

Dan Savage Quotes

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Take me to the driest county in the most conservative state, and in two hours this determined hedonist will find you all the drugs, whores, and booze you'll need to pass an eventful weekend.

~Dan Savage

Don't mistake being an asshole for being a man.

~Dan Savage

Today's unspeakable perversion is tomorrow's kink, is next week's good clean fun

~Dan Savage

every relationship you are in will fail, until one doesn't

~Dan Savage

I have a thick skin, but I have a heart.

~Dan Savage

We all have our scars. That's what falling in love is all about: revealing your scars to somebody who then loves you anyway.

~Dan Savage

One man's blasphemy doesn't override other people's free-speech rights, their freedom to publish, freedom of thought.

~Dan Savage

I think abortion should be mandatory for about 30 years.

~Dan Savage

Ultimately life is disease, death and oblivion. It's still better than high school.

~Dan Savage

I don't write about my life in my column.

~Dan Savage

A huge part of what animates homophobia among young people is paranoia and fear of their own capacity to be gay themselves.

~Dan Savage

A lot of kids are bullied because of their sexual identity or expression. It's often the effeminate boys and the masculine girls, the ones who violate gender norms and expectations, who get bullied.

~Dan Savage

the truth is often a mixed message

~Dan Savage

Shouldn't homophobic politicians and anti-gay bullies be presumed to be gay until they get caught up in a straight sex scandal?

~Dan Savage

I don't think that sin and pursuing happiness are not necessarily the same thing.

~Dan Savage

Every question is a hypothetical question for everyone but the person who asks it.

~Dan Savage

If sex isn't an important part of your marriage, you can't beef if your wife or husband does this unimportant thing with somebody else every once in a while, if you have no interest in it.

~Dan Savage

Bisexuals need to recognize that their being closeted is a huge contributing factor to the hostility they face.

~Dan Savage

We're living through an age of irrationality and religious "fervor" I would call it religious idiocy. It's exhausting to year after year be on the receiving end of this demagoguery.

~Dan Savage

Only someone obsessed with sexual fidelity to an unhealthy degree places a higher value on preserving the ideal of monogamous marriage over preserving an actual marriage.

~Dan Savage

the Bible is only as good and decent as the person reading it.

~Dan Savage

Kids are like heroin, a little heroin addiction. When it's bad, you've never been so miserable, but when it's good you've never been so high.

~Dan Savage

If kids got raped at Denny's as often as they get raped at church it would be illegal to take your kids to Denny's.

~Dan Savage

I think astrology is annoying bullshit-which is so Libra of me

~Dan Savage

The cultural expectation should be if there's infidelity, the marriage is more important than fidelity.

~Dan Savage

I got picked on a lot, even by teachers too. I liked to listen to musicals and bake, and my homeroom teacher found out and mocked me in front of the whole class for baking.

~Dan Savage

School is very conformist, and one of the very first conforming that goes on in preschool and kindergarten is gender.

~Dan Savage

I get letters every year from women who think Valentine's Day is an empty exercise, but are ironically pretty exercised when their boyfriends neglect or forget it.

~Dan Savage

I wouldn't say that holidays are manufactured by corporations, but they're certainly exploited and mined by them.

~Dan Savage

The right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness means that each of us is free to go our own way, even if the ways some of us may choose to go seem sinful or shocking to our fellow citizens.

~Dan Savage

I'm always telling people who say two men can't make a baby: 'Anything is possible for God. I'm going to keep inseminating my husband and keep my fingers crossed.'

~Dan Savage

You can't pray away the gay, but you can torture a conflicted closet case to death.

~Dan Savage

One man's piss-soaked sadomasochistic orgy is another man's poetic ecstasy.

~Dan Savage

A certain tiny percentage of everyone is gay.

~Dan Savage

Oftentimes, when people write me 4,000-word letters, I write them back and tell them if their problem's that complicated, they probably need a lawyer or a cop, and not me.

~Dan Savage

In an open adoption agreement, you agree to a minimum number of visits - a floor, not a ceiling. It's enforceable.

~Dan Savage

Children have a right to some stability and constancy from the adults in their lives.

~Dan Savage

Owning a gun in America is one way for conservative white males to demonstrate their anger at crime, liberalism, feminism, and modernity.

~Dan Savage

I'm searching for some exit poll data from California. I'll eat my shorts if gay and lesbian voters went for McCain at anything approaching the rate that black voters went for Prop 8.

~Dan Savage

To be gay is nothing to be proud of. It's in how you are gay that you have something to be proud of, considering the obstacles placed in your path if you are gay.

~Dan Savage

I'm an agnosto-theist. I cross myself on airplanes. I pray when I'm sick. When you're sick I'll keep you in my thoughts; when I'm sick, I'm entreating a higher power.

~Dan Savage

The mistake that straight people made was imposing the monogamous expectation on men. Men were never expected to be monogamous.

~Dan Savage

Really, when it comes to gay rights, there's two wars going on. The first war is political. But the culture war is over.

~Dan Savage

Actual gay people can make many others feel uncomfortable and paranoid because they don't know and can't articulate what makes a person gay, and they worry that maybe they themselves are gay.

~Dan Savage

The Bible is a radically pro-slavery document. Slave owners waved Bibles over their heads during the Civil War and justified it.

~Dan Savage

Relationships are monuments build on lies

~Dan Savage

Outing is brutal and it should be reserved for brutes

~Dan Savage

Every American may have equal access to ice cream, but there's no guarantee that the outcome of eating ice cream will be equal.

~Dan Savage

Most Americans don't care about gay marriage. But it matters very much to the knuckle-draggers and Christianists and whack jobs in Bush's ever smaller base.

~Dan Savage

How can you tell somebody who is pursuing happiness that they're somehow not American when that was the very first promise that America made?

~Dan Savage

The truly revolutionary promise of our nation's founding document is the freedom to pursue happiness-with-a-capital-H.

~Dan Savage

Sedaris, in his essay in the *It Gets Better* book, writes that when he was growing up nobody called him gay because you might as well have called him a warlock. Nobody knew what gay was.

~Dan Savage

Books are magic: you never know where they're going to end up.

~Dan Savage

Preaching to the choir actually arms the choir with arguments and elevates the choir's discourse. There's a reason the right does it and does it well and triumphs.

~Dan Savage

No one has ever gone broke underestimating the insecurities of the gay and lesbian consumer.

~Dan Savage

I think the 'South Park' guys are brilliant.

~Dan Savage

You know, my problem is I can't say no to people, especially people who want to write me checks to do things.

~Dan Savage

When you're a writer, you want to try to avoid cliches. Unfortunately, when you're writing about marriage or family, all cliches seem to apply.

~Dan Savage

I really enjoy doing theater, but doing theater in Seattle is like dropping a brick in a bottomless well. It's gratifying, but it's almost like doing

radio. It's ephemeral.

~Dan Savage

I believe it's in the best interests of a child to be in a stable environment.

~Dan Savage

Don't move to Seattle and write a stupid sex advice column. That's a waste of time and you need to grow up and get serious.

~Dan Savage

A lot of people are living their lives online in much more public ways with Facebook and Twitter.

~Dan Savage

The only way to get gay issues off the front pages of Canadian newspapers is to grant gay and lesbian people our full civil equality and leave it alone.

~Dan Savage

I don't understand how real Christians let that little f--ker get away with that.

~Dan Savage

I own a lot of my house, because I'm Irish and from people who never owned anything.

~Dan Savage

Natural isn't something I get called a lot in Texas.

~Dan Savage

Women can go on marrying and pretending that their boyfriends and husbands are Mr. Darcy or some RomCom dream man. But where's that going to get 'em? Besides divorce court?

~Dan Savage

I'm allergic to dogs, so I couldn't even adopt what gay men typically adopt when they have that maternal gene.

~Dan Savage

When I was a kid, and I was odd, the default assumption was that I was odd, not that I was gay. Now when a kid is odd in a Greensburg, gay or straight, the default assumption is gay.

~Dan Savage

You want to help gay kids, you have to reach them in middle school and high school, when they're being bullied.

~Dan Savage

You could fly under the radar a little bit. You could be a weird kid without defaulting to gay, without everyone assuming you must be gay - that was literally the last place many people went.

~Dan Savage

A lot of people think that telling people you're gay is something someone might say just to get attention.

~Dan Savage

Is it adultery if I'm committing it at one end of a guy and he's committing it at the other end of that same guy?

~Dan Savage

But it doesn't matter what you're doing, it matters how you're doing it.

~Dan Savage

Parenting is about being competent and responsible. It's not about gender, necessarily.

~Dan Savage

My husband Terry and I are mostly monogamous. . . . There are times when certain set and limited circumstances when it is permissible for us to have sex with others.

~Dan Savage

I didn't want kids to think that to be happy, they had to be famous or rich or live in the big city.

~Dan Savage

I'm not a Pollyanna sort of kumbaya type.

~Dan Savage

I waver between a cop-out agnostic and principled atheism

~Dan Savage

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