

Douglas Hurd Quotes

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There is no consensus even today on the merits of Napoleon - and certainly no agreement on the rights and wrongs of the origins of the First World War.

~Douglas Hurd

Men like Hitler and Stalin and their immediate lieutenants cannot plead in defence of their actions that these were justified by the accepted values of that time.

~Douglas Hurd

Prison is an expensive way of making bad people worse.

~Douglas Hurd

We, Britain and Germany, can neither of us be happy about our handling of the Iraq war.

~Douglas Hurd

Margaret Thatcher, growing up in a bombed and battered Britain, derived a distrust which has grown with the years not just of Germany but of all continental Europe.

~Douglas Hurd

It is normal for politicians in all countries to profess themselves the pupils of history, anxious to draw the right lessons from her teaching.

~Douglas Hurd

History provides no precise guidelines.

~Douglas Hurd

But Germany will always suffer, I fear, from the intensely dramatic character of the crimes of the Third Reich.

~Douglas Hurd

We should be wary of politicians who profess to follow history while

only noticing those signposts of history that point in the direction which they themselves already favour.

~Douglas Hurd

We must admit that history is enjoyable to a large extent because it enables us to pass judgment on the past.

~Douglas Hurd

The tragedy of 9/11 galvanised the American superpower into action, leaving us in Europe divided in its wake.

~Douglas Hurd

If Margaret Thatcher had been Prime Minister at the time, there would have been no Treaty of Maastricht.

~Douglas Hurd

A genuinely democratic Iraq might well act as a fresh spur.

~Douglas Hurd

No military timetable should compel war when a successful outcome, namely a disarmed Iraq may be feasible without war, for example by allowing more time to the UN inspectors.

~Douglas Hurd

People know they are lacking something, they are constantly wanting some kind of spiritual guidance.

~Douglas Hurd

Diplomacy is unfashionable in the world of knee-jerk reaction and the dogmatic sound bite on television.

~Douglas Hurd

War on Iraq runs the risk of turning the Middle East into an inexhaustible recruiting ground for anti-western terrorism.

~Douglas Hurd

People are very interested in politics, they just don't like it labelled 'politics'.

~Douglas Hurd

Some people find it difficult to argue with a woman Prime Minister and shrivel up.

~Douglas Hurd

Silence is regarded as a sort of sin now, and it has to be filled with a lot of gossip and soundbites.

~Douglas Hurd

Wisely used history can give pleasure and provide us with a useful tool; but we should not become its slaves.

~Douglas Hurd

Ten Downing Street is a house, not an office. That is its most important characteristic.

~Douglas Hurd

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