



Recommended quotes from Poet Audre Lorde

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- "But it is not those differences between us that are separating us. It is rather our refusal to recognize those differences, and to examine the distortions which result from our misnaming of them and their effects upon human behavior and expectation." (p. 108, from the essay "Age, Race, Class, and Sex: Women Redefining Difference").
- "It is not our differences which separate women, but our reluctance to recognize those differences and to deal effectively with the distortions which have resulted from the ignoring and misnaming of those differences." (p. 115, also from the essay "Age, Race, Class, and Sex: Women Redefining Difference").
- "What understanding begins to do is to make knowledge available for use, and that's the urgency, that's the push, that's the drive." (p. 102, from "An Interview: Audre Lorde and Adrienne Rich").
- "Difference is that raw and powerful connection from which our personal power is forged." (p. 104, from Lorde's essay "The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House").
- "Change means growth, and growth can be painful. But we sharpen self-definition by exposing the self in work and struggle together with those whom we define as different from ourselves, although sharing the same goals." (p. 116 from "Age, Race, Class, and Sex: Women Redefining Difference").
- "Change is the immediate responsibility of each of us, wherever and however we are standing, in whatever arena we choose." (p. 136 from Lorde's essay "Learning from the 60s").
- "What we must do is commit ourselves to some future that can include each other and to work toward that future with the particular strengths of our individual identities" (p. 137 from Lorde's essay "Learning from the 60s").
- "Our dreams can shape the realities of our future, if we arm them with the hard work and scrutiny of now." (p. 149 from Lorde's essay "Eye to Eye: Black Women, Hatred, and Anger.")