

Lenny Bruce Quotes

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The American Constitution was not written to protect criminals; it was written to protect the government from becoming criminals.

~Lenny Bruce

The 'what should be' never did exist, but people keep trying to live up to it. There is no 'what should be,' there is only what is.

~Lenny Bruce

There's a lot of money in wars, except in the war on poverty. Can't make any bread helping the poor.

~Lenny Bruce

Marijuana will be legal some day, because the many law students who now smoke pot will someday become congressmen and legalize it in order to protect themselves.

~Lenny Bruce

If Jesus had been killed twenty years ago, Catholic school children would be wearing little electric chairs around their necks instead of crosses.

~Lenny Bruce

It's the suppression of the word that gives it the power, the violence, the viciousness.

~Lenny Bruce

Guys are like dogs. They keep comin' back. Ladies are like cats. Yell at a cat one time, they're gone.

~Lenny Bruce

I think it's about time we gave up religion and got back to God.

~Lenny Bruce

You can't do anything with anybody's body to make it dirty to me. Six

people, eight people, one person - you can do only one thing to make it dirty: kill it. Hiroshima was dirty.

~Lenny Bruce

Freedom of speech is a two way street, man. You have the right to say whatever you want and the Boss has a right to tell the police to arrest you.

~Lenny Bruce

There are no dirty words, only dirty minds.

~Lenny Bruce

Let me tell you the truth: The truth is what is. And what should be is a fantasy a terrible, terrible lie that someone gave the people long ago.

~Lenny Bruce

To say whatever nonsense comes into your head without any repercussions has got to be a bigger high than heckling a movie screen in a darkened theater.

~Lenny Bruce

There are never enough I Love You's.

~Lenny Bruce

Miami Beach is where neon goes to die.

~Lenny Bruce

Anyone who has two shirts when someone has none is not a christian.

~Lenny Bruce

The liberals can understand everything but people who don't understand them.

~Lenny Bruce

Trying to figure things out was my gig. Without the human condition, there's no struggle, no pain and that means no laughter.

~Lenny Bruce

Faith is to the human what sand is to the ostrich.

~Lenny Bruce

You got a million drug laws now because the bosses figured there was more money in putting people in jail than taxing something anyone can grow on a window sill.

~Lenny Bruce

All my humor is based upon destruction and despair. If the whole world were tranquil, without disease and violence, I'd be standing on the breadline right in back of J. Edgar Hoover.

~Lenny Bruce

Every day people are straying away from the church and going back to God.

~Lenny Bruce

That's where the conflict starts. We all want for a wife a combination Sunday school teacher and a \$500-a-night hooker.

~Lenny Bruce

Alright, let's admit it, we Jews killed Christ - but it was only for three days.

~Lenny Bruce

Sex and obscenity are not synonymous.

~Lenny Bruce

If something about the human body disgusts you, the fault lies with the manufacturer.

~Lenny Bruce

Once you take away the struggle for food, clothing and shelter, work is the one four letter word that offends everyone.

~Lenny Bruce

What is truth today may be a damn lie next week.

~Lenny Bruce

Never trust a preacher with more than two suits.

~Lenny Bruce

Satire is tragedy plus time. You give it enough time, the public, the reviewers will allow you to satirize it. Which is rather ridiculous, when you think about it.

~Lenny Bruce

If there was absolute freedom, people would run over babies and charge admission.

~Lenny Bruce

I won't say ours was a tough school, but we had our own coroner. We used to write songs like, "What I'm going to do if I grow up".

~Lenny Bruce

Every tribe needs a good front man to sell the program. Who better to convince the Middle East to give up the oil, than a brown man with a Muslim name?

~Lenny Bruce

I was surprised when Nixon passed the test and showed up in heaven, but, I guess Hitler threw off the curve for our century.

~Lenny Bruce

My mother-in-law broke up my marriage. My wife came home from work one day and found me in bed with her.

~Lenny Bruce

In the Halls of Justice the only justice is in the halls.

~Lenny Bruce

Once the country was settled and built, the bosses changed the order from a stack of educated workers to a barrel of minimum wage lottery dreamers.

~Lenny Bruce

You know there's no crooked politicians. There's never a lie because there is never any truth.

~Lenny Bruce

If I just stuck to pot I might have found out what a drag being an aging hipster actually was.

~Lenny Bruce

Wouldn't it be nice if all the people who are lonesome could live in one big dormitory, sleep in beds next to each other, talk, laugh, and keep the lights on as long as they want to?

~Lenny Bruce

If you're going to stop masturbating, you can't taper off. You've got to quit, cold jerky!

~Lenny Bruce

A lot of people say to me, 'Why did you kill Christ?' I dunno, it was one of those parties, got out of hand, you know.

~Lenny Bruce

Life is a four-letter word.

~Lenny Bruce

I hate small towns because once you've seen the cannon in the park there's nothing else to do.

~Lenny Bruce

The only truly anonymous donor is the guy who knocks up your daughter.

~Lenny Bruce

I am influenced by every second of my waking hour.

~Lenny Bruce

The only honest art form is laughter, comedy. You can't fake it.

~Lenny Bruce

I've been accused of bad taste, and I'll go down to my grave accused of it and always by the same people, the ones who eat in restaurants that reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.

~Lenny Bruce

Anyone who does anything for pleasure to indulge his selfish soul will surely burn in Hell.

~Lenny Bruce

I tried the religion scam in Miami, so I know how hard that gig is. But, if you can get it to work, starting your own religion is a license to print money.

~Lenny Bruce

If you believe there is a God, a God that made your body, and yet you think that you can do anything with that body that's dirty, then the fault lies with the manufacturer.

~Lenny Bruce

All my humor is based upon destruction and despair.

~Lenny Bruce

When earth gets good and crowded, like 15th century England, then some new Pilgrims are gonna rocket their Mayflowers to a new solar system.

~Lenny Bruce

Every group needs a comedian. A comic who is politically incorrect at the Berkeley campus might slay them at a Klan rally.

~Lenny Bruce

You put a guy on a desert island, he'll do it to mud, a chicken, a barrel, anything, a knothole.

~Lenny Bruce

Certain things are complete superstition and have no validity at all in the Bible. Yeah. They're just the antithesis of everything that is correct intellectually.

~Lenny Bruce

If you live in New York, even if you're Catholic, you're Jewish

~Lenny Bruce

Communism is like one big phone company.

~Lenny Bruce

When you're eight years old, nothing is any of your business.

~Lenny Bruce

Once you sleep on feathers you can't go back to sleeping on the floor.

~Lenny Bruce

I'm not a comedian. I'm Lenny Bruce.

~Lenny Bruce

The only honest art form is laughter, comedy. You can't fake it... try to fake three laughs in an hour - ha ha ha ha ha - they'll take you away, man. You can't.

~Lenny Bruce

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I wanted out of the navy so bad in '45, I faked homo to get a discharge. It didn't matter that the Germans surrendered, I knew we were heading to Japan and I was done with that scene.

~Lenny Bruce

The role of a comedian is to make the audience laugh, at a minimum of once every fifteen seconds.

~Lenny Bruce

There's always a down side with any freedom. It's not just homosexual freedom, but any sexual freedom comes at a price, and that is usually art.

~Lenny Bruce

I know what "custody" [of the children] means. "Get even." That's all custody means. Get even with your old lady.

~Lenny Bruce

I've talked to biblical cats, and Neanderthals who been here since day one. No one here has even seen the Big Boss. Ever.

~Lenny Bruce

Children ought to watch pornographic movies: it's healthier than learning about sex from Hollywood.

~Lenny Bruce

You got to pay your dues to get the joke. Besides, laughter is cheap and very portable. If there's a pogrom, or they're blaming you for the plague, nothing is easier to pack than a sense of humor.

~Lenny Bruce

What you end up with is outrageousness without the laugh - comedy as electro shock therapy.

~Lenny Bruce

The crooks downtown figured out that comedy is like a hammer. It can put up a barn and it can knock down a wall. So they bought it outright and marketed it as Comedy Central.

~Lenny Bruce

If you can take the hot lead enema, then you can cast the first stone.

~Lenny Bruce

TV is just advertising for your live gig, so I'm playing whichever show is gonna get me the biggest crowd.

~Lenny Bruce

I'm sure that half the buzz from smoking grass was the fact that it was so illegal.

~Lenny Bruce

There is only what is and that's it. What should be is a dirty lie.

~Lenny Bruce

Communism is just one big telephone company.

~Lenny Bruce

I'll die young, but it's like kissing God.

~Lenny Bruce

I credit the motion picture industry as the strongest environmental factor in molding the children of my day.

~Lenny Bruce

Even if you are Catholic, if you live in New York you're Jewish. If you live in Butte, Montana, you are going to be goyish even if you are Jewish.

~Lenny Bruce

You can't just run out and start the car until some cat invents a car.

~Lenny Bruce

I want to perform an unnatural act.

~Lenny Bruce

If I get busted in New York, the freest city in the world, that will be the end of my career.

~Lenny Bruce

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