

KRS-One Quotes

*Rap, Hip Hop, Thinking, Hips, Artist, Men, Race, Uplifting, Kings, Husband,
Children, Black, People, Thug, Ignorance, Mind, Mean, Teacher, Stars, Talking*

Educate yourself make your world view bigger, visualize wealth, and put yourself in the picture

~KRS-One

You know, you don't see with your eyes You see with your brain And the more words your brain has The more things you can see

~KRS-One

I am the manifestation of study, NOT the manifestation of money. Therefore, I advance through thought, NOT what's manufactured and bought.

~KRS-One

If Hip Hop has the ability to corrupt young minds, it also has the ability to Uplift them.

~KRS-One

Rappers spit rhymes that are mostly illegal, MC's spit rhymes to uplift their people.

~KRS-One

I grew up in them streets, like everyone else but instead of pushin' drugs, I pushed knowledge of self

~KRS-One

Kings lose crowns but teachers stay intelligent

~KRS-One

Trust in God, that's where the crown is at. It's not in what you get, it's what happens after that.

~KRS-One

Rap is something you do Hip Hop is something you live

~KRS-One

The courage to be yourself is the essence of hip hop

~KRS-One

I'd rather make one righteous dollar on my level Than make a million dollars spittin' rhymes for the devil.

~KRS-One

Ignorance is a poison and knowledge will nourish.

~KRS-One

No [other rappers are on my level], none of them. Here, let me put it like this in the sky, there are a million stars, but when the sun appears, you see none of them. I am the sun.

~KRS-One

There could never really be justice on stolen land.

~KRS-One

You got to have style, and learn to be original.

~KRS-One

Don't you think it's time we thought about the future? Whether our children are gonna be winners or losers

~KRS-One

Teach the student what needs to be taught. 'Cause black and white kids both take shorts When one doesn't know about the other one's culture, Ignorance swoops down like a vulture.

~KRS-One

If we have power to degrade an entire society, then we also have the power to uplift it.

~KRS-One

Are you tired of lyrical liars, passing fliers, Wannabe MC's, but really good triers, Tripping over mic cords, getting you bored, A total fraud, this kind of thing I can't afford!

~KRS-One

Love yourself and your expression, you can't go wrong.

~KRS-One

Teachers teach and do the world good, Kings just rule and most are never understood

~KRS-One

You are not doing hip hop; you ARE hip hop.

~KRS-One

You were put here to protect us. But who protects us from you?

~KRS-One

Hip is the knowledge and Hop is the movement.

~KRS-One

It's not about a salary, it's all about reality.

~KRS-One

I'm not saying I'm number 1, oh sorry I lied.. I'm number 1,2,3,4 and 5

~KRS-One

Stop the negativity and control our creativity

~KRS-One

Do you ever think about when you outta here? Record deal and video, outta here!? Mercedes Benz and Range Rover, outta here!?

~KRS-One

Too many MC's take that word 'emcee' lightly; They can't Move a Crowd, not even slightly.

~KRS-One

Believers of Jesus be denouncing Satan on every level, But every Halloween they're dressin' like devils.

~KRS-One

I make intelligence cool. I make spirituality cool. If we can make one's devotion to God cool, then I think I did a great thing. I can rest in peace.

~KRS-One

I haven't come to tell you I've got juice I just produce, create, innovate on a higher level

~KRS-One

So you think that hip-hop had it's start out in Queensbridge, If you popped that junk up in the Bronx you might not live.

~KRS-One

The true word of God is written in our heart.

~KRS-One

You sleep with a man, that's your husband. So make sure before you lay down, you love him.

~KRS-One

Real men are real friends, showing their real commitment.

~KRS-One

Rebel, renegade, must stay paid.

~KRS-One

It's just hypocrisy on hip-hop's part to cry racial profiling when your race is on TV acting like fools.

~KRS-One

The single most important lesson I learned is that black people are the cause of black people's demise.

~KRS-One

Hip-hoppers are not interpreting what hip-hop is, and when we do interpret it, we interpret it as something immature, unorganized, and outlaw.

~KRS-One

I know that I'm freer as a hip-hopper than as an executive. Even as a black man, I enjoy more freedom as a hip-hopper than as a black man. That, s controversial to say, but it's the truth.

~KRS-One

Hip-Hop is being spoken through spirituality... Meaning that you'll be able to listen to it spiritually for yourself.

~KRS-One

Rap is like a set-up...a lot of games, A lot of suckers with colorful names. 'I'm so-and-so,' 'I'm this, I'm that.' But they all just wick-wick-wack.

~KRS-One

You know something, it's best no to have what you need because then, you start looking for what you need and make it what you need.

~KRS-One

Deepak Chopra, look at him. He's probably the most successful self-help guru in the world. I don't think he's struggling for any marketing or exposure. You've just got to know where your audience is.

~KRS-One

I'm not an executive. I can do it, I have the mind for it, but there's a life that you have to lead, and you have to give up your creative freedom. That's what I don't want to give up.

~KRS-One

Yo Premier, why these rappers so soft? They corny ass raps be makin me doze off.

~KRS-One

Rap is still an art, and no-one's from the Old School Cuz rap is still a brand-new tool

~KRS-One

There's a Universe Instrument, where we apply Hip-Hop to astronomy, and we flush out the chemistry of Hip-Hop. We also flushed out the astronomy, to see where Hip-Hop is read in the stars.

~KRS-One

If you're a conscious rap artist and you're worried about Billboard charts, you're gonna have a problem.

~KRS-One

I used to let the olde english 8- suds bubble in the last car of the Franklin Avenue shuttle

~KRS-One

I've enjoyed much success. The IRS is always at my door, constantly.

~KRS-One

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