

Questlove Quotes

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The only mofos in my circle are people that I can learn from.

~Questlove

Hip-hop is an instant gratification, winners and losers circle, and often those who are losing give up after three or four, five years.

~Questlove

When you live your life through records, the records are a record of your life.

~Questlove

Time will tell. Time is always telling. Time never stops telling.

~Questlove

Funk never dies. It is eternal. It just smells a little different from time to time.

~Questlove

Music has the power to stop time. But music also keeps time.

~Questlove

How do you plan a rebirth? I'm not sure you do. You just stand in the darkness until you can't endure it any long, and then you move forward until you're standing in the light.

~Questlove

Just because the laws were changed doesn't mean that the attitudes have changed.

~Questlove

Hip-hop is so much about character and caricature that people just see you as a character. Very rarely are you flesh and bone to people.

~Questlove

We have to get back to "we." It's important to get back to "we" not just "I."

~Questlove

To be hip-hop is much more than just rapping in the production. It is more in the attitude.

~Questlove

And even though people like to furrow their brow like they suspect you're not being honest about yourself, the truth is that they worry that you're not serving their idea of you.

~Questlove

I don't bask in the awards I've won, read my bank statements, I refuse. To me, that's how you start losing the hunger.

~Questlove

I really appreciate when people use their fame and their voice for more than just self-promotion, starting a dialogue about a topic or an issue much bigger than themselves.

~Questlove

All we sell is the Greatest feeling on Earth

~Questlove

My life's goal is to find a happy medium for sampling to be not only legal but for the right parties to benefit from it. There have to be sampling laws. The survival of hiphop is based on that.

~Questlove

You can't live off of just greasy fatty foods and stayin' up till six in the mornin' just partyin'. You gotta take care of yourself.

~Questlove

Half the time, my job is basically to talk people off the ledge. It's more psychological than just me picking up some sticks and counting, "1, 2, 3, 4."

~Questlove

I feel like the downfall of any person is the second an artist starts celebrating their work themselves, that becomes problematic.

~Questlove

I don't think crack happened by accident. I'm part conspiracy theorist, because you can't develop something that dangerous and have it not be planned.

~Questlove

I don't have friends, and it's hard for me to make new friends. Right now, the people that are in my life are the people that I work with.

~Questlove

I've come to the conclusion that the average person can do about four things a day, like four real things a day.

~Questlove

It's funny, I can see the science in how music is made with other artists, but it's hard for me to dissect my own thing.

~Questlove

My parents were really strict about me not watching cartoons.

~Questlove

It's a funny word, persistence. It means not giving up, but it also means just passing on through time.

~Questlove

It's easy for me to say, "Oh yeah, that's the self-saboteur move that

most artists pull whenever they're afraid."

~Questlove

Meaninglessness takes hold because meaninglessness is addictive.

~Questlove

I hate videos. I'm meticulous on everything from cover art, fonts, productions, mixing. But when it comes to videos, I just feel so defeated.

~Questlove

The Chronic represented everything that I hated about hip-hop as a fan, but then later represented everything that I stood for as a musician and engineer.

~Questlove

In the 2000s, I became an artist. I started preserving and educating. I became more obsessed with making iPod playlists for people.

~Questlove

After 2001, everyone in the Soulquarians blew up, which wasn't expected. We all got the success, and then everybody froze.

~Questlove

I want to be as healthy as I can be so I can make it past 50; make it past 60 and make it past 70.

~Questlove

I cannot keep a girlfriend longer than seven months. I have 12 jobs. I don't have time for my personal life. I'm fully aware that this is the sacrifice.

~Questlove

I do count on a changing of tides. All too often, what could be a critics'

darling today becomes tomorrow's target. I don't want to be too blasphemous about it.

~Questlove

In terms of being a 'sneakerhead,' there was one point where I was obsessively following every sneaker blog. That's the beauty of Twitter: To get the heads up on what's coming out.

~Questlove

There's no such thing as success on an isolated level.

~Questlove

I never want to get to that level of poverty where taking a bath has to be a hot-pot experience.

~Questlove

I love traveling the States no matter what. I love traveling abroad, going to Japan and Australia. I love it. I never get tired of it.

~Questlove

When you first start off, you see what other people have and quietly say, "I want that."

~Questlove

Working with the artist elite can be like banging your head against the wall.

~Questlove

I hate holidays because it's the quietest; it's the most deafening sound in my apartment.

~Questlove

Jay-Z is a dude that can give you a hundred 'Simpsons' quotes, like, 'What you know about the monorail?'

~Questlove

Switching off perfection switched on the human quality

~Questlove

For anyone that's ever had a musical breakthrough in their career, it's always followed by the departure period right after.

~Questlove

During the 2008 election, I made clear to the Obama campaign that I don't think it's wise for me to force my personal political agenda on anyone.

~Questlove

I do secret stand-up shows around New York. I announce and tweet this to nobody - I get onstage and I do a quick five minutes.

~Questlove

My first gig was at Radio City Music Hall when I was 13.

~Questlove

I believe that the only people who really, truly benefit from any of the policies of Republicans are the wealthy. I'm in that 1 percent tax bracket, but I'm not a man of wealth.

~Questlove

I'm a 24-hour tweet machine, I'm a 24-hour blogger. When there's no pressure on me, I can talk and write and lecture with the best of them. But put a deadline on me and I start getting writer's block.

~Questlove

I think all of thisâ€”The Roots and DJing includedâ€”was meant to prepare me for The Tonight Show.

~Questlove

Kurt Cobain represents a very legit, realistic outlook. Before that, in my head, to be a white artist was to be privileged.

~Questlove

I hear a lot of cries of socialism and certainly real disguises of "Why should I share my money with these people?" We have to get back to "we." It's important to get back to "we" not just "I."

~Questlove

I'm not one of those people who's so blinded by my own work and my sweat. It's kind of risky writing a memoir when you're really part of a larger universe.

~Questlove

At the end of the day, I don't release any records that I'm not proud to put my name on. I never got to that point.

~Questlove

The president is just the coach of a football team. You need the right support, the right stadium, the right players, the right staff. An excellent coach is not going to win games.

~Questlove

Classical music requires an immense amount of concentration, and I don't know if I would've been that committed to that particular life.

~Questlove

I have a lot of those 'Forrest Gump,' I-was-there moments.

~Questlove

Hip-hop is such a disposable art form from a business standpoint. It never treats its artists as art; it never treats its product as art.

~Questlove

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