

# Malcolm X

## Quotes

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Black, Rights, Kings, Two, Hate, Race, Jobs, Children, Attitude, Fighting,  
Justice*

The media's the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and to make the guilty innocent, and that's power. Because they control the minds of the masses.

~Malcolm X

A wise man can play the part of a clown, but a clown can't play the part of a wise man.

~Malcolm X

We need more light about each other. Light creates understanding, understanding creates love, love creates patience, and patience creates unity.

~Malcolm X

When 'I' replaced with 'We', even the illness becomes wellness.

~Malcolm X

If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything.

~Malcolm X

I have more respect for a man who lets me know where he stands, even if he's wrong, than the one who comes up like an angel and is nothing but a devil.

~Malcolm X

Be peaceful, be courteous, obey the law, respect everyone; but if someone puts his hand on you, send him to the cemetery.

~Malcolm X

If you're not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing.

~Malcolm X

You're not supposed to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who says it.

~Malcolm X

The mother is the first teacher of the child. The message she gives that child, that child gives to the world.

~Malcolm X

Read absolutely everything you get your hands on because you'll never know where you'll get an idea from.

~Malcolm X

You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.

~Malcolm X

If you form the habit of taking what someone else says about a thing without checking it out for yourself, you'll find that other people will have you hating your friends and loving your enemies.

~Malcolm X

America's greatest crime against the black man was not slavery or lynching, but that he was taught to wear a mask of self-hate and self-doubt.

~Malcolm X

The most disrespected person in America is the black woman. The most unprotected person in America is the black woman. The most neglected person in America is the black woman.

~Malcolm X

For tomorrow belongs to those that prepare for it today.

~Malcolm X

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

~Malcolm X

They cripple the bird's wing, and then condemn it for not flying as fast as they.

~Malcolm X

Learn to see, listen, and think for yourself.

~Malcolm X

That's not a chip on my shoulder, that's your foot on my neck.

~Malcolm X

You and I have never seen democracy; all we've seen is hypocrisy.

~Malcolm X

If not now then when, if not me then who?

~Malcolm X

Don't be in a hurry to condemn because he doesn't do what you do or think as you think or as fast. There was a time when you didn't know what you know today.

~Malcolm X

Only those who have already experienced a revolution within themselves can reach out effectively to help others.

~Malcolm X

Usually when people are sad, they don't do anything. They just cry over their condition. But when they get angry, they bring about a change.

~Malcolm X

I'm for truth, no matter who tells it. I'm for justice, no matter who it's for

or against.

~Malcolm X

One day, may we all meet together in the light of understanding.

~Malcolm X

The mental flexibility of the wise man permits him to keep an open mind and enables him to readjust himself whenever it becomes necessary for a change.

~Malcolm X

The greatest mistake of the movement has been trying to organize a sleeping people around specific goals. You have to wake the people up first, then you'll get action.

~Malcolm X

Concerning non-violence: it is criminal to teach a man not to defend himself when he is the constant victim of brutal attacks.

~Malcolm X

You can cuss out colonialism, imperialism, and all other kinds of ism, but it's hard for you to cuss that dollarism. When they drop those dollars on you, your soul goes.

~Malcolm X

How can you thank a man for giving you what's already yours?

~Malcolm X

Just as a tree without roots is dead, a people without history or cultural roots also becomes a dead people.

~Malcolm X

If you have no critics you'll likely have no success.

~Malcolm X

I believe in human beings, and that all human beings should be respected as such, regardless of their color.

~Malcolm X

The only thing power respects, is power.

~Malcolm X

I'm not going to sit at your table and watch you eat, with nothing on my plate, and call myself a diner. Sitting at the table doesn't make you a diner.

~Malcolm X

You can always chase a dream but it will not count if you never catch it.

~Malcolm X

My Alma mater was books, a good library... I could spend the rest of my life reading, just satisfying my curiosity.

~Malcolm X

A man without any history is like a tree without roots

~Malcolm X

An English writer telephoned me from London, asking questions. One was, "What's your alma mater?" I told him, "Books."

~Malcolm X

Only a fool would let his enemy teach his children.

~Malcolm X

If you're not ready to die for it, put the word 'freedom' out of your vocabulary.

~Malcolm X

I am a Muslim and . . . my religion makes me be against all forms of racism. It keeps me from judging any man by the color of his skin. It teaches me to judge him by his deeds .

~Malcolm X

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~Malcolm X

America needs to understand Islam, because this is the one religion that erases from its society the race problem.

~Malcolm X

The political philosophy of black nationalism means that the black man should control the politics and the politicians in his own community; no more.

~Malcolm X

You get your freedom by letting your enemy know that you'll do anything to get it. Then you'll get it. It's the only way you'll get it.

~Malcolm X

A man who stands for nothing will fall for anything.

~Malcolm X

To me, the thing that is worse than death is betrayal.

~Malcolm X

People don't realize how a man's whole life can be changed by one book.

~Malcolm X

Without education, you are not going anywhere in this world.

~Malcolm X

I, for one, will join in with anyone -- I don't care what color you are -- as long as you want to change this miserable condition that exists on this earth.

~Malcolm X

I just don't believe that when people are being unjustly oppressed that they should let someone else set rules for them by which they can come out from under that oppression.

~Malcolm X

I want to be remembered as someone who was sincere. Even if I made mistakes, they were made in sincerity. If I was wrong, I was wrong in sincerity.

~Malcolm X

You show me a capitalist, and I'll show you a bloodsucker.

~Malcolm X

It is only after the deepest darkness that the greatest light can come; it is only after extreme grief that the greatest joy can come.

~Malcolm X

We cannot think of being acceptable to others until we have first proven acceptable to ourselves.

~Malcolm X

The only way we'll get freedom for ourselves is to identify ourselves with every oppressed people in the world. We are blood brothers to the people of Brazil, Venezuela, Haiti, Cuba -- yes Cuba too.

~Malcolm X

The religion of Islam actually restores one's human feelings, human rights, human incentives, human, his talent.

~Malcolm X



The Zionist argument to justify Israel's present occupation of Arab Palestine has no intelligent or legal basis in history.

~Malcolm X

I have been blessed to visit the Holy City of Mecca.

~Malcolm X

This religion (Islam) recognizes all men as brothers. It accepts all human beings as equals before God, and as equal members in the Human Family of Mankind.

~Malcolm X

We're not Americans, we're Africans who happen to be in America. We were kidnapped and brought here against our will from Africa. We didn't land on Plymouth Rock - that rock landed on us.

~Malcolm X

In my 39 years on this earth, the Holy city of Makka had been the first time I had ever stood before the Creator of all and felt like a complete human being

~Malcolm X

We didn't land on Plymouth rock, Plymouth rock landed on us".

~Malcolm X

Truth is on the side of the oppressed today, it's against the oppressor.

~Malcolm X

Reform is for people who have government connections, revolution is for the people!

~Malcolm X

Revolution is based on land. Land is the basis of all independence. Land is the basis of freedom, justice, and equality.

~Malcolm X

Nobody can give you freedom. Nobody can give you equality or justice or anything. If you're a man, you take it.

~Malcolm X

You don't have to be a man to fight for freedom. All you have to do is to be an intelligent human being.

~Malcolm X

To me, the thing that is worse than death is betrayal. You see, I could conceive death, but I could not conceive betrayal.

~Malcolm X

You can't have capitalism without racism.

~Malcolm X

As long as you are convinced you have never done anything, you can never do anything.

~Malcolm X

The price of freedom is death.

~Malcolm X

I believe it's a crime for anyone who is being brutalized to continue to accept that brutality without doing something to defend himself.

~Malcolm X

I believe in the brotherhood of all men, but I don't believe in wasting brotherhood on anyone who doesn't want to practice it with me. Brotherhood is a two-way street.

~Malcolm X

Stumbling is not falling.

~Malcolm X

The black man in Africa had mastered the arts and sciences. He knew the course of the stars in the universe before the man up in Europe knew that the earth wasn't flat.

~Malcolm X

We're all in the same boat and we all are going to catch the same hell from the same man.

~Malcolm X

How can anyone be against love?

~Malcolm X

The only time the white man is brotherly toward you is when he can use you, when he can exploit you, when he will oppress you, when you will submit to him.

~Malcolm X

Power in defense of freedom is greater than power in behalf of tyranny and oppression, because power, real power, comes from our conviction which produces action, uncompromising action.

~Malcolm X

A ballot is like a bullet. You don't throw your ballots until you see a target, and if that target is not within your reach, keep your ballot in your pocket.

~Malcolm X

Stumbling isn't falling.

~Malcolm X

America preaches integration and practices segregation.

~Malcolm X

The only persons who really changed history are those who changed men's thinking about themselves.

~Malcolm X

We are nonviolent with people who are nonviolent with us.

~Malcolm X

A new world order is in the making, and it is up to us to prepare ourselves that we may take our rightful place in it.

~Malcolm X

If we are extremists, then we are not ashamed of it, for the conditions that our people suffer are extreme, and extreme illness can not be cured with moderate medicine

~Malcolm X

Allah always gives you signs, when you are with Him, that He is with you.

~Malcolm X

Why am I as I am? To understand that of any person, his whole life, from Birth must be reviewed. All of our experiences fuse into our personality. Everything that ever happened to us is an ingredient.

~Malcolm X

I don't even call it violence when it's in self defense; I call it intelligence.

~Malcolm X

If Africa wasn't beautiful the white man wouldn't want it.

~Malcolm X

True Islam taught me that it takes all of the religious, political, economic, psychological, and racial ingredients, or characteristics, to make the Human Family and the Human Society complete.

~Malcolm X

I think that the best thing that a person can be is sincere.

~Malcolm X

Our objective is complete freedom, justice and equality by any means necessary.

~Malcolm X

I am and always will be a Muslim. My religion is Islam.

~Malcolm X

Respect me, or put me to death.

~Malcolm X

I see America through the eyes of the victim. I don't see any American dream; I see an American nightmare.

~Malcolm X

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