

Clarence Thomas

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Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot.

~Clarence Thomas

I don't believe in quotas. America was founded on a philosophy of individual rights, not group rights.

~Clarence Thomas

The only people who have quick answers don't have the responsibility of making the decisions.

~Clarence Thomas

A judge should be evaluated by whether he faithfully upholds his oath to God, not to the people, to the state or to the Constitution.

~Clarence Thomas

Government cannot make us equal; it can only recognize, respect, and protect us as equal before the law.

~Clarence Thomas

People get bent out of shape about the fact that when I was a kid, you could not drink out of certain water fountains. Well, the water was the same.

~Clarence Thomas

It takes a person with a mission to succeed.

~Clarence Thomas

It really bugs me that someone will tell me, after I spent 20 years being educated, how I'm supposed to think.

~Clarence Thomas

I love being around people who work with their hands, who do the hard things to keep our country going. They're just my kind of people.

~Clarence Thomas

And I thank God I believe in God, or I would probably be enormously angry right now.

~Clarence Thomas

I'd been very partial to Malcolm X, particularly his self-help teachings.

~Clarence Thomas

I'm not an Uncle Tom. . . . I'm going to be here for 40 years. For those who don't like it, get over it.

~Clarence Thomas

The thing that bothered me when I was in college was that I saw myself rejecting the way of life that got me to where I was.

~Clarence Thomas

In our society, marriage is not simply a governmental institution; it is a religious institution as well, today's decision might change the former, but it cannot change the latter.

~Clarence Thomas

The truth of the matter is we have become more interested in designer jeans and break dancing than we are in obligations and responsibilities.

~Clarence Thomas

You have a number of choices. You could continue to always fight against people who are really distractions. They're people in the cheap seats of life. Or you can do what you went there to do.

~Clarence Thomas

To define each of us by our race is nothing short of a denial of our humanity.

~Clarence Thomas

Any discrimination, like sharp turns in a road, becomes critical because of the tremendous speed at which we are traveling into the high-tech world of a service economy.

~Clarence Thomas

Perhaps some are confused because they have stereotypes of how blacks should be and I respectfully decline, as I did in my youth, to sacrifice who I am for who they think I should be.

~Clarence Thomas

You didn't think of angels as white or black. They were angels.

~Clarence Thomas

I was never a liberal. I was radical. I was cynical. I was negative. But, I was never a liberal. I always saw that as too lukewarm for me.

~Clarence Thomas

I tend to really be partial to Ayn Rand, and to *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*.

~Clarence Thomas

The myths that are created about the South, about the way we grew up, about black people, are wrong.

~Clarence Thomas

We've talked more about civil rights after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 than we talked about it before 1964.

~Clarence Thomas

My grandfather could barely read. My grandmother had a sixth-grade education. They were people who were industrious. They were frugal.

~Clarence Thomas

Unfortunately, the reality was that, for political reasons or whatever,

there was a need to enforce antidiscrimination laws, or at least there was a perceived need to do that.

~Clarence Thomas

I think Juan stopped short - he got halfway to the destination and got off the train. He is certainly an excellent writer and a good person, but I'm not a nationalist.

~Clarence Thomas

I grew up in a religious environment, and I'm proud of it.

~Clarence Thomas

I have to admit that I'm one of those people that thinks the dishwasher is a miracle.

~Clarence Thomas

But I know that the vote of 9 out of 10 black Americans for the Democratic Party or for leftist kinds of policies just is not reflective of their opinions.

~Clarence Thomas

The White House said today that Judge Clarence Thomas, President Bush's Supreme Court nominee, had smoked marijuana while in college.

~Clarence Thomas

If Congress can regulate this under the Commerce Clause, then it can regulate virtually anything-and the Federal Government is no longer one of limited and enumerated powers.

~Clarence Thomas

I was sympathetic to virtually all groups that wanted to get away from the old system.

~Clarence Thomas

I certainly have some very strong libertarian leanings, yes.

~Clarence Thomas

So many of our conversations (about affirmative action) have been dishonest

~Clarence Thomas

I do think that our freedoms are at risk.

~Clarence Thomas

Religious liberty is about freedom of action in matters of religion generally, and the scope of that liberty is directly correlated to the civil restraints placed upon religious practice.

~Clarence Thomas

I don't really have the luxury to be bitter. I don't have the luxury of having negative things in my life.

~Clarence Thomas

I agree with the (Supreme Court's) holding that racial discrimination in higher education admissions will be illegal in 25 years. They are illegal now.

~Clarence Thomas

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