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The voice of an Angel, the Heart of a Lamb, the spirit of a Lioness, the presence of a Goddess, love you R.I.P Whitney Houston.

~Wyclef Jean

I always want to know what's wrong with you, why you ain't smiling. That's just my character; I just love people and want to see people having a good time.

~Wyclef Jean

I lived in a hut with no roof, and I rode to school on a donkey. I used to shoot birds with a slingshot to cook for dinner. Now I prefer to get my food from KFC.

~Wyclef Jean

People often associate raves with drugs, but for me raves are more associated with self-expression.

~Wyclef Jean

My grandfather was a voodoo priest. A lot of my life dealt with spirituality. I can close my eyes and remember where I come from.

~Wyclef Jean

I come from a hut, from a hut I went to the projects, from the projects I went to a mansion so you out there you have ABSOLUTLY NO EXCUSE!

~Wyclef Jean

I lived in the projects and the ghetto, and turned the negative into a positive.

~Wyclef Jean

At the end of the day, just know that God made you, so you can be your own individual, and don't let people give you that peer pressure.

It was important that I became successful. People say they do it for the love, and yes, you do it for the love, but you want to be successful ~Wyclef Jean

I'm not going away fast; I've been around for a while, and plan to be around for a while more.

~Wyclef Jean

When I'm rhyming it's all in my head... Like the slaves, when they were picking cotton, they would block out their minds. They would sing.

~Wyclef Jean

It's important, when you see darkness, to understand that there's light ahead of that, and I'm the living testimony of that, you dig?

~Wyclef Jean

I'm the hip-hop Quincy Jones of today

~Wyclef Jean

I like to go against the grain, against what's out there. Every day is like a challenge.

~Wyclef Jean

The first thing you must learn is to always treat a man and a woman with total respect and honor, 'cause if you do that, the legacy you will leave behind will be work.

~Wyclef Jean

For everybody who lost somebody out there and stuff, when you need therapy, music is the best way.

~Wyclef Jean

If I can't take five years out to serve my country as president, then everything I've been singing about, like equal rights, doesn't mean

### anything.

~Wyclef Jean

When I lose touch with the audience and the reality of what life really is, I'll be Vanilla Ice or something.

~Wyclef Jean

The Wyclef Jean music is eclectic music. Wyclef represents music -eclectic music. I've been doing this music since I was a child, and I said I will refuse for anyone to put me into a box.

~Wyclef Jean

I'm like Cab Calloway: I love the entertainment, and I've loved entertaining people ever since I was little.

~Wyclef Jean

There's not a hip-hop artist that didn't snatch of piece of Bob Marley. It's totally impossible.

~Wyclef Jean

I haven't accomplished nothing yet - I have a long way to go.

~Wyclef Jean

My daddy was a minister, my grandfather was a voodoo priest, my uncle was a mason; I was raised with a lot of studies.

~Wyclef Jean

Mama, you know you raised me with no father figure. I wanna take this time to thank you, even though I'm doing life.

~Wyclef Jean

I'm cheap, and I'm proud of it!

That's the best way to feed the human mind. That's how Bob Marley did it. He never put it in your face. After you got the groove, you were just singing the hooks, because you thought it was cool.

~Wyclef Jean

Me and my father went through a war period where we wasn't talking. He wanted me to go to theology school - I didn't want to go. I wanted to do music. I told him I was a minister through music.

~Wyclef Jean

All that violence in the world, we need to stop that

~Wyclef Jean

What I'm trying to do is break the genre from what is rap and what is music.

~Wyclef Jean

I want to be part of a different kind of celebrity, one that thinks not just about charity but policy.

~Wyclef Jean

Every generation is gonna keep changing, and you just have to embrace the change.

~Wyclef Jean

I feel that life is short, so we should be disciplined, but at the same time we should have a good time.

~Wyclef Jean

No matter what I'm goin' through, I could still exist.

~Wyclef Jean

Rap records don't make you feel good no more. Six months after release, it can't come back as a classic

~Wyclef Jean

I know that the nice shines I have on is going to pass. The nice cars will pass. All that will stay is the music and the work. That's where I get the inspiration to help people out and work

~Wyclef Jean

Once we revolutionize the music industry, then we can revolutionize our communities and everything in the world, 'cause what happens is, the communities are listening to the music.

~Wyclef Jean

I think the greatest thing about America is the American Dream.

~Wyclef Jean

When you're talkin' about a great man, you're not talking more than one person. It's not about how many people are followin' you, it's about the fact that you're a great man, that's all it's about.

~Wyclef Jean

Ever since I was a little kid, there used to be the Carnival that used to pass.

~Wyclef Jean

Haiti is my country. The same way the Beatles are received in England - that's how Wyclef Jean is received in Haiti, do you know what I mean?

~Wyclef Jean

My dad was in the hood, he was a minister, and he would always put churches in the ghetto.

~Wyclef Jean

What happens is we're all gonna return to dirt, so at the end of the day

### we're all equal.

~Wyclef Jean

I want people to experience what it's like being from Haiti, coming to America, being Wyclef - multicultural, multilingual.

~Wyclef Jean

I grew up in a Caribbean family household, so the parents are always right. My father smacked me up til I was 20. It was a strict household.

~Wyclef Jean

I'm 27 years old. I'm going to go into Hollywood really arrogant. I'll be breaking a lot of rules. It's going to be hot.

~Wyclef Jean

I always look outside.

~Wyclef Jean

It will be true work that the kids can follow, as opposed to a facade of you doin' something, and you're doin' nothing.

~Wyclef Jean

Once you're done in hip-hop, you're done.

~Wyclef Jean

What a lot of people don't know is that Wyclef started off as a battle rapper, when he decided that he would rhyme.

~Wyclef Jean

Respect, my brother, nothing but respect, man.

~Wyclef Jean

I hear them playing Elvis, they on they way to Graceland. But they don't scare me, I'm in the trunk.

~Wyclef Jean

My parents were Christian.

~Wyclef Jean

My songs are really never titled. Sometimes I call it one thing, then I change it

~Wyclef Jean

I do music for the love of it, and I've been doing it from a very young age: about 11.

~Wyclef Jean

When the Fugees were big, we made a whole lot of money, and what happened was that I saved my money and never spent it.

~Wyclef Jean

My accomplishment has helped millions of kids see that they can come from a poor family and go somewhere, make something out of themselves. Ive been doing it for seven years professionally.

~Wyclef Jean

You get quick money, it's beautiful, there's sunshine, but at the end of the day, you find out it's all a masquerade, baby. It's not what it seems.

~Wyclef Jean

I was a jazz major in high school, in an all-jazz band. No matter what I do, it features my musical influences.

~Wyclef Jean

Bob Marley stood for universal peace and love. He tried to break racial barriers.

I've been communicating with the Fugees, and it feels a lot better now than it did three or four years ago.

~Wyclef Jean

I like Bergen County because it's nice and quiet. It's beautiful, and I can get to the city way quick.

~Wyclef Jean

If you go in the ring and box and you're angry, you're gonna lose the match.

~Wyclef Jean

I'm hands-on with everything, always trying to reach the real people.

~Wyclef Jean

You might see a female, and she triggers something, or you see an old lady walking down the street, she triggers something. You go to Africa, you see the vibes, that triggers something.

~Wyclef Jean

My battle raps couldn't get me groceries from the supermarket.

~Wyclef Jean

I've never really [written] something that was inspired.

~Wyclef Jean

Keep in mind: true revolution is only seven people, right?

~Wyclef Jean

A lot of my music is very reggae- driven. Half of my life Bob Marley was all I listened to.

~Wyclef Jean

Michael Jackson was my musical God. He made me believe that all

things are possible, and through real and positive music. He can live forever! I love Michael Jackson. God Bless him.

~Wyclef Jean

I don't see no more Billie Holidays, no more Marvin Gayes, no more Smokey Robinsons. I don't even see no more Nirvanas.

~Wyclef Jean

I think it's cool to do stuff in a different language. Basically, I learned English through listening to rap. A lot of people think it's funny. But it's true; I used to try to get the accents.

~Wyclef Jean

When you enter the realm of politics, you don't enter it because you want to be popular. When I want to be popular, I pull on a guitar and sing a song.

~Wyclef Jean

The thing which America allows you to be is it's the country of opportunities.

~Wyclef Jean

I've known Clinton for probably the last year that he was in office and stuff. The vibe that I always got from Clinton was, you-know, he never gave me a president-vibe.

~Wyclef Jean

In the beginning I had women problems, 'cause you know, I represent for the guys. But I was actin' a fool, whilin' out. I'm not sayin' I don't while out anymore. I'm not gonna lie to you.

~Wyclef Jean

It was important to me to go back to the grungy, because all of a sudden you get excited again, 'cause there's another whole dimension

of 'Clef that you wasn't expecting to hear.

~Wyclef Jean

No matter how far you go, if you can't go back to the essence, you're not sayin' nothin'. The essence for me is hip-hop. But the hip-hop community I came up in isn't a loyal community.

~Wyclef Jean

Right now I'm trying to help my sister with her school situation, 'cause she's real smart. Besides me, my other brother's a lawyer... my parents stressed education a lot.

~Wyclef Jean

When you find the talent, it's always raw, and when you put the talent in the formula, you get the Knocks.

~Wyclef Jean

The reason why we love America so much is America is the only place you can actually come in and wave your flag.

~Wyclef Jean

I'm from the church, my dad was a pastor's kid.

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