

Erykah Badu Quotes

*Thinking, Art, People, Artist, Children, Mean, Moving, Believe, Giving, Fashion,
Home, Heart, Song, Mother, Beautiful, Years, Writing, Want, Two, Mind*

Peace and Blessings manifest with every lesson learned. If your knowledge were your wealth then it would be well earned.

~Erykah Badu

Be you. Make sure you're saying something when you're saying something. It's important to sound like you, to feel like you, to be like you. Be you.

~Erykah Badu

The light always shows on the outside if you are striving to be good on the inside.

~Erykah Badu

I'm only in competition with my last level.

~Erykah Badu

I live in a queendom, ruled by a womb-iverse.

~Erykah Badu

Following your heart also means eliminating the things that no longer evolve you.

~Erykah Badu

I think people who vibrate at the same frequency, vibrate toward each other. They call it - in science - sympathetic vibrations.

~Erykah Badu

They play it safe, are quick to assassinate what they do not understand. They move in packs, ingesting more and more fear with every act of hate on one another.

~Erykah Badu

I'm a recovering undercover over-lover.

~Erykah Badu

I create my own calm and I keep my balance, because I know that it's not really me, by myself... The Creator always gives me the energy.

~Erykah Badu

If you invite negativity in, you have to feed it and hang out with it. Best not to invite it in.

~Erykah Badu

Time to eliminate things that no longer evolve me.

~Erykah Badu

My hair is an aesthetic choice! At the same time, how you wear your hair is a political statement as well.

~Erykah Badu

Don't let anybody infiltrate your dream

~Erykah Badu

I think a lot of people have lost respect for the individual, you know, the individual, the person who doesn't conform.

~Erykah Badu

I'm a complete human being. I'm very emotional and loving. I feel, I hurt, I give, I take, and also I think. I analyze. I'm a sociologist, anthropologist.

~Erykah Badu

Better think while it's still legal.

~Erykah Badu

So the most natural thing to me is to stay as pure to or real to or close to who I am as possible.

~Erykah Badu

I grew up with all mothers, all women. I come from a long line of matriarchs, very strong women.

~Erykah Badu

I was born to make mistakes, I ain't scared to take the weight.

~Erykah Badu

Vegan food is soul food in its truest form. Soul food means to feed the soul. And, to me, your soul is your intent. If your intent is pure, you are pure.

~Erykah Badu

I encourage breaking free of self inflicted holding pens. I encourage the use of intelligence in every decision. I encourage creating.

~Erykah Badu

Personally, I don't choose any particular religion or symbol or group of words or teachings to define me. That's between me and the most high. You know, my higher self. The Creator.

~Erykah Badu

You don't have to believe everything you think.

~Erykah Badu

The Man That Knowz Something Knowz That He Knowz Nothing At All.

~Erykah Badu

That's the moment I learned that the more you believe in yourself, the stronger the vibration touches someone else, and things begin to happen the way you dreamed that they would.

~Erykah Badu

It just works better for me to discriminate between which thoughts are

mine and which come from elsewhere, before I even talk about them or express them - it helps to keep me focused on my path.

~Erykah Badu

We lock ourselves into our own philosophies, our own religions, our own walks of life, and if we fail, we condemn ourselves and then we get sick.

~Erykah Badu

Art is the absence of fear.

~Erykah Badu

This pain to remain the same outweigh the pain to change... When you get tired enough is when you begin to want to sacrifice everything inside of youâ€”the fear just leaves

~Erykah Badu

I'm not satisfied with the explanations I get from tv or from school.

~Erykah Badu

A lot of people have dementia, which is great, because then they don't recognize me.

~Erykah Badu

I don't require sex for happiness - I need companionship. I need a partner I can depend on, that I can love and grow with.

~Erykah Badu

I'm more like an oven than a microwave.

~Erykah Badu

I am not systematic at all when it comes to religion. I just love life. And I'm not judgmental. And I'm a vegetarian.

~Erykah Badu

My eyes are green, Cause I eat a lot of vegetables, It don't have nothing to do with your new friend

~Erykah Badu

I view my hair and clothes as functional art.

~Erykah Badu

In the morning, instead of saying to yourself, 'I got to wake up' say 'I get to wake up!'

~Erykah Badu

I don't know why, it's just what I feel inside, the thoughts that I sing about. It's just my truth. Sometimes my emotions can be mistaken for messages.

~Erykah Badu

The music business is motivated by money. Music is motivated by energy and feelings.

~Erykah Badu

Poor is the new black.

~Erykah Badu

I really can't say what inspires me the most, because I'm inspired by just about everything. My feelings and relationships, my family, Scooby-Doo. Opinion of my work. Everything. Not just one thing.

~Erykah Badu

Artists need some kind of stimulating experience a lot of times, which crystallizes when you sing about it or paint it or sculpt it. You literally mold the experience the way you want. It's therapy.

~Erykah Badu

Honey isn't really that good for you.

~Erykah Badu

I just keep going. When the water's too still, I start splashing around and things jump out of the water.

~Erykah Badu

What makes me furious, not just because we're in an interview, but I don't like when writers take your words and put them somewhere else, in the wrong context in their own article about you.

~Erykah Badu

I think [fashion philosophy] it's about your smile and your smell.

~Erykah Badu

If we were made in his image then call us by our names. Most intellects do not believe in god but they fear us just the same

~Erykah Badu

I'm pretty mutable as a human being, period - if you put me on Pluto, I can figure it out.

~Erykah Badu

From then on, I realized this is what I want to do, what I'm supposed to do: Giving energy and receiving it back through applause. I love it. That's my world. I love it. I enjoy it. I live for it.

~Erykah Badu

Whenever I think about funk music, it has a look - and that's how it sounds.

~Erykah Badu

Marvin Gaye is one of my favorite revolutionaries. He spoke from his heart, his mind. That's what I want to do.

~Erykah Badu

Being honest is my job. That's what music is for me.

~Erykah Badu

My paternal grandmother gave me the courage to investigate things and not take things at face value or judge people by what I first imagine them to be.

~Erykah Badu

Now my record deal helps me to do things for free or give more time to my community than I could otherwise.

~Erykah Badu

I'm a Pisces, so I'm a very closed-book kind of person.

~Erykah Badu

I try to be honest and I keep moving.

~Erykah Badu

I have a master plan as an artist. I've always said I'm not going to be punching nobody's clock. I will work as an artist to survive in this world.

~Erykah Badu

Because you're responsible for [children]. You are there to protect them, not possess them. I tell them, "Watch me and you might learn something."

~Erykah Badu

Now keep in mind that I'm an artist and I'm sensitive about my sh*t

~Erykah Badu

I don't have one song that sounds like another one in my entire catalog.

~Erykah Badu

I planned my success. I knew it was going to happen.

~Erykah Badu

I consider my musical ability to be a gift from the Creator. It's not that I try to work hard or nothing like that, it's a gift, it was given to me, and I appreciate it.

~Erykah Badu

I come from a long line of matriarchal women, and my greatest teachers were my mothers.

~Erykah Badu

No one chooses to raise children alone.

~Erykah Badu

The reason why you don't see people looking like me is because I don't encourage that. I encourage you to be you.

~Erykah Badu

I'm just being who I am and expressing myself as everyone else does.

~Erykah Badu

Hopefully my music is medicine, some type of antidote for something or some kind of explanation or just to feel good.

~Erykah Badu

People are uncomfortable with sexuality that's not for male consumption.

~Erykah Badu

Music and the music business are two different things.

~Erykah Badu

I grew up listening to old soul

~Erykah Badu

The kind of music or the kind of arrangements that I do, the kind of musicians I choose, is just what I like to hear.

~Erykah Badu

When you're in a relationship you want it to work. My parents did, I did. But we are not taught how to make it work.

~Erykah Badu

I love being an entertainer - not really fond of being a celebrity.

~Erykah Badu

I can be Erykah the human being more than the celebrity.

~Erykah Badu

When it comes to fashion or any high art, you have to have a combination of delicacy, along with taste.

~Erykah Badu

I believed in myself, and I've always worked very, very hard as an artist, and I am an artist in every sense of the word.

~Erykah Badu

A home birth is about being able to create exactly what you want, because it's such a violent moment inside of the body that you want everything else to be as beautiful as it can be.

~Erykah Badu

I'll dabble here and there in different forms of the art, but the label has me locked down like a slave so, of course, I'll be doing albums during this time

~Erykah Badu

All I want to do is give the world my heart... Record label tryina make me compromise my art.

~Erykah Badu

I have a Pinterest, and if you look there you'll see the things I really like and adore, have crushes on, and there's a lot of stuff from Riccardo's [Tisci] line on there.

~Erykah Badu

He definitely does what a partner is supposed to do, that is, evolve you.

~Erykah Badu

People who say that music is dead or hip-hop is dead are refusing to evolve.

~Erykah Badu

It's weird, but if I decide to do an album, then the ideas start fitting themselves together. I consider myself a nice, slow burn. Plus, it's not a race. And I have a lot to share.

~Erykah Badu

Hip-hop is the people. What the people are moving toward is what hip-hop is. I think people are moving toward a freer way of thinking. Openness.

~Erykah Badu

I don't have any particular thing I do ritualistically. I do the same thing every day. I get up. Drink a lot of water. Have a wheatgrass shot. Drink some green juice. Eat as healthy as I can.

~Erykah Badu

I don't read music or anything, so when I produce, I go basically by ear.

~Erykah Badu

I'd rather see a person with a natural mind and processed mind than a processed mind and a natural head.

~Erykah Badu

I think the job of an artist is to be honest and fearless.

~Erykah Badu

The wise healer endures the pain. Cry. Tears bring joy.

~Erykah Badu

I was the bohemian in my family, the "this is my favorite shoe and I don't care if it has tape around it" kind of person. The tape could become a fashion statement. Or a political statement.

~Erykah Badu

I love to leave the interpretation of my music up to the listener. It's fun to see what they'll say it is

~Erykah Badu

I've had two children. I've had three boyfriends. I've had a lot of things happen that can change your opinions and values and philosophies.

~Erykah Badu

The girls just like to be in the shoes. They like to scuff up the floors and walk around in high-heeled shoes that are too big for them, all over the house.

~Erykah Badu

I'm kind of a recluse when it comes to going outside.

~Erykah Badu

Man, I don't want to have nothing to do with computers. I don't want the

government in my business.

~Erykah Badu

I started performing at two or three on a tape recorder, one of those little flat recorders where you just push play and record.

~Erykah Badu

If you want to relate to a certain audience or generation, you have to speak their language. I truly believe that.

~Erykah Badu

I'm not trying to win an award for being the best vegetarian, just want to be healthy.

~Erykah Badu

Hip-hop was created out of necessity. We needed to create some digitized things to help us understand what we were feeling.

~Erykah Badu

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