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I know that I've got big ears and a big forehead and that my hair sticks up, but I'm happy with myself. I'm not necessarily trying to win a beauty pageant here.

~Clay Aiken

I decided to study special education and fell in love with working with individuals with autism. That's what I planned to do with my life.

~Clay Aiken

The message I'll share...is that inclusion is extremely important for kids with and without disabilities.

~Clay Aiken

I like to talk. I'm a terrible dancer. I love my hometown. I have freckles and oversized ears. I'm a geeks. I have tried not to hide who I am or what matters to me.

~Clay Aiken

A song can be more than words and music ... when sung with soul a song carries you to another world, to a place where no matter how much pain you feel, you are never alone.

~Clay Aiken

Well, fortunately we found out that the runner-up our particular year was going to get a record contract also. So it was kind of a - it was bitter sweet but it was an opportunity.

~Clay Aiken

It doesn't really matter to me how I make a difference, I just wanna make sure that I do.

~Clay Aiken

I know this is going to sound cheesy and like I'm trying to be Miss America, but the most important responsibility a celebrity has is to set

an example and be a role model.

~Clay Aiken

And I think that when I finally decided to let go and let God and allow that to happen, I became a lot more successful than I could have done if I had planned it all myself.

~Clay Aiken

I went to school for special education. I always assumed when I had the opportunity I would love to try and help kids with disabilities.

~Clay Aiken

In my ideal world, no child would suffer. Charitable instincts would prevail. There would be global acceptance of all different types of people.

~Clay Aiken

I think I probably hoped for it a little bit, but I'm not an optimist. I'm a realist... or maybe even a pessimist.

~Clay Aiken

There are stars out there who would die to have this much exposure.

~Clay Aiken

If my career detour from special education to singing has done one thing, it has afforded me the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.

~Clay Aiken

My mother taught me that we all have the power to achieve our dreams. What I lacked was the courage.

~Clay Aiken

I was on TV for almost sixteen weeks during American Idol. It's at the

point now where it's old.

~Clay Aiken

It's a whole team of people working 24 hours around the clock to make me look like this.

~Clay Aiken

But I was going to be a teacher my entire life, so I wasn't counting on money to much.

~Clay Aiken

While everyone I work with may not share my beliefs, I have been surrounded by nothing but support.

~Clay Aiken

I could have a degree in music and come on the show, and Simon could still say 'You stink'.

~Clay Aiken

Pain happens to everyone. To grow up, to fulfill your potential, to develop into what God wants you to be-this process takes support. No one succeeds alone.

~Clay Aiken

The greatest glory never comes from falling, but from rising each time you fall.

~Clay Aiken

UNICEF is working for the survival of children worldwide. What can we do to get more Americans committed to the cause?

~Clay Aiken

I auditioned just for fun.

I sometimes think I might be autistic because I like to know - I need to know - my beginnings and my ends. I don't have to be in control of it, but I need to know what's going on.

~Clay Aiken

You know, I think I'm a stronger person for realizing that you can't make everybody love you.

~Clay Aiken

I want everyone to vote. I want everyone to be a part of electing officials. Because when we are not a part, when we don't have a very broad voter base, then we don't have true representation.

~Clay Aiken

I liked being able to work with all the different producers and take what they brought to the table and bring my own style to it.

~Clay Aiken

I did get a degree in special education.

~Clay Aiken

I don't understand why people like me! It doesn't make any sense!

~Clay Aiken

I'm tired and I don't know what day it is.

~Clay Aiken

I never knew that people made a club for me!

~Clay Aiken

Because I'm from North Carolina, you think I'm the Andy Griffith show, or something?

Every kiss is a kiss you can never get back.

~Clay Aiken

I had the greatest time on Broadway and made friends I never expected to make!

~Clay Aiken

I'd hate to have a job where I had to be rude to people.

~Clay Aiken

As long as you're living right, then you don't have to worry about what people see.

~Clay Aiken

When the answer to all my dreams is as close as a touch away, why am I here holding back what I'm trying to say?

~Clay Aiken

I am never going to sound like Johnny Mathis.

~Clay Aiken

I really love live performing!

~Clay Aiken

I think celebrities have an obligation to the public to not just sing or act.

~Clay Aiken

I never want to produce anything that a family could not enjoy together. I never want to create art that would embarrass my own children later.

~Clay Aiken

It's not the money. It's not the fame. It's the influence.

I'm really not that special. Really, I'm not. I was on a big TV show, but it was just a TV show.

~Clay Aiken

And I don't think that success can be measured by how many TV shows you're on.

~Clay Aiken

If other people choose to believe because I do, great. I want to show people God's love through what I do and who I am. At the same time, I don't feel I need to pass out Bibles at the concert.

~Clay Aiken

No matter what the situation you're in, if you're raised in a loving environment, that's the most important thing.

~Clay Aiken

Love others and as you do, that love will return to you.

~Clay Aiken

I'm not different. I'm not different at all. The wrapping is different but the gift is still the same.

~Clay Aiken

I appreciate the idea of allowing people to have their own private walk with God. To me, God is about love, not condemnation.

~Clay Aiken

I'm religious. I think this is something God had planned for me.

~Clay Aiken

It's important that I make a difference in some way. It's not necessarily how I make a difference, but I want to make sure that I do.

Actually, I dont hate cats, Im just kind of afraid of them.

~Clay Aiken

I cannot raise a child to lie or to hide things. I wasn't raised that way, and I'm not going to raise a child to do that.

~Clay Aiken

The only reason people go to bars is to get drunk and have sex. To me, bars are what hell is like.

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