

Robert Redford

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I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend?

~Robert Redford

Health food may be good for the conscience but Oreos taste a hell of a lot better.

~Robert Redford

God, I just love baseball.

~Robert Redford

The measure of our success will be the condition on which we leave the world for the next generation.

~Robert Redford

Problems can become opportunities when the right people come together.

~Robert Redford

Storytellers broaden our minds: engage, provoke, inspire, and ultimately, connect us.

~Robert Redford

Never revisit the past, that's dangerous. You know, move on.

~Robert Redford

I am a cynical optimist. Big opening weekends are like cotton candy. The films you will remember over time are the films that stick in the consciousness of the audience in a good way.

~Robert Redford

The technology available for film-making now is incredible, but I am a big believer that it's all in the story.

~Robert Redford

Not taking a risk is a risk. That's how I see it.

~Robert Redford

You're never going to be the same person you are right now.

~Robert Redford

He has the attention span of a lightning bolt.

~Robert Redford

I have no regrets, because I've done everything I could to the best of my ability.

~Robert Redford

I think independent filmmakers, documentary filmmakers - they are journalists.

~Robert Redford

If you can do more, you should.

~Robert Redford

The tough thing about adulthood is it starts before you even know it starts.

~Robert Redford

It's an honor putting art above politics. Politics can be seductive in terms of things reductive to the soul.

~Robert Redford

San Franciscans are very proud of their city, and they should be. It's the most beautiful place in the world.

~Robert Redford

People have been so busy relating to how I look, it's a miracle I didn't become a self-conscious blob of protoplasm.

~Robert Redford

In fact you've got your hands tied behind your back when somebody chooses to take a low road in to you, there is nothing you can do about it, and so you just live with it and move on.

~Robert Redford

Hollywood was not a place I dreamed of getting to. I never could take seriously the obsession people have about being a celebrity or getting to Hollywood - I was born next door.

~Robert Redford

Be careful of success; it has a dark side.

~Robert Redford

Ideas aren't real estate, they grow collectively and that knocks out the egotistical loneliness that generally infects art.

~Robert Redford

You should prepare when you go to a public event to be public. That's when I will sign autographs. But not when you're going about your normal business.

~Robert Redford

Storytelling is important. Part of human continuity.

~Robert Redford

I'm not a facelift person. I am what I am.

~Robert Redford

If you could ever do a project that really has magic in it, and justifiable magic, you should do it.

~Robert Redford

Because, you know, you're in Utah. And because of its political conservatism, if you can make it there, you can make it anywhere.

~Robert Redford

Utah is changing. There are good people in Utah. More people want to change the discriminatory laws than want to keep them. People should be able to marry whomever they love.

~Robert Redford

When I was about fifteen, I went to work at Yosemite National Park. It changed me forever. Nature had carved its own sculpture, and I was part of it, not the other way around.

~Robert Redford

Sundance was started as a mechanism for the discovery of new voices and new talent.

~Robert Redford

We've lost our moral foundation, which allows us to go this far over. So I don't blame Trump. I just think he is what he is. We're the ones who let that happen. We should be looking at ourselves.

~Robert Redford

A lot of what acting is is paying attention.

~Robert Redford

I'm not good at compromise.

~Robert Redford

People are becoming more and more aware of how the dominance of development and business is altering their lives and, in particular, their own heritage.

~Robert Redford

Radio, newspapers, they were normal parts of my life. In those days, you had to go somewhere to watch television and leave something to see it.

~Robert Redford

I don't think about when it's going to stop and what you do before it stops. You just keep moving.

~Robert Redford

Have a strong vision about the story you want to tell and how you want to tell it.

~Robert Redford

There's a lot of money to be made by strip-mining and drilling the dirtiest oil on the planet. But why should the rest of us pay the price?

~Robert Redford

Once the festival achieved a certain level of notoriety, then people began to come here with agendas that were not the same as ours. We can't do anything about that. We can't control that.

~Robert Redford

Sport is a wonderful metaphor for life. Of all the sports that I played - skiing, baseball, fishing - there is no greater example than golf, because you're playing against yourself and nature.

~Robert Redford

Golf has become so manicured, so perfect. The greens, the fairways. I don't like golf carts. I like walking. Some clubs won't let you in unless you have a caddy and a cart.

~Robert Redford

Lastly get emotionally connected to your story so you can deliver it, you know, if you can't deliver the emotions to your script there's no point to your story. Story is the key.

~Robert Redford

Part of me is drawn to the nature of sadness because I think life is sad, and sadness is not something that should be avoided or denied. It's a fact of life, like contradictions are.

~Robert Redford

I never had to worry about divestment because I never invested.

~Robert Redford

If you stay in Beverly Hills too long, you become a Mercedes.

~Robert Redford

I believe in mythology. I guess I share Joseph Campbell's notion that a culture or society without mythology would die, and we're close to that.

~Robert Redford

What we are living with is the result of human choices and it can be changed by making better, wiser choices.

~Robert Redford

I don't remember spending any time with anybody on set. I don't spend a lot of time with people.

~Robert Redford

I guess some mistakes you never stop paying for.

~Robert Redford

I'm always moving forward and trying new things.

~Robert Redford

'Butch Cassidy' was the only film I ever enjoyed making.

~Robert Redford

I've been very fortunate in that I've had wonderful relationships with people I've worked with.

~Robert Redford

What is it with you people? You think not getting caught in a lie is the same thing as telling the truth?

~Robert Redford

I don't see myself as beautiful. I was a kid who was freckle-faced, and they used to call me 'hay head.'

~Robert Redford

Journalism has changed tremendously because of the democratization of information. Anybody can put something up on the Internet. It's harder and harder to find what the truth is.

~Robert Redford

The important thing about a sport is the people who devote their lives to it.

~Robert Redford

Sometimes the failures can be exciting and fun. It's just a step on the road, it's not the end of something.

~Robert Redford

Other people have analysis. I have Utah.

~Robert Redford

It seems everyone in Hollywood is getting pinched, lifted and pulled. I'm looking weird because I'm not.

~Robert Redford

Success is a tricky mistress. It's nice to have but it's a tricky thing to embrace.

~Robert Redford

I have a very low regard for cynics. I think it's the beginning of dying.

~Robert Redford

As a director, I wouldn't like me as an actor. As an actor, I wouldn't like me as a director.

~Robert Redford

...if our humanity - our soul as a society - is overtaken by the material and cosmetic, there will be no hope of peace.

~Robert Redford

When did Noah build the boat? - Before the rain.

~Robert Redford

The world around us is in a sea change, and I think the glory of art is that it cannot only survive change, it can lead it

~Robert Redford

I guess there are different ways to handle success. You can multiply it financially and use it to multiply your net worth. That's always been very appealing to me.

~Robert Redford

I was seen in earlier years by family members and people of authority as somebody wasting his time. I had trouble with the restrictions of conformity. It made me edgy.

~Robert Redford

I have the freedom to take chances, to say no. I have the freedom to be who I really want to be, rather than have to conform to this or that just

to stay alive.

~Robert Redford

I guess the optimistic thing is that those people in Congress who are climate deniers, I think their time has run out.

~Robert Redford

Television tells us only the things it wants to. It still feeds us heroes, it still offers villains. And even though we know better than to always trust it, we still watch.

~Robert Redford

I'm not much interested in sport just as sport. I wouldn't be interested in making a golf film or baseball or fishing film.

~Robert Redford

Let's get something straight - I don't see myself as beautiful.

~Robert Redford

You work like hell to get yourself ahead in the business. You could go anywhere before, and suddenly you can't go anywhere. It's like being a cartoon character.

~Robert Redford

I think documentary filmmakers need as much protection as possible under journalist's privilege. How else is the public to know what is going on?

~Robert Redford

As an artist I just can't think of a better life than the one I've been blessed with. It's just a great ride.

~Robert Redford

I can't go into a bar anywhere without someone starting to play 'the

Entertainer'.

~Robert Redford

You can't completely control the sport - Tiger Woods comes close. The test is against yourself and nature's own way. I find golf a particularly good metaphor for this story.

~Robert Redford

I remember my dad came from Ireland and Scotland, and so he carried with him the fear of poverty. So when I wanted to break loose, it kind of made him very nervous.

~Robert Redford

I'm not that interested in someone that one-dimensional, but I'm interested in playing somebody that's more complicated.

~Robert Redford

Ambiguity is something that I really respond to. I like the complexity of it.

~Robert Redford

I'm not interested in a film about golf but I am interested in golf as a metaphor.

~Robert Redford

The mainstream usually follows trends, it seldom sets them except for a few films.

~Robert Redford

Once you leave Sundance suddenly you run into bulldozers and concrete and cranes, and all that heritage that the Mormon culture used to be so proud of is turned into out of control development.

~Robert Redford

Water is the sleeping giant issue of the 21st century and we all need to wake up about it.

~Robert Redford

I love making films more than anything, but it's tough.

~Robert Redford

The art of making a film and its content are far more interesting to me than the result or impact.

~Robert Redford

In fact, I think more broadly about what an audience requires, but I want an audience to be fascinated by the process of finding an answer, or finding out there isn't one.

~Robert Redford

Generally speaking, I went through that. I came to a place where I realised what true value was. It wasn't money. Money is a means to achieving an end, but it's not the end.

~Robert Redford

Whenever there's chaos, there's ambiguity, and where there's ambiguity, there's fear. And fear gets manipulated.

~Robert Redford

I think "quiet" sometime is a greater power than noise. It can harbor and reveal feelings that can't be expressed.

~Robert Redford

I'm gonna die but I haven't thought about retiring.

~Robert Redford

All my life I've been dogged by guilt because I feel there is this difference between the way I look and the way I feel inside.

~Robert Redford

I am passionate. I am political about my country, about what it is, how strong it is, how strong it remains.

~Robert Redford

The entertainment person gets a certain credibility, and the politician gets a certain notoriety. I'm against it.

~Robert Redford

We program the festival, after 20 years, exactly the way we did on the first day.

~Robert Redford

Criticism challenges current findings. The effort to defend one's position can lead to deeper insights or consideration of options previously not considered.

~Robert Redford

I did not, like my children and people today, grow up with television as part of my life.

~Robert Redford

Like all actors, I was open to taking on new challenges, including those outside my comfort zone.

~Robert Redford

I've always wanted to try new things because it's exciting and it keeps you active and alive.

~Robert Redford

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