

Adlai E. Stevenson

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My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

You can tell the size of a man by the size of the thing that makes him mad.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Those who corrupt the public mind are just as evil as those who steal from the public purse.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

In America any boy may become President, and I suppose it's just one of the risks he takes.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

The journey of a thousand leagues begins with a single step. So we must never neglect any work of peace within our reach, however small.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

I believe in the forgiveness of sin and the redemption of ignorance.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

All progress has resulted from people who took unpopular positions. All change is the result of a change in the contemporary state of mind.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

A hungry man is not a free man.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

A hypocrite is the kind of politician who would cut down a redwood tree, then mount the stump and make a speech for conservation.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

As citizens of this democracy, you are the rulers and the ruled, the law-givers and the law-abiding, the beginning and the end.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Communism is the corruption of a dream of justice.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

You will find that the truth is often unpopular and the contest between agreeable fancy and disagreeable fact is unequal. For, in the vernacular, we Americans are suckers for good news.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

He who slings mud generally loses ground.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

The idea that you can merchandise candidates for high office like breakfast cereal - that you can gather votes like box tops - is, I think, the ultimate indignity to the democratic process.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

On the plains of hesitation lie the blackened bones of countless millions who at the dawn of victory lay down to rest, and in resting died.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

It's hard to lead a cavalry charge if you think you look funny on a horse.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Some people approach every problem with an open mouth.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Do you know the difference between a beautiful woman and a charming one? A beauty is a woman you notice, a charmer is one who notices you.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Nature is indifferent to the survival of the human species, including Americans.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

You know, you really can't beat a household commodity - the ketchup bottle on the kitchen table.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

There is...a spiritual hunger in the world today and it cannot be satisfied...by better cars on longer credit terms.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

The free press is the mother of all our liberties and of our progress under liberty.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Flattery is all right so long as you don't inhale.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Communism is the death of the soul. It is the organization of total conformity - in short, of tyranny - and it is committed to making tyranny universal.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

I have been thinking that I would make a proposition to my Republican friends... that if they will stop telling lies about the Democrats, we will stop telling the truth about them.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

I don't want to send them to jail. I want to send them to school.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Public confidence in the integrity of the Government is indispensable to faith in democracy; and when we lose faith in the system, we have lost faith in everything we fight and spend for.

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Freedom rings where opinions clash.

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The whole basis of the United Nations is the right of all nations-great or small-to have weight, to have a vote, to be attended to, to be a part of the twentieth century.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

On this shrunken globe, men can no longer live as strangers.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

That which seems the height of absurdity in one generation often becomes the height of wisdom in another.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Ignorance is stubborn and prejudice is hard.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

The human race has improved everything, but the human race.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

It will be helpful in our mutual objective to allow every man in America to look his neighbor in the face and see a man - not a color.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

We have confused the free with the free and easy.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Change is inevitable, change for the better is a full-time job.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Newspaper editors are men who separate the wheat from the chaff, and then print the chaff.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Nothing so dates a man as to decry the younger generation.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

The first principle of a free society is an untrammelled flow of words in an open forum.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

We can chart our future clearly and wisely only when we know the path which has led to the present.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

A politician is a statesman who approaches every question with an open mouth.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Accuracy to a newspaper is what virtue is to a lady; but a newspaper can always print a retraction.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Peace is the one condition of survival in this nuclear age.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

There was a time when a fool and his money were soon parted, but now it happens to everybody.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

The relationship of the toastmaster to speaker should be the same as that of the fan to the fan dancer. It should call attention to the subject without making any particular effort to cover it.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

I have tried to talk about the issues in this campaign... and this has sometimes been a lonely road, because I never meet anybody coming the other way.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Freedom is not an ideal, it is not even a protection, if it means nothing more than freedom to stagnate, to live without dreams, to have no greater aim than a second car and another television set.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

I believe that if we really want human brotherhood to spread and increase until it makes life safe and sane, we must also be certain that there is no one true faith or path by which it may spread.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Journalists do not live by words alone, although sometimes they have to eat them.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

To act coolly, intelligently and prudently in perilous circumstances is the test of a man - and also a nation.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Protocol, alcohol, and Geritol.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

What a man knows at fifty that he did not know at twenty is, for the most part, incommunicable.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Every age needs men who will redeem the time by living with a vision of the things that are to be.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

The time to stop a revolution is at the beginning, not the end.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

After four years at the United Nations I sometimes yearn for the peace and tranquility of a political convention.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Nixon is finding out there are no tails on an Eisenhower jacket.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Nature is neutral. Man has wrested from nature the power to make the world a desert or make the deserts bloom. There is no evil in the atom; only in men's souls.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

The best reason I can think of for not running for President of the United States is that you have to shave twice a day.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

I think that one of the most fundamental responsibilities is to give testimony in a court of law, to give it honestly and willingly.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

Law is not a profession at all, but rather a business service station and repair shop.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

And all our troubles, all our immense difficulties, now and in the future, can I say, be solved if we have the will, the courage, the boldness to face them, face them square.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

She was the kind of person who would rather light a candle than curse the darkness.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

There is a New America every morning when we wake up. It is upon us whether we will it or not.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

The university is the archive of the Western mind, it's the keeper of the Western culture, ... the guardian of our heritage, the teacher of our teachers, ... the dwelling place of the free mind.

~Adlai E. Stevenson

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