

Who Said It?

A Re-Perception Quiz

Directions: Who or what are the sources of the following quotations? Circle your best guess.

1. "The Christian god can easily be pictured as virtually the same god as the many ancient gods of past civilizations. The Christian god is a three headed monster; cruel, vengeful and capricious. If one wishes to know more of this raging, three headed beast-like god, one only needs to look at the caliber of people who say they serve him. They are always of two classes: fools and hypocrites."
 - a. Pete Stark (D-California), first openly nontheistic U.S. congressman
 - b. Friedrich Nietzsche, German existentialist philosopher
 - c. Whoopi Goldberg, actor and comedian
 - d. Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States

2. "It should, it seems to me, be our pleasure and duty to make those people free, and let them deal with their own domestic questions in their own way. And so I am an anti-imperialist. I am opposed to having the eagle put its talons on any other land."
 - a. John Kerry (D-Massachusetts), U.S. congressman
 - b. Maya Angelou, author
 - c. Mark Twain, author
 - d. Jesse Ventura, professional wrestler and former governor of Minnesota

3. "And one day we must ask the question, Why are there forty million poor people in America? And when you begin to ask that question, you are raising questions about the economic system, about a broader distribution of wealth. When you ask that question, you begin to question the capitalistic economy."
 - a. Noam Chomsky, linguist and anti-imperialist scholar
 - b. Angela Davis, activist, organizer, and university professor
 - c. Martin Luther King, Jr., Baptist minister and civil rights leader
 - d. John Edwards, former U.S. Senator from North Carolina

4. "I am a socialist because I believe that socialism will solve the misery of the world — give work to the man who is hungry and idle and at least give to little children the right to be born free."
 - a. Helen Keller, author and lecturer
 - b. Angela Davis, activist, organizer, and university professor
 - c. Che Guevara, Argentine-born Marxist revolutionary
 - d. Leon Trotsky, Ukrainian-born Bolshevik revolutionary and Marxist theorist

5. "Of all the evils for which man has made himself responsible, none is so degrading, so shocking, or so brutal as his abuse of the better half of humanity; to me, the female sex is not the weaker sex."
- Gloria Steinem, journalist and women's rights activist
 - Margaret Thatcher, former prime minister of the United Kingdom
 - John Adams, second president of the United States
 - Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement
6. "To found a great empire for the sole purpose of raising up a people of customers, may at first sight appear a project fit only for a nation of shopkeepers. It is, however, a project altogether unfit for a nation of shopkeepers; but extremely fit for a nation whose government is influenced by shopkeepers."
- Ralph Nader, attorney and consumer rights activist
 - Adam Smith, Scottish philosopher and political economist, often described as the "Father of Capitalism"
 - Noam Chomsky, linguist and anti-imperialist scholar
 - César Chávez, farm worker and labor organizer
7. "I am not now, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social or political equality of the white and black races. I am not now nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor of intermarriages with white people. There is a physical difference between the white and the black races which will forever forbid the two races living together on social or political equality. There must be a position of superior and inferior, and I am in favor of assigning the superior position to the white man."
- Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States
 - George Wallace, pro-segregation governor of Alabama in the 60's, 70's, and 80's
 - Elizabeth Cady Stanton, suffragist
 - Jesse Helms, former five-term Republican Senator from North Carolina
8. "I appeal to everyone who believes in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, dream to make room at the table of brother- and sisterhood for lesbian and gay people."
- Adrienne Rich, poet and activist
 - Martina Navratilova, tennis player and activist
 - Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin), first openly lesbian congresswoman
 - Coretta Scott King, civil rights activist
9. "In a country well governed poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed wealth is something to be ashamed of."
- John Edwards, former U.S. Senator from North Carolina
 - Karl Marx, German philosopher and revolutionary socialist
 - Confucius, Chinese social philosopher
 - Eleanor Roosevelt, suffragist and human rights activist

10. "All homosexuals should be castrated."
- Jerry Falwell, television minister and founder of the Moral Majority
 - Billy Graham, evangelist
 - Ann Coulter, conservative columnist and political commentator
 - Rush Limbaugh, conservative radio talk show host
11. "The distinctions separating the social classes are false; in the last analysis they rest on force."
- Albert Einstein, German-born physicist
 - bell hooks, cultural studies scholar and activist
 - Karl Marx, German philosopher and revolutionary socialist
12. "We have deluded ourselves into believing the myth that capitalism grew and prospered out of the Protestant ethic of hard work and sacrifices. Capitalism was built on the exploitation of black slaves and continues to thrive on the exploitation of the poor, both black and white, both here and abroad."
- Noam Chomsky, linguist and anti-imperialist scholar
 - Michael Moore, labor activist and filmmaker
 - Shirley Chisholm, seven-term New York congresswoman
 - Martin Luther King, Jr., Baptist minister and civil rights leader
13. "The Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion."
- The manifesto of the organization, American Atheists, an organization founded to protect the civil liberties of atheists
 - The "Seven Principles" of Unitarian Universalism, a religion founded upon rational thinking, a direct relationship with God, and the humanity of Jesus
 - The Treaty of Tripoli, between the U.S. and Tripoli, signed in 1797 by John Adams and ratified unanimously by the U.S. Senate
14. "I would describe fundamentalism as, first of all, a movement led almost invariably by authoritarian males who consider themselves to be superior to others and who have an overwhelming commitment to subjugate women and to dominate their fellow believers."
- Jimmy Carter, thirty-ninth president of the United States
 - bell hooks, cultural studies scholar and activist
 - Jesse Jackson, Baptist minister and civil rights activist
 - Bill Maher, comedian and television talk show host
15. Who are the oppressors? The few: the King, the capitalist, and a handful of other overseers and superintendents. Who are the oppressed? The many: the nations of the earth; the valuable personages; the workers; they that *make* the bread that the soft-handed and idle eat.
- Karl Marx, Russian philosopher and social activist
 - Ronald Reagan, fortieth president of the United States
 - Cornel West, scholar and philosopher
 - Mark Twain, author