

Malachy McCourt

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My purpose in life always has been to avoid work. And I hear these people saying, "I work hard and I pay my taxes." Well, you're an asshole.

~Malachy McCourt

Conservatism is not a political ideology, it is a severe form of brain damage for which there's hardly any cure.

~Malachy McCourt

Organized religions have all the facets of organized crime, except the compassion of organized crime.

~Malachy McCourt

I am an alcoholic, as I said. And it is however we call it, a disease. That's an explanation, but not an excuse.

~Malachy McCourt

Whenever I'm broadcasting, I like it. When I'm broadcasting I can't wait to hear what I say.

~Malachy McCourt

We are spectators to violence, and therefore are, how well we don't know and make sure we don't know the difference of real violence to that of simulation.

~Malachy McCourt

Being a kid myself, I loved playing and I loved playing with words, and making up things and riddles and songs and not afraid of being silly in public.

~Malachy McCourt

They don't allow a dying on the highway. No Passing. They give you a ticket if you die on the highway.

~Malachy McCourt

I tell my children, shut up and let me speak. What I've learned, I have been married for 45 years and in my own family It is that I've learned to stop being judgmental, to listen.

~Malachy McCourt

If you look up the word "gab" in the dictionary, it's insignificant of importance, of no substance. That's what gab is.

~Malachy McCourt

This is the place for me where every single dream I ever had came to fruition and I love it dearly. I love ya, New York.

~Malachy McCourt

To me a saint is a severely edited sinner. That's what I think.

~Malachy McCourt

Do whatever you want because that's not what you are. That's what you do for the moment.

~Malachy McCourt

Never make any reference to the other person's family. "You're just like your - " because that is out, completely.

~Malachy McCourt

I absolutely love the public transportation system in New York. No matter what, no matter how people complain, it is the best in the world.

~Malachy McCourt

Imagination in the child is powerful. Reading and laughter and love are essential in our lives.

~Malachy McCourt

When I'm writing in long hand, it just goes on and on and on. When I was in the saloon business, I would just greet people and talk to them

and avoid taxes, and getting behind the bar. What else.

~Malachy McCourt

I would like to do away with all kind of - all weapons. A dream - totally. Including the bow an arrow.

~Malachy McCourt

That's my punishment in hell, shoveling horseshit.

~Malachy McCourt

When I'm writing, I thoroughly enjoy it. It just goes on.

~Malachy McCourt

To lose one parent is a tragedy, to lose both is utter carelessness.

~Malachy McCourt

I've seen so many horrible and awful results and consequences of people practicing alcoholism. It's murder, I've seen that. I've seen a lot of suicides, a lot of strange sins.

~Malachy McCourt

I kind of miss the old sleazy Times Square, in a way. And yet I don't mind not being accosted by all sorts of strange people.

~Malachy McCourt

Here am I, a human being and that has a body that is getting old. And I only have one, I can't trade it in.

~Malachy McCourt

The alcoholism got me and I ruined my first marriage with drinking and the lying and the deceit and infidelity, and all of that. The whole bloody thing.

~Malachy McCourt

I wonder what I can do about war. Is it the destiny of human kind to eventually wipe ourselves out with these weapons of mass destruction? Are we stupid to think that we can control them?

~Malachy McCourt

There's no recovery from alcoholism, it is an incurable disease. And it also is a disease that tells you, you don't have a disease.

~Malachy McCourt

I'm an alcoholic, recovering. And I used to smoke cigarettes, and I was a philanderer and I, wouldn't call myself good.

~Malachy McCourt

That's one part of oppression is to make sure you are a shameful, shamed human being. That takes care of the past.

~Malachy McCourt

To be Irish today is the abandonment of shame and the younger people are moving it out and they're moving the fear away. They're not afraid, they're adventurous.

~Malachy McCourt

I've been sober for 25. And every day I am very grateful that I don't drink.

~Malachy McCourt

I had great faith that perhaps this man Obama would do something, but he is, we're all in the grip of big money.

~Malachy McCourt

The word is a sound of some sort and that's where the energy comes from.

~Malachy McCourt

The purpose of the media is to make us all spectators, to watch. So that's why we have millions of fat children watching the games, eating and consuming and not playing themselves.

~Malachy McCourt

I see the way I look upon organized religion, I was a victim of that of mythology, and of cruelty, and all the absurd stuff.

~Malachy McCourt

I think people are so disillusioned with the parties. It's one party with two different names, and they are so spineless.

~Malachy McCourt

Alcoholism is a dread, an awful, and fatal disease.

~Malachy McCourt

I am full of theories that are based on a very liquid foundation, because I used to be a drinker.

~Malachy McCourt

I would never become an alcoholic like my father because my father deserted us. But diseases, there's no let up.

~Malachy McCourt

I've avoided work all my life, you see. So, I'm like a bee. I go from flower to flower.

~Malachy McCourt

The Supreme Court gives corporations the same rights as a human being. It's absurd. You can't do that.

~Malachy McCourt

I stay in the present, so I don't know about the future.

~Malachy McCourt

There seems to be less obvious corruption in city government and New York politicians, they aren't Republican or Democrat, they're New Yorkers.

~Malachy McCourt

Democracy to me is letting the other person speak and being dissenting without being disagreeable.

~Malachy McCourt

Once I know I'm an alcoholic then it is my obligation, duty to see what I can do about healing myself.

~Malachy McCourt

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