

Johnny Carson Quotes

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Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often.

~Johnny Carson

I know a man who gave up smoking, drinking, sex, and rich food. He was healthy right up to the day he killed himself.

~Johnny Carson

When a comic becomes enamored with his own views and foists them off on the public in a polemic way, he loses not only his sense of humor but his value as a humorist.

~Johnny Carson

Married men live longer than single men. But married men are a lot more willing to die.

~Johnny Carson

Talent alone won't make you a success. Neither will being in the right place at the right time, unless you are ready. The most important question is: 'Are you ready?'

~Johnny Carson

Never use a big word when a little filthy one will do.

~Johnny Carson

Democracy is buying a big house you can't afford with money you don't have to impress people you wish were dead.

~Johnny Carson

Some sad news from Australia... the inventor of the boomerang grenade died today.

~Johnny Carson

Happiness is having a rare steak, a bottle of whiskey, and a dog to eat the rare steak.

~Johnny Carson

Mail your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for Christmas.

~Johnny Carson

If variety is the spice of life, marriage is the big can of leftover Spam.

~Johnny Carson

Never ask your wife if she still hears from her old pimp.

~Johnny Carson

Happiness is your dentist telling you it won't hurt and then having him catch his hand in the drill.

~Johnny Carson

For days after death hair and fingernails continue to grow, but phone calls taper off.

~Johnny Carson

I was so naive as a kid I used to sneak behind the barn and do nothing.

~Johnny Carson

Happiness is discovering the prune juice your doctor ordered you to drink has fermented.

~Johnny Carson

The worst gift is a fruitcake. There is only one fruitcake in the entire world, and people keep sending it to each other.

~Johnny Carson

Happiness is.....finding two olives in your martini when youre hungry.

~Johnny Carson

Last night, it was so cold, the flashers in New York were only describing themselves.

~Johnny Carson

If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead.

~Johnny Carson

Happiness is seeing your son drafted the same day he's been accepted to an expensive college.

~Johnny Carson

When turkeys mate they think of swans.

~Johnny Carson

My success just evolved from working hard at the business at hand each day.

~Johnny Carson

If it weren't for Philo T. Farnsworth, inventor of television, we'd still be eating frozen radio dinners.

~Johnny Carson

Democracy means that anyone can grow up to be president, and anyone who doesn't grow up can be vice president.

~Johnny Carson

George Burns has been on my show twenty or thirty times, or maybe more. How can you turn down a guy that age?

~Johnny Carson

In Hollywood if you don't have a shrink, people think you're crazy.

~Johnny Carson

Anytime four New Yorkers get into a cab together without arguing, a bank robbery has just taken place.

~Johnny Carson

Happiness is being stuck in an elevator and discovering the ravishing blonde with you is a liquor salesman with a case of samples.

~Johnny Carson

Did you know Richard Nixon is the only president whose formal portrait was painted by a police sketch artist?

~Johnny Carson

May you have the income of a Republican and the sex life of a Democrat!

~Johnny Carson

According to statistics, it's a lot easier to get hit by lightning than to win a Lotto jackpot. The good side: you don't hear from your relatives.

~Johnny Carson

Happiness is sitting down to watch some slides of your neighbor's vacation and finding out that he spent two weeks in a nudist colony.

~Johnny Carson

We resort, frankly, to pies, which is a comedy staple that's gone back, I guess, to since the first pie was ever baked.

~Johnny Carson

What's all this fuss about plutonium? How can something named after a Disney character be dangerous?

~Johnny Carson

The best way to thaw a frozen turkey? Blow in it's ear.

~Johnny Carson

It was so hot today that Burger King was singing, "if you want it your way, cook it yourself".

~Johnny Carson

New York is an exciting town where something is happening all the time, most unsolved.

~Johnny Carson

A two-pound turkey and a fifty-pound cranberry-that's Thanksgiving dinner at Three Mile Island.

~Johnny Carson

I work because I enjoy what I'm doing, and the fact that I make money at it - big money - is a fine-and-dandy side fact.

~Johnny Carson

The difference between divorce and legal separation is that legal separation gives a husband time to hide his money.

~Johnny Carson

People will pay more to be entertained than educated.

~Johnny Carson

Whatever you do, you're going to be criticized.

~Johnny Carson

I hear that whenever someone in the White House tells a lie, Nixon gets a royalty.

~Johnny Carson

Money gives me just one big thing that's really important, and that's the

freedom of not having to worry about money.

~Johnny Carson

Pie throwing is kind of a lost art, and although it may be a rather rudimentary, burlesque humor, there's something inherently funny about taking a pie in the face, under the right conditions.

~Johnny Carson

I wouldn't have the slightest interest in running for public office. I'd rather make jokes about politicians than become one of them.

~Johnny Carson

I never analyze it. Analyzing it would just be a waste of time. I just go out and do it.

~Johnny Carson

Happiness is seeing the muscular lifeguard all the girls were admiring leave the beach hand in hand with another muscular lifeguard.

~Johnny Carson

I feel the one sensible thing you can do is try to live in a way that pleases you. If you don't hurt anybody else, what you do is your own business.

~Johnny Carson

There was this billy goat at a movie studio who found and ate a can of film. When a nanny asked him how he liked it, he said, "It was all right but I liked the book better."

~Johnny Carson

Adults ask questions as a child does. When you stop wondering, you might as well put your rocker on the front porch and call it a day.

~Johnny Carson

If God didn't want man to hunt, He wouldn't have given us plaid shirts.

~Johnny Carson

From the time I was a little kid, I was always shy. Performing was when I was outgoing. So I guess I am a loner. I get claustrophobia if a lot of people are around.

~Johnny Carson

If you're happy in what you're doing, you'll like yourself, you'll have inner peace.

~Johnny Carson

I hated my last boss. He asked, Why are you two hours late? I said, I fell downstairs. He said, That doesn't take two hours.

~Johnny Carson

Ronald Reagan just signed the new tax law. But I think he was in Hollywood too long. He signed it, 'Best wishes, Ronald Reagan.'

~Johnny Carson

The only thing money gives you is the freedom of not worrying about money.

~Johnny Carson

How much of the national news that you report to the public each night consists of information you've actually gone out and dug up on your own?

~Johnny Carson

The closest thing to Roseanne Barr's singing the national anthem was my cat being neutered.

~Johnny Carson

Egyptian President Sadat had a belly dancer entertain President Nixon

at a state dinner. Mr. Nixon was really impressed. He hadn't seen contortions like that since Rose Mary Woods.

~Johnny Carson

I know a guy who gave up smoking cigarettes, consuming, sex, and wealthy meals.

~Johnny Carson

Everybody I meet in public seems to want to audition for me. If I ask a guy what time it is, he'll sing it to me.

~Johnny Carson

He's so fat, he can be his own running mate.

~Johnny Carson

Only lie about the future.

~Johnny Carson

An oxymoron? What's that? A moron who studies at Oxford?

~Johnny Carson

Happiness is a tiger in your tank and a pussycat in your back seat.

~Johnny Carson

We're more effective than birth control pills.

~Johnny Carson

The Hollywood tradition I like best is called sucking up to the stars.

~Johnny Carson

Audiences have proved time and again that they don't want a steady diet of any entertainer airing his social views - especially if he's a comedian.

~Johnny Carson

I heard from my cat's lawyer today; my cat wants \$12,000 a week for Tender Vittles.

~Johnny Carson

I can empathize with President [George Bush]. I know what it feels like having a young guy waiting around for you to keel over.

~Johnny Carson

As for being sociable, I hate the phoniness in the showbiz world. I know this will be taken wrong, but I don't like clubs and organizations. I was never a joiner.

~Johnny Carson

I'm an entertainer, not a commentator. If you're a comedian your job is to make people laugh.

~Johnny Carson

Democracy is welcoming people from other lands, and giving them something to hold onto. Usually a mop or a leaf blower.

~Johnny Carson

Never marry a girl named 'Marie' who used to be known as 'Murray'.

~Johnny Carson

I know you've been married to the same woman for 69 years. That is marvelous. It must be very inexpensive.

~Johnny Carson

Democracy means free television, not good television, but free.

~Johnny Carson

Air Canada. That's a good name for a Canadian airline.

~Johnny Carson

Having money gives me the freedom to worry about the things that really matter.

~Johnny Carson

We have two kinds of air: regular and chunky style.

~Johnny Carson

When the public starts classifying you as thoughtful, someone given to serious issues, you find yourself declassified as a humorist.

~Johnny Carson

As long as I don't commit any crimes, you have no right to judge me except by my performance as a professional. On that level, you're welcome to think whatever you want about me.

~Johnny Carson

They say atomic rad-i-ation can hurt your reproductive organs. My answer is, so can a hockey stick. But we don't stop building them.

~Johnny Carson

As you all know by now, this is the 51st annual Academy Awards. Two hours of sparkling entertainment spread out over a four-hour show.

~Johnny Carson

Happiness is being served with a paternity suit on your 75th birthday.

~Johnny Carson

That would have been a great ticket, Reagan and Ford - an actor and a stuntman.

~Johnny Carson

I am one of the lucky people in the world; I found something I always wanted to do, and I have enjoyed every single minute of it.

~Johnny Carson

Your chances of getting hit by lightning go up if you stand under a tree, shake your fist at the sky, and say "Storms suck!!"

~Johnny Carson

Pittsburgh is kind of like Newark without the cultural advantages.

~Johnny Carson

I have an ego like anybody else, but I don't need to be stoked by going before the public all the time.

~Johnny Carson

Entertainment is like any other major industry; it's cold, big business. The business end wants to know one thing: Can you do the job? If you can, you're in, you're made; if you can't, you're out.

~Johnny Carson

The Champagne they have stored is getting more valuable every year.

~Johnny Carson

The only issue cash presents you is the independence of not stressing about funds.

~Johnny Carson

Nancy Reagan fell down and broke her hair.

~Johnny Carson

I demand my right to a private life, just as I respect that right for everybody else.

~Johnny Carson

I don't think it's you that changes with success - it's the people around you who change. Because of your new status, they change in relation to you.

~Johnny Carson

People are hypocrites. If you ask them what they want to see on TV, they'll tell you they want better quality programming. And then what do they watch? 'Gilligan's Island.'

~Johnny Carson

It's the lack of this kind of open and honest education about sex that causes so many kids to grow up with sexual hang-ups.

~Johnny Carson

There are very few Japanese Jews. As a result, there is no Japanese word for Alan King.

~Johnny Carson

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