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Quotes

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You can rule ignorance; you can manipulate the illiterate; you can do whatever you want when a people are uneducated, so that goes in line with corrupt business and corrupt politics.

~will.i.am

When you follow your heart, you're never supposed to do things because of what you think people might say. You do it for the opposite reasons.

~will.i.am

Most kids are not dreaming of being programmers, scientists or engineers.

~will.i.am

Disco is the first technology music. And what I mean is that 'disco' music is named after discs, because when technology grew to where they didn't need a band in the clubs, the DJ played it on a disc.

~will.i.am

I'm good at thinking outside the box, so much that you realise it's not a box to begin with.

~will.i.am

The world doesn't need another opinion, they need another person taking action. So I take action because I see the call and respond.

~will.i.am

Electro is today's disco - making electronic music not for the sake of selling it but for sharing it and touring around the world D.J.-ing.

~will.i.am

If countries were people, England and France would be old men. Italy would be dead. Compared with them, America is in its 20s.

~will.i.am

We need creative people working with broadcasters, making smart content to inspire people to be geniuses.

~will.i.am

I was born and raised in the ghetto, on welfare, two minutes from homeless.

~will.i.am

If I didn't mould my reality then I'd still be in the ghetto where people like me are supposed to stay. You have to dream your way out of the nightmare.

~will.i.am

If Apple's a technology company in the music industry, why can't somebody in the music industry make technology?

~will.i.am

Look at the world. See the problem. And solve it

~will.i.am

There are leaders and there are followers. Followers follow leaders and leaders follow their heart

~will.i.am

I don't want to hope anymore. I don't think we should hope anymore. We hoped enough. Now we have to do. We all have to do now.

~will.i.am

If my mind's not trying to fix something or create something, I don't know what to do. It just throws me off.

~will.i.am

I don't follow waves or trends or emotions.

~will.i.am

Code writers, they are my idols.

~will.i.am

There are five issues that make a fist of a hand that can knock America out cold. They're lack of jobs, obesity, diabetes, homelessness, and lack of good education.

~will.i.am

Most of these people who are celebrities now don't do anything to deserve it, so by that fact alone, I don't want to be one.

~will.i.am

When someone is denying what they are, then that's when things start to spiral down.

~will.i.am

I go out partying to figure out exactly who I'm making music for. You can't just guess.

~will.i.am

There's no chivalry in culture any more. Sometimes you meet someone who everyone says is polite and you're like, 'Wow,' but then it's like, 'Hang on, isn't everyone supposed to be polite?'

~will.i.am

Things don't have to end. They can begin again.

~will.i.am

But Michael Jackson didn't have perfect diction - He said 'chamone' instead of 'come on'.

~will.i.am

With unisex fashion, you know, females were doing it first. You're the reason we have unisex clothing. It's because girls said, "Wait, I can

wear jeans, too! I can wear a suit, too."

~will.i.am

It's dangerous to be a child star, but it's dangerous to be a child in the ghetto, or to be a child at school being bullied.

~will.i.am

Politics are about preserving relationships at the end of the day, and it has nothing to do with the greater good for humanity. It's just all about business.

~will.i.am

Although, okay, in Scotland, the boys wear the skirts. But as far as pop culture, women were on the forefront of the unisex movement and I'm grateful to you.

~will.i.am

I don't want to tell people where to go get all my cool stuff.

~will.i.am

We forget to thank the scientists that began these musical inventions and systems. The guy that invented the phonograph and gramophone - Thomas Edison!

~will.i.am

When you think outside of what you know, that brings out the best in you.

~will.i.am

Music is my therapy and my straitjacket. Music keeps me sane and keeps my mind on something. It's fragile up there.

~will.i.am

It's ironic that this amazing invention of the Internet has made

information gathering easier available than ever, but that this platform also helps spread misinformation.

~will.i.am

Tom Jones is like igloo-cool.

~will.i.am

Eisenhower warned us about the military-industrial complex and the damage it could do to society.

~will.i.am

Every year there's an Oscar and Grammy and we celebrate those shows. We do the same in the U.S about sports schools and colleges. The same thing doesn't happen for tech and STEM.

~will.i.am

I can like something. You can like something. It's not an absolute.

~will.i.am

If you know how to freestyle, you will never have writer's block.

~will.i.am

If you want to be a better web hacker, hang out with a painter.

~will.i.am

We all rely on technology to communicate, to survive, to do our banking, to shop, to get informed, but none of us knows how to read and write the code.

~will.i.am

What Autotune allows is for people like myself and Kanye West not to depend on the singer. Back in the Fifties, the songwriter was rendered invisible. Now the songwriter is there in the forefront.

~will.i.am

Pop is the most competitive form of music there is. You are always fighting to be adopted and accepted by the masses, and it's always shifting.

~will.i.am

If you are a chef, no matter how good a chef you are, it's not good cooking for yourself; the joy is in cooking for others - it's the same with music.

~will.i.am

You know, the Super Bowl is so fresh that every single commercial is even on, you know, some next-level entertainment.

~will.i.am

Regulation has never really worked unless it's hate speech libel etc.

~will.i.am

I'm like a mama's boy and stuff.

~will.i.am

You don't have to stay in your lane when it comes to friendship or ideas.

~will.i.am

I don't wanna believe that racism exists, but the more I wish it away, the more I realize it's in our system.

~will.i.am

There's an entry point to any relationship.

~will.i.am

Every young person is going to be inspired to be a maker from now on. It's like how everyone used to want to be a musician, an actor, an athlete -- but a maker is what people are going to want to be.

~will.i.am

I read Twitter all the time, even though I rarely tweet.

~will.i.am

Hip-hop is limiting itself and that also goes for editorially. Magazines and websites are the gatekeepers of what people think hip-hop is, but they actually end up limiting what hip-hop can be.

~will.i.am

Likeminded folks shop in the same circles.

~will.i.am

Great coders are today's rock stars.

~will.i.am

I'm fascinated with quantum physics.

~will.i.am

I was born and raised in East Los Angeles by a single mom who had three biological kids and adopted four more. I never met my dad.

~will.i.am

I love India, Russia and touring has made me many friends abroad.

~will.i.am

The maps are really like a filter. They filter information for you to make better decisions on where you are going and what to do.

~will.i.am

Folks wanna be like Will I Am not Bill I Am. They wanna be like Stevie Wonder not Steve Jobs.

~will.i.am

Hip-hop was fast, originally. It was always fast music.

~will.i.am

There's only one type of music and that's good music, no matter what genre it is.

~will.i.am

Crime and violence are the easiest emotions to reenact.

~will.i.am

I've been truly protected by my uncles.

~will.i.am

If you would ask my mom what books I liked growing up, I liked Dr. Seuss.

~will.i.am

My mom's never been married. I've never even seen my mom kiss a dude.

~will.i.am

Teaming up with the scientists, researchers and computer programmers at Intel to collaborate and co-develop new ways to communicate, create, inform and entertain is going to be amazing.

~will.i.am

The only colour I see is this wonderful green and blue planet.

~will.i.am

It's my hope to inspire kids around the world to want to be tech stars in stem subjects.

~will.i.am

Now that Obama's president, it changes inner-city youths. They can

now not just dream to be Lil Waynes and 50 Cents, but they can now dream to be Obamas.

~will.i.am

The music industry isn't converging toward dance music. Dance music is dance music. It's been around since disco - and way before disco. But there's different versions of dance music.

~will.i.am

Trump affects the world in a major way.

~will.i.am

Coming out with records when you're in a big, successful group that plays stadiums, that's scary to come out by yourself.

~will.i.am

If you look at the world now its one that we couldn't have imagined in 1997! That I would be able to hit a button and a taxi will show up? We wouldn't have believed that everything is disposable!

~will.i.am

Today we all give all our data away all day long while aiming to maintaining our privacy.

~will.i.am

I'm from east LA. I don't see colour.

~will.i.am

Every election is important and each election says it's more important than the last.

~will.i.am

If Bill Gates left Microsoft we wouldn't allow Donald Trump to run it.

~will.i.am

Why not Bill Gates for president? There are so many businesses' that empower charities. How many men give away all their money to charities? Why not them for President?

~will.i.am

But I will wear white - the whitest white! - purest most pristine white! - through the dark terrible days of winter - as no man of our time will ever dare.

~will.i.am

My attention span is very short.

~will.i.am

Every single song that I've listened to is in my memory forever.

~will.i.am

We need to forge a whole new energy and American Dream.

~will.i.am

I rescue families who are losing their homes because they have no jobs and they can't pay the mortgage and the banks are foreclosing on their homes.

~will.i.am

When I got into junior high school, that's when my mom let me dress how I wanted to dress. Up to that point I wore suits to school all the time.

~will.i.am

You can get your money and you put it in the bank, or you can put it in the youth. You can put it in our future.

~will.i.am

If you want to be a better musician, hang out with a computer coder.

~will.i.am

You have to have non-traditional ways of collaborating. But better is relative.

~will.i.am

I'm a citizen of the U.S.A but I also travel around the world and love other countries like the UK as if it was my own. I love your tolerance and preservation of the arts.

~will.i.am

Fashion is becoming the same thing as our devices.

~will.i.am

You could use artificial intelligence to build a system around postcodes and income, which could lead to racial profiling.

~will.i.am

America has to be not just an idea but a living, breathing thing.

~will.i.am

The way young people are joining communities online, and agreeing and separating themselves and creating their own facts about things like vaccination, is worrying.

~will.i.am

The computer allows me to execute my ideas at the speed I think them.

~will.i.am

Not many people give you a vision of what the future will bring.

~will.i.am

Waste is only waste if we waste it.

~will.i.am

Here's the problem: Profiteers haunt America, and for everything we try to control, someone's going to profit from it, more than you control it.

~will.i.am

We have no control over the outcome of anything. Like the planet and global warming, we don't control that. If politicians want a war we don't control that. Acts of terrorism, we can't control them.

~will.i.am

I have a pro tools rig that I carry in my backpack.

~will.i.am

I love the Asian countries.

~will.i.am

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