

Bergen Evans Quotes

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Man, Cynicism, Reflection, Memorial Day, Past, Adjusting, Civilized, Fear,
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Freedom of speech and freedom of action are meaningless without freedom to think. And there is no freedom of thought without doubt.

~Bergen Evans

Authors are magpies, echoing each other's words and seizing avidly on anything that glitters.

~Bergen Evans

The mere abhorrence of vice is not a virtue at all.

~Bergen Evans

The civilized man has a moral obligation to be skeptical, to demand the credentials of all statements that claim to be facts.

~Bergen Evans

Lying is an indispensable part of making life tolerable.

~Bergen Evans

That is the essence of a witch-hunt, that any questioning of the evidence or the procedures in itself constitutes proof of complicity.

~Bergen Evans

An honorable man will not be bullied by a hypothesis.

~Bergen Evans

There is no necessary connection between the desire to lead and the ability to lead, and even less the ability to lead somewhere that will be to the advantage of the led.

~Bergen Evans

Leadership is more likely to be assumed by the aggressive than by the able, and those who scramble to the top are more often motivated by their own inner torments.

~Bergen Evans

Words are one of our chief means of adjusting to all the situations of life. The better control we have over words, the more successful our adjustment is likely to be.

~Bergen Evans

Stoicism is the wisdom of madness and cynicism the madness of wisdom.

~Bergen Evans

Wisdom is meaningless until your own experience has given it meaning, and there is wisdom in the selection of wisdom.

~Bergen Evans

We may be through with the past, but the past is not through with us.

~Bergen Evans

For the most part our leaders are merely following out in front; they do but marshal us the way that we are going.

~Bergen Evans

The civilized man has a moral obligation to be skeptical. . . . Any man who for one moment abandons or suspends the questioning spirit has for that moment betrayed humanity.

~Bergen Evans

There is wisdom in the selection of wisdom.

~Bergen Evans

We see what we want to see, and observation conforms to hypothesis.

~Bergen Evans

Most civilized lives are measured out with coffee spoons.

~Bergen Evans

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