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If your lifeguard duties were as good as your singing, a lot of people would be drowning.

~Simon Cowell

The end of the animal trade would leave more time to trap or beat to death pop star wannabes.

~Simon Cowell

My advice would be if you want to pursue a career in the music business, don't.

~Simon Cowell

Work hard, be patient, and be a sponge while learning your business. Learn how to take criticism. Follow your gut instincts and don't compromise.

~Simon Cowell

I'd say the most dangerous thing I've ever done is probably bungee jumping in Thailand...

~Simon Cowell

I think you have to judge everything based on your personal taste. And if that means being critical, so be it. I hate political correctness. I absolutely loathe it.

~Simon Cowell

That was extraordinary. Unfortunately, extraordinarily bad.

~Simon Cowell

I want people to understand that from the minute Lady Gaga arrived, she created a new set of rules: being different is good; embrace it.

~Simon Cowell

Not everybody is perfect, and I don't think we should be looking for

perfect people.

~Simon Cowell

The best way to kill someone is from the inside, by crushing their hopes and dreams.

~Simon Cowell

Shave off your beard and wear a dress. You would be a great female impersonator.

~Simon Cowell

Good is not enough. You've got to be great.

~Simon Cowell

My dad did teach me a very important lesson about people when he explained to me that everybody around you will have an invisible sign on their head, which says, "Make me feel important."

~Simon Cowell

I never knew how much love and pride I would feel.

~Simon Cowell

Harshness to me is giving somebody false hopes and not following through. That's harsh. Telling some guy or some girl who've got zero talent that they have zero talent actually is a kindness.

~Simon Cowell

I think America is a hard nut to crack. But once you get a toehold, it's a great place for an entrepreneur because people are so enthusiastic, and you have the most enthusiastic audiences in world.

~Simon Cowell

The object of this competition is not to be mean to the losers but to find a winner. The process makes you mean because you get frustrated.

~Simon Cowell

I don't want to tell a 15 or 14 year old what they should be doing. I want them to tell me. And that's what I got when I met Justin Bieber for the first time.

~Simon Cowell

It would hurt my feelings if I respected your opinions.

~Simon Cowell

My attitude is, if someone's going to criticize me, tell me to my face.

~Simon Cowell

I actually don't understand a word Paula's saying anymore. It's like a new language.

~Simon Cowell

Everyone who turns up on 'X Factor' does it because a door has been closed to them at some time in their lives, and this is the only shot they have got.

~Simon Cowell

I should get a dog. I would get a rescue dog. I like mutts; I don't care. I would probably get a three-legged dog no one else would want.

~Simon Cowell

It was like orderin a hamburger and getting only the buns

~Simon Cowell

What I would argue in my defence is that shows like Britain's Got Talent and The X Factor have actually got people more interested in music again and are sending more people into record stores.

When I think of invention, I always think of America. You're always seeing ads: 'Have you got the next big idea?' There seems to be that spirit in America of inventions and inventors.

~Simon Cowell

Thank God kids love following an artist. When you get a group who pop, it's the best thing in the world.

~Simon Cowell

I've had Botox, but then again pretty much everyone I know has. To me, Botox is no more unusual than toothpaste. It works. You do it once a year - who cares?

~Simon Cowell

The artists who endure are the ones who stay focused even after they have reached the top of their profession.

~Simon Cowell

I like to know why a video has suddenly gone viral, why a song has broken, why a TV show is suddenly rating out of pattern... I'm pretty good at understanding why things are becoming popular.

~Simon Cowell

Most things in music go full circle eventually.

~Simon Cowell

The only people with power today are the audience. And that is increasing with Twitter, Facebook, and everything else. We cater to their likes and dislikes, and you ignore that at your peril.

~Simon Cowell

You didn't beat the compotition you crushed the compotition!

I've never liked the idea you have to be a certain age to be a pop star. I like the idea that anybody can enter, anybody can compete.

~Simon Cowell

If you've got a big mouth and you're controversial, you're going to get attention.

~Simon Cowell

My proudest achievement has been the success of the shows and artists I have been involved with, because they were made in Britain.

~Simon Cowell

I think that by ignoring the show you're ignoring the audience who put you there.

~Simon Cowell

Britain's got talent, enormous talent, that's very obvious.

~Simon Cowell

The young people working for me are ambitious and hard-working. That work ethic has always been a trait of the British.

~Simon Cowell

It's not our intention to be mean. That's just within us.

~Simon Cowell

We have hated the French for years. Now you have just joined the club. It makes you much more likable.

~Simon Cowell

I do a couple of hundred press-ups a day but I haven't been to a gym in years.

If we had to choose one American Idol to go out to dinner with, it would be Fantasia. There are no airs and graces about her. ... I like her.

~Simon Cowell

I break up very well. I am a good breaker-upper.

~Simon Cowell

Every show I've ever, you know, produced, essentially it's the show I want to watch myself.

~Simon Cowell

It was like orderin a hamburger and getting only the buns" (After Brooke White of season 7 on american idol sang the song 'Hero' by Mariah Carey)

~Simon Cowell

My life honestly isn't as weird as people think it is. I work longer hours, maybe I have a bit more money, but fundamentally, I'm not really that different.

~Simon Cowell

You know what the secret to weight loss is? Don't eat much.

~Simon Cowell

I hate belongings. I hate clutter. It really bothers me because I can't think properly. If you've got distractions in front of you, your mind goes nuts.

~Simon Cowell

You have an advantage if you win. I always think it's best to be remembered as a winner rather than as the runner-up. It's definitely more fun getting the gold than it is the silver.

You don't hate the mosquito; you just want it out of your face.

~Simon Cowell

I've always been petrified of working for a boss who I didn't like but who I was in fear of, because I wanted my salary.

~Simon Cowell

No, what I am doing is kind by telling people who are useless, "Do something that you're good at".

~Simon Cowell

I couldn't think of anything worse than being in an unhappy marriage. It worries me because I've seen it destroy people.

~Simon Cowell

I like spaghetti bolognese, I like baked beans on toast. I hate French food. I hate fancy food.

~Simon Cowell

Praise a stranger with a few nice words and he becomes a stranger that calls you a friend.

~Simon Cowell

Being different is good; embrace it.

~Simon Cowell

My dad said to me, 'Work hard and be patient.' It was the best advice he ever gave me. You have to put the hours in.

~Simon Cowell

So I would only feel guilt if I misled somebody who was terrible.

~Simon Cowell

I get very anti-social, depressed and irritable with people. I don't have

time for them. I can't make phone calls and stuff. I just sit on my own for days.

~Simon Cowell

What luxury would I take to a desert island? A mirror. It's true. I'd miss me.

~Simon Cowell

In TV, film, and music there's a lot of snobbery, and I don't like it. I've never been a cultural snob.

~Simon Cowell

Choosing how you vote should not be a snap verdict based on a few minutes of television.

~Simon Cowell

At 20, you're cocky and you think you can rule the world, and you get it all wrong.

~Simon Cowell

Talking to celebrities is too much effort. They all think the same.

~Simon Cowell

Every time I sat in a chemistry lesson I thought, what am I doing this for? I don't ever want to be in a job that involves a Bunsen burner.'

~Simon Cowell

As an actor, I really like Philip Seymour Hoffman. I think he's a genius.

~Simon Cowell

Maybe I am a bit mad.

~Simon Cowell

I don't like kids that are pushed into things by stage mums, but when I

can see they are having a good time, they're excited and enjoying the process, then I think it's wrong to discriminate.

~Simon Cowell

You sounded like Dolly parton on helium." (After kristy lee cook of season 7 on american idol, sang her country rendition of the Beatles' Eight Days A Week.)

~Simon Cowell

If I went to a psychiatrist, it would be a long session. I've always thought that I do have a number of issues that probably need dealing with, because I am quite odd in some ways.

~Simon Cowell

Have I got a black book? Yes, it's called a mobile phone. I do get offers. There is no shortage of people if you want to go on dates - working in TV, living in L.A., it is there if you want it.

~Simon Cowell

I think of stress as the creator of cancer and heart attacks, like a tiny little ball you feed. I believe that one of the reasons I've never got ill is that I'm not stressed.

~Simon Cowell

I think if you're an unhappy person, you're always going to be an unhappy person. You're probably going to be less unhappy if your business is doing well, if I'm being honest.

~Simon Cowell

Beyonce is good-looking. Jennifer Lopez is good-looking. Madonna used to be good-looking.

~Simon Cowell

If I tape an 11-hour day, guess which parts end up on air. Not the bits

when I'm pleasant, but the parts when I'm obnoxious.

~Simon Cowell

It's personalities, it's conflict, it's all of these things that actually make performers interesting.

~Simon Cowell

I grew up when the whole Motown thing was huge. The charts in those days were dominated by groups more than solo artists at one point.

~Simon Cowell

I don't mind being cast as some kind of a pantomime baddie, but I am very fair in business. I always have been. I pride myself on being fair.

~Simon Cowell

I didn't have any qualifications when I left school - I had three O-levels.

~Simon Cowell

Sincerity is romantic. I don't think you need gestures.

~Simon Cowell

I work out three or four times a week, I have Botox, take tons of vitamins and vitamin infusions - if you believe that these things work, you will feel better.

~Simon Cowell

I got good advice once. Someone said to me: 'Live in your money rather than look at it.

~Simon Cowell

It's the government's job to encourage entrepreneurialism and investment. Most importantly, it's the government's duty to inspire confidence.

Of course I have an ego, but you have to have an ego. You have to be incredibly competitive. I can get competitive at times, way too much, and it becomes a little bit obsessive.

~Simon Cowell

I've spent hundreds of thousands of pounds on the very best security and I can assure you my homes are as safe as the Bank of England.

~Simon Cowell

I've always treated the music business as a business.

~Simon Cowell

I have always hated celebrities lecturing people on politics.

~Simon Cowell

I didn't realise how important stupid people are in your life, because you ask yourself, what made stupid people so stupid? What made them the way they are?

~Simon Cowell

If you only ever heard Lady Gaga, she's the most boring singer in the world.

~Simon Cowell

I've learned to deal with stress much better now, things don't bother me in the way that they once used to.

~Simon Cowell

You always want to go to a party where you get an invite.

~Simon Cowell

I don't mind competition at all. I mean, the record business is the most competitive business in the world, probably. So I'm used to that. In a weird way, it kind of makes you work harder.

~Simon Cowell

There's no need for me to get married. I live with someone; we're happy; end of story.

~Simon Cowell

You sounded like someone who should be singing on a cruise ship. Halfway through your song, I wished the ship was sinking.

~Simon Cowell

When someone asks, 'Does success make you into a monster?' I always say, 'No, it enables you to be a monster.'

~Simon Cowell

People confuse ego, lust, insecurity with true love.

~Simon Cowell

You don't go into anything contemplating failure, because if you did, you wouldn't make it.

~Simon Cowell

My own saying is: 'Create the hype, but don't ever believe it.'

~Simon Cowell

Rules equal boredom, and I don't like that.

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