

Chuck D

Quotes

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If I can't change the people around me, I change the people around me.

~Chuck D

I came from a mother and father who always made me secure in my beliefs, and that's where the love came from.

~Chuck D

Reflect each day on all you have to be grateful for and you will receive more to be grateful for.

~Chuck D

Knowledge, wisdom, and understanding don't come out of the microwave. You got to keep moving forward because the evil doesn't sleep.

~Chuck D

It's weak to speak and blame somebody else ...When you destroy yourself.

~Chuck D

Culture is this thing that we can exchange among ourselves as human beings to knock aside our differences and build upon our similarities. Cultural exchange is the ultimate exchange.

~Chuck D

I got a letter from the government the other day I opened and read it...it said they were suckers.

~Chuck D

Our freedom of speech is freedom or death, We got to fight the powers that be!

~Chuck D

I spread the message of hope and of unity. That's what gets me up in the morning. I can tell you what is wrong, but I can't tell you how to fix it. I'm a raptivist, not a politician. I deal in hope.

~Chuck D

I totally hate when somebody takes a classic and desecrates it. I like Jimmy Page and P. Diddy, but what they did to 'Kashmir' was a debacle.

~Chuck D

The best way to boycott is to build your own

~Chuck D

I think right about now we have to beware of marketed Malcolms and Martins. Real people do real things.

~Chuck D

The best American is one who considers themselves as a citizen of the world.

~Chuck D

These days you can't see who's in cahoots, Cause now the KKK wears three-piece suits.

~Chuck D

Music and art and culture is escapism, and escapism sometimes is healthy for people to get away from reality. The problem is when they stay there.

~Chuck D

Minds are the real estate of the 21st century.

~Chuck D

No matter what the name, we're all the same pieces in one big chess

game.

~Chuck D

I think a good thing that needs to change is that people should be at least fearless about expressin' themselves.

~Chuck D

Comin' from the school of hard knocks, Some perpetrate...they drink Clorox. Attack the black, cause I know they lack exact The cold facts, and still they try to Xerox.

~Chuck D

Right is right, and wrong is wrong, and when people start getting it confused, that means they need to sit down with some real people.

~Chuck D

And when I say it, they get alarmed... 'Cause I'm louder than a bomb.

~Chuck D

To live a life you love, you must Love the life you live.

~Chuck D

Music used to cause revolutions and I'm not seeing much revolution anymore.

~Chuck D

One of the problems with hip hop is lack of infrastructure and not being able to control its own course. I don't like that hip hop is full of infantile 35-year-olds. Hip hop cannot afford to be lazy.

~Chuck D

I think governments are the cancer of civilization.

~Chuck D

You can't master time, but you have to work your hardest to manage it.

~Chuck D

With black people, there are 50 Hitlers over the course of history.

~Chuck D

The minute I get swelled up about something, something has always brought me back down to earth.

~Chuck D

All I want is peace and love on this planet. Ain't that how God planned it?

~Chuck D

Public Enemy is the security of the hip-hop party.

~Chuck D

Let the voice be the voice of the voiceless and let it come from the world of rap music to keep the stereotype and the peace at the same time.

~Chuck D

My thing is, the older you get you gotta stand up for what you believe in, and keep bashin' away.

~Chuck D

I'm not a U.S. citizen. I mean, I'm an earth-izen. Borderline policies are crap to me.

~Chuck D

I encourage more blacks and people of color to get a passport. That's one way to help put people on an equal platform.

~Chuck D

Try to do your best to look people in the eye and talk to them without a gadget being in between you all the time.

~Chuck D

If you go get a passport, it might encourage you to at least consider the world around you.

~Chuck D

If they can send you to war at 18, maybe it's beneficial for some people to think that most of us gotta go to war for our own existence.

~Chuck D

One side of the street is a Church; across the road is a liquor store. Both of 'em keepin us poor.

~Chuck D

Hip-hop is a part of rock & roll because it comes from DJ culture. DJ culture is the embodiment of all genres and all recorded music, if you actually pay attention to it.

~Chuck D

I never live alone, I never walk alone. My posse's always ready And they're waitin' in my zone.

~Chuck D

Music should be some kind of nourishment.

~Chuck D

I don't have any exteriors that would actually put me into some kind of different air that would actually intimidate somebody to stay away from me.

~Chuck D

The powers that be are trying to meld, shape, and corral the culture of

hip-hop into another speaking voice for the government.

~Chuck D

I think traveling the world has helped to keep Public Enemy alive. We've never solely depended on the United States.

~Chuck D

Burn, Hollywood, burn, I smell a riot goin' on, First they're guilty, now they're gone!

~Chuck D

Find like-minded people and try not to be individualized to the point where you try to fight it all and think about it all on your own.

~Chuck D

Slavery was incredibly prosperous for some people, at that time. It was not a bad business plan, but it was terrible and inhumane. But as a business it worked.

~Chuck D

If you have no soul you can gut it out. You know, like a marionette, you'll just follow what seems to actually give you whatever you ain't got.

~Chuck D

Rappers should just be able to perform what they create and satisfy the people that like and love them.

~Chuck D

I'm recording freely, and if I make a song, I release it immediately, so I'm more likely to believe in one song at a time as opposed to albums.

~Chuck D

Don't anoint me when you can anoint yourself.

~Chuck D

Oh, America is slipping away from the rest of the consciousness of the planet - slipping away.

~Chuck D

Downloadable music is the biggest musical phenomenon since the Beatles, and the music industry is slow to come to grips with that.

~Chuck D

I'd rather have a hundred thousand or a million people saying I'm nuts and I'm crazy for my musical choices and what I've said lyrically, than a million people all raising their hand on the first day.

~Chuck D

Bigger doesn't mean better unless you really understand what bigger is.

~Chuck D

Try to find like-minded people. Don't choose your friends based on the outside, choose your friends based on your similar views or something that you can learn from.

~Chuck D

I adhere to the philosophy, "I don't care who writes the laws, let me write the songs."

~Chuck D

A lot of the post-1977 dancefloor disco sounds had their place at one time, but you can't bring them back unless you bring back a floor.

~Chuck D

Cause I'm Black and I'm proud I'm ready and hyped plus I'm amped
Most of my heroes don't appear on no stamps

~Chuck D

I'm most passionate about, you know, making everybody understand that we should all have equal access on this earth.

~Chuck D

I don't believe that everybody is out of some kind of cookie cutter, so the thing that protects me is always being level with myself, even to myself.

~Chuck D

My work throughout my life is always representative of the time we live in. It's all about keeping it in order and keeping it in gear.

~Chuck D

I like Rick Ross as a person. I like Jay-Z and Kanye West as people. But I hate the companies that they record for.

~Chuck D

I think too much of the music industry is for the lawyer and accountant mentality.

~Chuck D

So, rather than trying to humbly mix with the rest of the world, we are forcing ourselves upon it. We seem to create conflicts with everyone.

~Chuck D

People are so confused about race and hip-hop that people didn't even consider the Beastie Boys one of the greatest rap groups of all time because they were white.

~Chuck D

If you want to be an artist, truly try to write what you believe, and if you write when you don't believe then you should try to become an actor.

~Chuck D

Government and culture are two diametrically opposed forces - the one blinds and oppresses, the other uplifts and unites.

~Chuck D

Men have periods; they're called wars.

~Chuck D

Rap is supposed to be about keeping it real and not relinquishing your roots in the community. Without that, it's just posturing. Somebody who claims to speak for the 'hood don't need no private jet.

~Chuck D

I always tell people that I was fortunate I was able to come in with a group of men. We didn't come into the game with a group of boys. We were young then. So your cats keep you in check.

~Chuck D

I let go usually by talking to many people in different areas, in different realms of life that make me look at what I'm dealing with as being small fries stuff, you know?

~Chuck D

My advice to young people is ask older people questions and don't be afraid.

~Chuck D

Your closest and your most dedicated fans will be your ultimate test. They will test you.

~Chuck D

Most of my heroes don't appear on no stamps

~Chuck D

I have to be conscious of what I'm sayin' because people are gonna come at me about this sh*t.

~Chuck D

The real thing is the heart, you know the heart shouldn't be covered with concrete.

~Chuck D

Real people do real things. A collective of a whole bunch of people who do things in their own locale, in their own neighborhoods - the sum is bigger than the parts, and the parts will grow.

~Chuck D

Excuse us for the news, You might not be amused; But did you know White comes from Black? No need to be confused.

~Chuck D

The Internet is one area that I have used pretty effectively to break free of corporate control.

~Chuck D

The Internet was a saving grace for promoting and exposing, and even creating. It's a parallel world to the music industry that already exists, and I'm glad to be a part of it.

~Chuck D

If you empty, you can be filled up with anything. It could be water or it could be gasoline.

~Chuck D

Share and enjoy the fruits of this planet.

~Chuck D

Truth is truth no matter what I think.

~Chuck D

Try to master technology instead of it mastering you.

~Chuck D

The best medicine for pain sometimes is some kind of logic and common sense from older folks. They tell you, "Okay, you're not the only one who actually went through this."

~Chuck D

Once you think bigger than yourself then the cause becomes the issue if you think on a higher plain you can come together to work on our problems.

~Chuck D

I think hip hop should be a living word. And what I mean by the living word is like yo, you gotta have the words that provide life.

~Chuck D

I wanna go to the clubs and actually have a good time too, but at the same time, when the party's over, I have to go back to the real world and try to figure out who I am.

~Chuck D

You can't take anything with you. So I don't understand this whole psychotic area of greed, I don't get it.

~Chuck D

Black folks are judged by quantity, not quality. It's a decimal point or figure. How different is that from slavery? There's no moral code, it's just about successful business for America.

~Chuck D

The Illuminati is just the evil, 'nameless' people who are behind

governments.

~Chuck D

I'm a multi-tasker. I was down with that stuff before they invented the term.

~Chuck D

When you travel the world, you have to watch and you have to listen. We're not going to come in to Ireland without an understanding that there's a history that's very sensitive.

~Chuck D

The biggest thing that has happened to hip-hop is the clinging on to the corporation as the all-mighty hub of the music.

~Chuck D

You're always going to sound like yourself, but you can make really strong attempts to keep some similarities, but move away from what you did before for popularity's sake.

~Chuck D

I know I am judged unfairly by my physical characteristics and ostracized because of that so I say, "Yes, I'm a black man."

~Chuck D

My daughter's 19. I'm not asking her to develop as an artist. I'm just asking her to develop as a full person, human being.

~Chuck D

DJ culture always made us aware that the best records were going to come from the small shops

~Chuck D

Never try to make the same record twice, even when people are

screaming for the same sound.

~Chuck D

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