly.

~Charlton Heston

I don't seem to fit really into the 20th Century

~Charlton Heston

To me Moses is all men grown to gigantic proportions.

~Charlton Heston

I've been a public person for most of my life. It has advantages and disadvantages. I can't take my kids to Disneyland. On the other hand, I can get a table at a restaurant or tickets to a play.

~Charlton Heston

The trouble with movies as a business is that it's an art, and the trouble with movies as art is that it's a business.

~Charlton Heston

I've come to feel very strongly, not as a joke, that if you appoint a committee of more than four people, their efficiency starts to deteriorate.

~Charlton Heston

Film is the only art form whose raw materials are so horrendously

expensive that the artist cannot afford to buy them for himself.

~Charlton Heston

The prime motivation in making almost any film is success, because film is the art form of the 20th century.

~Charlton Heston

Doing a picture with Willie Wyler is like getting the works at a Turkish bath. You damn near drown, but you come out smelling like a rose.

~Charlton Heston

Undeniably the American art form, too. And yet more and more, we see films made that diminish the American experience and example. And sometimes trash it completely.

~Charlton Heston

Well, we have certainly produced great art before we did this. In my view, there are any number of areas of government which tax money should not be spent.

~Charlton Heston

I've used too many pistols in too many movies. They're kind of heavy to carry.

~Charlton Heston

The physical mechanics of sex are pretty funny unless you are engaged in them. Then they are, of course, marvelous.

~Charlton Heston

The minute you feel you have given a faultless performance is the time to get out.

~Charlton Heston

It's fashionable for modern actors to talk about getting 'inside' a

character. But you can't get to the inside without getting the outside right first.

~Charlton Heston

I have played some of the great men in history and I believe in the great man who does heroic deeds, even in these egalitarian times.

~Charlton Heston

To be an actor you need four things: energy, concentration, a lot of luck and, of course, good roles.

~Charlton Heston

To the world, you are America.

~Charlton Heston

I think narcotics and alcohol, and even tobacco are enormously costly ingredients in our society.

~Charlton Heston

I used to think if it wasn't possible to be a family man and a totally dedicated artist, I'd rather be the former. I'm an idealist and a romantic.

~Charlton Heston

My dissatisfaction with television as a medium has nothing to do with the audience or the fact that you don't require as much time to do it as you do a movie, but with its technical limitations.

~Charlton Heston

For an actor, there is no greater loss than the loss of his audience.

~Charlton Heston

I've played three presidents, three saints and two geniuses - and that's probably enough for any man.

~Charlton Heston

Skijoring is just something that people want to see, it's like Ben Hur on snow, the modern way. I love the speed, the adrenalin rush is something special. It's just unique.

~Charlton Heston

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