

Dick Gregory Quotes

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Love is man's natural endowment, but he doesn't know how to use it. He refuses to recognize the power of love because of his love of power.

~Dick Gregory

If all you can do is judge a person by their appearance, because you don't have the spirit to judge someone from within, you're in trouble.

~Dick Gregory

The most difficult thing to get people to do is to accept the obvious.

~Dick Gregory

One of the things I keep learning is that the secret of being happy is doing things for other people.

~Dick Gregory

Education means to bring out wisdom. Indoctrination means to push in knowledge.

~Dick Gregory

Fear and God do not occupy the same space.

~Dick Gregory

I never learned hate at home, or shame. I had to go to school for that.

~Dick Gregory

When I tune into my beautiful self, I get happiness. Everything in the universe belongs to me.

~Dick Gregory

I am really enjoying the new Martin Luther King Jr stamp - just think about all those white bigots, licking the backside of a black man.

~Dick Gregory

Poor is a state of mind you never grow out of, but being broke is just a temporary condition.

~Dick Gregory

In America, with all of its evils and faults, you can still reach through the forest and see the sun. But we don't know yet whether that sun is rising or setting for our country.

~Dick Gregory

The only good thing about the good old days is they're gone.

~Dick Gregory

I waited at the counter of a white restaurant for eleven years. When they finally integrated, they didn't have what I wanted.

~Dick Gregory

The United States is the most dishonest, ungodly, unspiritual nation that ever existed in the history of the planet.

~Dick Gregory

America will tolerate the taking of a human life without giving it a second thought. But don't misuse a household pet.

~Dick Gregory

Laughter is the best way to release tensions and fears.

~Dick Gregory

Just being a Negro doesn't qualify you to understand the race situation any more than being sick makes you an expert on medicine.

~Dick Gregory

The only person on the planet saying derogatory things about his woman is the black man.

~Dick Gregory

People with high blood pressure, diabetes - those are conditions brought about by life style. If you change the life style, those conditions will leave.

~Dick Gregory

Truth is the baby of the world. It never gets old.

~Dick Gregory

Whenever the dollar is held supreme and capitalistic interests dominate, a higher value will always be placed upon property rights than upon human rights.

~Dick Gregory

Race baiters and discriminators may go underground, but they never move out of town.

~Dick Gregory

No kid in the world, no woman in the world should ever raise a hand against a no-good daddy. That's already been taken care of: A Man Who Destroys His Own Home Shall Inherit the Wind.

~Dick Gregory

When you've got something really good, you don't have to force it on people. They will steal it!

~Dick Gregory

If they took all the drugs, nicotine, alcohol and caffeine off the market for six days, they'd have to bring out the tanks to control you.

~Dick Gregory

Love is very dangerous if you just have love and don't have the ability to be lovable.

~Dick Gregory

The free man is the man with no fears.

~Dick Gregory

Life isn't a race. It's a relay.

~Dick Gregory

What price would God demand from the churches for having the audacity to lighten the color of his son's skin, and straighten out his nappy hair?

~Dick Gregory

Why are black folks singing Amazing Grace which is a song about a white slaver's conversion?

~Dick Gregory

When I first broke through, there was only NBC, CBS and ABC, and they had news in the morning and in the evening - there wasn't no 24-hour news.

~Dick Gregory

[A politician is] a person skilled in the art of compromise. Usually an elected official who has compromised to get nominated, compromised to get elected, and compromised repeatedly to stay in office.

~Dick Gregory

The world is fed by greed.

~Dick Gregory

I never believed in Santa Claus because I knew no white dude would come into my neighborhood after dark.

~Dick Gregory

In most places in the country, voting is looked upon as a right and a duty, but in Chicago it's a sport.

~Dick Gregory

Political promises are much like marriage vows. They are made at the beginning of the relationship between candidate and voter, but are quickly forgotten.

~Dick Gregory

There's a God force inside of you that gives you a will to live.

~Dick Gregory

There is a limit on how much information you can keep bottled up.

~Dick Gregory

If it wasn't for Abe Lincoln, I'd still be on the open market.

~Dick Gregory

Martin Luther King taught us all nonviolence. I was told to extend nonviolence to the mother and her calf.

~Dick Gregory

When I lost my rifle, the Army charged me 85 dollars. That is why in the Navy the Captain goes down with the ship.

~Dick Gregory

Dogs are great assets to candidates, and the feeling seems to be engendered that if a dog loves the candidate, he can't be all that bad.

~Dick Gregory

We thought I was going to be a great athlete, and we were wrong, and I thought I was going to be a great entertainer, and that wasn't it either. I'm going to be an American Citizen. First class.

~Dick Gregory

Black conservatives have a right to exist, but why would I want to walk

around with a swastika on my shirt after the way Hitler done messed it up?

~Dick Gregory

I wouldn't mind paying taxes... if I knew they were going to a friendly country

~Dick Gregory

Every holiday on the calendar, I check in a hotel and fast - I don't eat, I don't drink, I don't talk.

~Dick Gregory

Some kind of way, we have to say enough is enough.

~Dick Gregory

When you have a good mother and no father, God kind of sits in. It's not enough, but it helps.

~Dick Gregory

America is concerned more with the possibility of moon folks than the reality of hungry poor folks.

~Dick Gregory

What happens to Black Folks today, happens to White Folks tomorrow.

~Dick Gregory

You know why Madison Avenue advertising has never done well in Harlem? We're the only ones who know what it means to be Brand X.

~Dick Gregory

Everything we do we should look at in terms of millions of people who can't afford it.

~Dick Gregory

If you can justify killing to eat meat, you can justify the conditions of the ghetto. I cannot justify either one.

~Dick Gregory

Pets are found to suffer from all the ailments known to the human.

~Dick Gregory

If democracy is such a good thing, let's have more of it.

~Dick Gregory

In the South they don't mind how close I get, so long as I don't get too big. In the North they don't mind how big I get, so long as I don't get too close.

~Dick Gregory

My mother was the sweetest lady who ever lived on this planet, but if you tried to tell her that Jesus wasn't a Christian, she would stomp you to death.

~Dick Gregory

The funniest jokes you know aren't from comics but relatives, friends - from your life. That's the funniest stuff.

~Dick Gregory

No being should be killed. No being should be unloved.

~Dick Gregory

Coconut milk is the only thing on this planet that comes identically to mother's milk.

~Dick Gregory

The jelly-bean eating thug says that national defense is important. But national defense starts at home.

~Dick Gregory

When you look at Hitler and those thugs, you can put Walmart right next to them.

~Dick Gregory

I buy about \$1,500 worth of papers every month. Not that I trust them. I'm looking for the crack in the fabric.

~Dick Gregory

To me, seeing a really great comedian is a bit like watching a musician or a poet.

~Dick Gregory

It's cool to be healthy.

~Dick Gregory

I would have painted the White House black. I would have!

~Dick Gregory

Baseball is very big with my people. It figures. It's the only way we can get to shake a bat at a white man without starting a riot.

~Dick Gregory

I didn't realize, when I decided to be a comic, that a black person had never been allowed to stand flat-footed in America and talk to white folks. It never happened before.

~Dick Gregory

At the very last moment, Nature would force you to blink your eye. Nature will protect her own.

~Dick Gregory

Eating liver out of a cow's body is like eating the filter out of a car.

~Dick Gregory

It was an unwritten law that black comics were not permitted to work white nightclubs. You could sing and you could dance, but you couldn't stand flat-footed and talk; that was a no-no.

~Dick Gregory

Once we used to have to crank up our cars, now you can pop it on from inside your house. Everything has changed except how we get freedom.

~Dick Gregory

Because you make me laugh don't make you a comic. A comedian is a person who, that's how they make their living.

~Dick Gregory

I never thought I'd see the day that I would see white folks as frightened, or more so, than black folks was during the civil rights movement when we was in Mississippi.

~Dick Gregory

You got to die of something because if you die of nothing, they won't pay your insurance.

~Dick Gregory

America is 5 percent of the world's population and consumes 96 percent of the world's hard drugs.

~Dick Gregory

Wouldn't it be a helluva joke if all this were really burnt cork and you people were being tolerant for nuthin'?

~Dick Gregory

My belief is, you know, certain things have to be explained that's never been explained.

~Dick Gregory

Once I realised the value of making people laugh, I got very good at it. Fast.

~Dick Gregory

The NAACP is a wonderful organization . . . But do you realize if tomorrow morning we had complete integration, all them cats would be outta work?

~Dick Gregory

A Klaner KKK is a cat who gets out of bed in the middle of the night and takes his sheet with him.

~Dick Gregory

Don't have a high school diploma? You're in my Cabinet. Why? For 200 years, a lot of Cabinets have existed in our government. Powerful men. Well-educated. So let's try something totally new.

~Dick Gregory

America has the mightiest military on the planet, and they didn't get there with entertainers.

~Dick Gregory

When I was a boy, I was taught never to use insulting expressions like, 'I've been gyped,' or, 'He welshed on the deal.'

~Dick Gregory

You know, I always say white is not a colour, white is an attitude, and if you haven't got trillions of dollars in the bank that you don't need, you can't be white.

~Dick Gregory

So why would I want to call myself a conservative after the way them white racist thugs have used that word to hide behind? They call themselves new Republicans.

~Dick Gregory

When I went south in the 1960s, I knew I could die. If I went down there and did what I did up in Chicago and made all of those hatin' white folks laugh, then I would have been defeated.

~Dick Gregory

I used to get letters saying, 'I didn't know black children and white children were the same.'

~Dick Gregory

Being white is a job in America. You take that away, you better get the soldiers out.

~Dick Gregory

I won't say I'm out of condition now - but I even puff going downstairs.

~Dick Gregory

And we love to dance, especially that new one called the Civil War Twist. The Northern part of you stands still while the Southern part tries to secede.

~Dick Gregory

I tell people, 'If you want to send a message to the White House, call my house.'

~Dick Gregory

Luck is opportunity meeting up with preparation. So you must prepare yourself to be lucky.

~Dick Gregory

When I go through the airport and see white women walking through the airport barefooted, like athlete's feet don't exist, there's something wrong.

~Dick Gregory

I feel that the same God-force that is the mother and father of the Pope is also the mother and father of the loneliest wino on the planet.

~Dick Gregory

I was born and raised in St. Louis, and this little town, eight blocks away, place no one ever heard of, a black man there commands the attention of the world for months? That ain't my world.

~Dick Gregory

I consider myself always a humorist. And I think anybody who tells jokes or makes people laugh is humor.

~Dick Gregory

Audiences feel no hatred from me. Because I'm not bitter.

~Dick Gregory

Hell hath no fury like a liberal scorned.

~Dick Gregory

I'm not a comic. I'm a humorist.

~Dick Gregory

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