

A. J. P. Taylor

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If there had been a strong democratic sentiment in Germany, Hitler would never have come to power . [Germans] deserved what they got when they went round crying for a hero.

~A. J. P. Taylor

No matter what political reasons are given for war, the underlying reason is always economic.

~A. J. P. Taylor

If men are to respect each other for what they are, they must cease to respect each other for what they own.

~A. J. P. Taylor

The great armies, accumulated to provide security and preserve the peace, carried the nations to war by their own weight.

~A. J. P. Taylor

History is not another name for the past, as many people imply. It is the name for stories about the past.

~A. J. P. Taylor

Though the object of being a Great Power is to be able to fight a Great War, the only way of remaining a Great Power is not to fight one.

~A. J. P. Taylor

History is not a catalogue but...a convincing version of events.

~A. J. P. Taylor

Bismarck fought 'necessary' wars and killed thousands, the idealists of the twentieth century fight 'just' wars and kill millions.

~A. J. P. Taylor

Human blunders usually do more to shape history than human wickedness.

~A. J. P. Taylor

The present enables us to understand the past, not the other way round.

~A. J. P. Taylor

There is nothing more agreeable in life than to make peace with the establishment and nothing more corrupting.

~A. J. P. Taylor

Manchester has everything but good looks..., the only place in England which escapes our characteristic vice of snobbery.

~A. J. P. Taylor

Perfect soldier, perfect gentleman never gave offence to anyone not even the enemy.

~A. J. P. Taylor

A master of improvised speech and improvised policies.

~A. J. P. Taylor

If there had been no troublemakers, no Dissenters, we should still be living in caves.

~A. J. P. Taylor

The crusade against Communism was even more imaginary than the specter of Communism.

~A. J. P. Taylor

When I write I have no loyalty except to historical truth as I see it and care no more about British achievements and mistakes than any other.

~A. J. P. Taylor

Freedom does not always win. This is one of the bitterest lessons of

history.

~A. J. P. Taylor

Fascism was little more than terrorist rule by corrupt gangsters. Mussolini was not corrupt himself but he did nothing except to rage impotently.

~A. J. P. Taylor

The greatest problem about old age is the fear that it may go on too long.

~A. J. P. Taylor

Psychoanalysts believe that the only "normal" people are those who cause not trouble to either themselves or anyone else.

~A. J. P. Taylor

In my opinion, most of the great men of the past were only there for the beer - the wealth, prestige and grandeur that went with the power.

~A. J. P. Taylor

No war is inevitable until it breaks out.

~A. J. P. Taylor

In my opinion we learn nothing from history except the infinite variety of men's behaviour. We study it, as we listen to music or read poetry, for pleasure, not for instruction.

~A. J. P. Taylor

I was a narrative historian, believing more and more as I matured that the first function of the historian was to answer the child's question, "What happened next?"

~A. J. P. Taylor

A racing tipster who only reached Hitler's level of accuracy would not

do well for his clients.

~A. J. P. Taylor

All other forms of history - economic history, social history, psychological history, above all sociology - seem to me history with the history left out.

~A. J. P. Taylor

History is the great propagator of doubt.

~A. J. P. Taylor

Like most of those who study history, he (Napoleon III) learned from the mistakes of the past how to make new ones.

~A. J. P. Taylor

Knowledge breeds doubt, not certainty, And the more we know the more uncertain we become.

~A. J. P. Taylor

The male clerk with his quill pen and copper-plate handwriting had gone for good. The female short-hand typist took his place. It was a decisive moment in women's emancipation.

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The God of Battles will throw the dice that decide.

~A. J. P. Taylor

George VI in the conventional parlance was a Good King who sacrificed his life to his sense of duty. If we are to have monarchs it would be hard to find a better one.

~A. J. P. Taylor

One of the penalties of being president of the United States is that you must subsist for four years without drinking anything except Californian wine.

~A. J. P. Taylor

The Foreign Office knows no secrets.

~A. J. P. Taylor

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