

Common Quotes

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Time is real, we can't rewind it... Out of everybody I met, who told the truth? Time did.

~Common

Man, just believe in yourself, be able to dream, and know that there's going to be valleys and peaks. Always stay centered, and know that God is the key, the beginning and end of everything you do.

~Common

I love black thighs, you sisters better realize That real hair and real eyes get real guys. So before you makeup your face, you better make up your mind.

~Common

Never lookin' back or too far in front of me; the present is a gift and I just wanna be.

~Common

Education is what you get from reading the small print; experience is what you get from not reading it.

~Common

I put God first, and strive to do my best by being a loving human being, recognizing that sometimes I make mistakes and bad choices.

~Common

One day it'll all make sense.

~Common

Not everyone is the same. You can't label a person just because of what they do or what they've done.

~Common

I appreciate this moment in time...ball players and actors be knowing

my rhymes

~Common

I met this girl when I was ten years old, And what I loved most she had so much soul. She was old school, when I was just a shorty Never knew throughout my life she would be there for me.

~Common

Come close to me baby. Let your love hold you. I know this world is crazy, but what's it without you?

~Common

If heaven had a height, you would be that tall

~Common

I want a better world, I want love and harmony amongst people no matter what color you are, what race or what background you come from or sexual orientation.

~Common

We as people have a purpose here to contribute to the Earth, to contribute to people's goodness and good life.

~Common

I am the unarmed black kid who maybe needed a hand, but instead was given a bullet.

~Common

Don't believe in role models, but if I do, then I'm mine

~Common

I attribute my ability to maintain cool to God, self-esteem, and knowing my purpose in life. It can't be based on anything material or external.

~Common

Now is our time to change the world

~Common

When I see people of my likeness, or who are somebody that I feel connected to, doing something great, I feel like I can do it. It gives me some hope and vision.

~Common

When you have style, it doesn't matter what other people are saying.

~Common

All that glitters is not gold.

~Common

God created me to be an individual. And I am a Chicago dude that grew up the way I grew up and was named Rashid and was given a certain purpose and mission. So, I am rare for those reasons.

~Common

If the eyes are the window to your soul open eyes bring the cold.

~Common

I bathe in basslines, rinse in riffs, dry in drums

~Common

My mom has obviously had a powerful influence on my life and her voice can describe certain things that I couldn't see in myself.

~Common

I start thinking: How many souls hip-hop has affected? How many dead folks this art resurrected? How many nations this culture connected? Who am I to judge one's perspective?

~Common

I sit and think with a drink about how I'm gonna win.

~Common

I wonder if these wack niggas realize they wack, And they the reason that my people say they tired of rap.

~Common

I felt like I had experienced a lot of things in the first chapter of my life, and I wanted it to inspire and motivate people, so I just started writing.

~Common

It's hard to see blessings in a violent culture

~Common

To be a storyteller is to be able to speak truth, to be able to use your imagination, to use the creative gifts that the Creator has given you.

~Common

Now I'm on the rise, doin' business with my guys. Visions realize, music [your craft] affected lives. A gift from the skies, to be recognized, I'm keeping my eye on the people, that's the prize

~Common

God is my guide, so I try to not judge myself too much, knowing that at the end of the day, my greatest judge will be Jehovah God.

~Common

I embody EVERYTHING from the Godly to the party.

~Common

This is my inception, I'm writing my dreams.

~Common

One thing I always loved about hip-hop music was the raw, boom-bap

element - it felt powerful and manly.

~Common

Justice is juxtaposition in us Justice for all just ain't specific enough.

~Common

To have my name said like, "Common and John Legend, Golden Globe nominees," is one of the greatest achievements I've ever had as an artist, as a person.

~Common

Even through the unseen, I know that God watches, From one King's dream, he was able to Barack us.

~Common

Burn a Bush cause for peace he no push no button. Killing over oil and grease, no weapons of destruction, How can we follow a leader when this a corrupt one?

~Common

The possibility of an Oscar is something I definitely think about and the fact that I can even say that is just a blessing. It's something I would be incredibly honored to be a part of.

~Common

I'm a black man that is proud to be black, and I want to help the black community, but I love all mankind.

~Common

I've met kids who haven't had the best of parents but because they had something in them, or they had somebody at school help develop them, they turned out fine.

~Common

The way [Barack Obama] danced, it looked like he could dance in a circle with anyone from Chris Brown to ... well, I don't want to say Michael Jackson, because he's like the king.

~Common

I've always been asked, "What type of character would you love to play?," and I've always said a pastor.

~Common

Me being able to be acting and doing other things has opened me as an artist, and I think even more from a visual standpoint.

~Common

We obviously feel destiny and purpose and do what we do, but within that are ways to help others and to inspire others and to support and encourage people.

~Common

I am to hip-hop what Obama is to politics

~Common

Yeah, we try to get the best musicians possible, and Justin [Robinson] is a great musician, man, a great player. You must have been surprised to see him out there, then.

~Common

No matter what walk of life you're from, you can appreciate the music - songs [can] resonate in your soul and your heart.

~Common

DJ Jazzy Jeff is the best DJ you can have at a party. Did you see his playlist? He has good taste.

~Common

I think Lil Wayne is definitely a dope rapper.

~Common

I started getting more in tune with who I am by doing roles or even just being in a class and being around people.

~Common

One of the great aspects about [Barack Obama] is who he is as a human.

~Common

Man, I feel like hip-hop is - first of all, not even only with just GOOD Music, I gotta say - I think hip-hop is still alive in a strong way, man. I feel really enthused about hip-hop.

~Common

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