

Reza Aslan Quotes

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Religion doesn't make people bigots. People are bigots and they use religion to justify their ideology.

~Reza Aslan

Religion is, by definition, interpretation; and by definition, all interpretations are valid. However, some interpretations are more reasonable than others.

~Reza Aslan

Islam is more than a religion, it's much more than a religion, it's a way of life, it is a one party political system that has a very elaborate legal system that can put you to death if you leave it.

~Reza Aslan

Over the last few years, the Islamic world has produced more female presidents and prime ministers than both Europe and North America combined.

~Reza Aslan

I believe in God, which means I am open to some absurd possibilities. But I understand the power of that faith, and I understand the metaphor of that belief.

~Reza Aslan

But there I have another name. You must learn to know me by that name. This was the very reason you were brought into Narnia, that by knowing me here for a little, you might know me better there.

~Reza Aslan

Religion, it must be understood, is not faith. Religion is the story of faith.

~Reza Aslan

I really believe that to have a full impression of Jesus, both as Christ as

a man, you must know about the world that gave shape to him - the world out of which he arose.

~Reza Aslan

God doesn't make you a bigot. You're just a bigot.

~Reza Aslan

The key to recognizing who Jesus was is to recognize this fundamental truth: He was a Jew.

~Reza Aslan

When you forcefully suppress religious nationalism, you radicalize it.

~Reza Aslan

When you're a brown Muslim from Iran talking about Jesus on TV, you need to keep your cool at all times, OK? That's not rocket science.

~Reza Aslan

Should I act violently in defense of my religion, absolutely.

~Reza Aslan

Indonesia, women are absolutely 100 percent equal to men

~Reza Aslan

The only question that matters with regard to a religion and its mythology is "What do these stories mean?"

~Reza Aslan

The idea that education will lead to a lessening of bigotry is just factually incorrect.

~Reza Aslan

You can be a follower of Jesus and not necessarily be a Christian.

~Reza Aslan

Obama has been the single worst president in modern American history in dealing with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

~Reza Aslan

It is the job of the historian to say what is likely, and of faith to say what is possible.

~Reza Aslan

Anyone who says that Iran will commit suicide with its nuclear power is a moron and has no business in discussion.

~Reza Aslan

Trump is a narcissistic sociopath; he's doing exactly what he said he would do.

~Reza Aslan

It is no exaggeration to say that Syria holds the key for nearly all of America's foreign policy goals in the Middle East. As Syria goes, so goes the region.

~Reza Aslan

Is it possible that Jesus, unlike 98 percent of his fellow Jews, was literate and educated? Yes, it's possible.

~Reza Aslan

My biography of Jesus is probably the first popular biography that does not use the New Testament as its primary source material.

~Reza Aslan

The Islamic Reformation is already here. We are all living in it.

~Reza Aslan

A cosmic war is like a ritual drama in which participants act out on Earth a battle they believe is actually taking place in the heavens.

~Reza Aslan

Why? Why not? Why not you? Why not now?

~Reza Aslan

A politician is a politician whether he's wearing a suit or a funny hat.

~Reza Aslan

We need to do whatever we can, legally and within our power, to remove Donald Trump from office as fast as possible before something serious happens in this country.

~Reza Aslan

I have not ever met Donald Trump, and I plan to go my entire life without ever actually having to breathe the same air that he breathes.

~Reza Aslan

I think that in many ways, some of those who did vote for Trump are sorry that they did so. But the hope, at least, is that we have a chance to make up for those kinds of mistakes.

~Reza Aslan

In the history of the prophetic biblical canon that starts with Genesis, the Koran is by far the most tolerant of the views of other religions.

~Reza Aslan

The truth of the matter is that when you write about religion like I do, you're writing about something that people take very seriously.

~Reza Aslan

The idea of literalism in the Bible is a very new phenomenon. In many ways, it's a product of the scientific revolution.

~Reza Aslan

No- one is ever told any story but their own.

~Reza Aslan

I think if you place Jesus firmly in the historical context... you can make very educated hypotheses and guesses about how he lived.

~Reza Aslan

The New Testament is not a historical document.

~Reza Aslan

The language of religion holds the most currency for the masses.

~Reza Aslan

The Revolutionary Guard controls almost everything in Iran, and this is hurting the people.

~Reza Aslan

Authoritarians tend to consolidate support by using fear, but more importantly by driving a wedge among the people that they want to control.

~Reza Aslan

But every year you grow, you will find me bigger.

~Reza Aslan

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