

Helen Gahagan Douglas Quotes

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In trying to make something new, half the undertaking lies in discovering whether it can be done. Once it has been established that it can, duplication is inevitable.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

Freedom is not won on the battlefields. The chance for freedom is won there. The final battle is won or lost in our hearts and minds.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

Democracy cannot long survive when the people permit their lives to be dominated - economically or politically - by a powerful few.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

Character isn't inherited. One builds it daily by how one thinks and acts.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

To be free you must afford freedom to your neighbor, regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin, and that sometimes, for some, is very difficult.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

Politicians aren't any more wicked than other citizens but the situation in which they are placed warps their judgment.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

I never felt I left the stage.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

There is no danger in letting people have their say. ... There is a danger when you try to stop them from saying it.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

The discrepancy between American ideals and American practice -

between our aims and what we actually do - creates a moral dry rot which eats away at the foundations of our democratic faith.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

Such pip-squeaks as Nixon and McCarthy are trying to get us so frightened of Communism that we'll be afraid to turn out the lights at night.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

men never would share power with women willingly. If we wanted it, we would have to take it.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

The first step toward liberation of any group is to use the power in hand... And the power in hand is the vote.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

The ... irrational fear of communism is being deliberately used in many quarters to blind us to our real problems.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

If one lets fear or hate or anger take possession of the mind, they become self-forged chains.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

Nothing can be controlled by one country today; nothing.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

We cannot legislate equality but we can legislate ... equal opportunity for all.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

When a marriage works, nothing on earth can take its place

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

I realized that public affairs were also my affairs.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

if we pursue the arms race no other problem will be solved.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

You cannot barter security for freedom, or freedom for security.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

A vigorous democracy a democracy in which there are freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of religion, and freedom of speech would never succumb to communism or any other ism.

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I know the force women can exert in directing the course of events.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

You can't prove you're an American by waving Old Glory.

~Helen Gahagan Douglas

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