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## **The Quotable Kareem**

Who knew that basketball great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was a one-man Bartlett's? A sampling of the pearls he distributed during his talk to the TED swine:

-On being 7-foot-2: "Every time I bend over to pick up my socks, I kind of think, 'What else can I accomplish while I'm down here?'"

-On turning 60: "You go to bed perfectly healthy and wake up injured."

-"It's like the guy who has three Ph.Ds, one in philosophy, one in psychology, and one in sociology. He doesn't have a job, but he can explain why."

-"With 300 million people in America, you can fail to impress 299 million of them and still go platinum."

Disappointingly, he made no mention of his collaboration with Stephen Colbert in [Hiphopketball: A Jazzebration](#).

(here is the link about "the collaboration with Stephen Colbert....")

## **Feud with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**

There was concern that [Kareem Abdul-Jabbar](#) was making a documentary that simply stole Colbert's idea. Stephen expressed his concern for this on the January 9th, 2006 [Tip of the Hat/wag of the finger](#) (which is why the above clip was shown). It would later be proven that Abdul-Jabbar was not simply stealing Stephen's idea after he saw Kareem's movie "On the Shoulders of Giants". The two would later reconcile and appear together in "[Stephen Colbert's Hiphopketball 2: The Rejazeera Remix '06](#)".