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The only kinds of fights worth fighting are those you're going to lose, because somebody has to fight them and lose and lose and lose until someday, somebody who believes as you do wins.

~I. F. Stone

All governments are run by liars and nothing they say should be believed.

~I. F. Stone

The difference between burlesque and the newspapers is that the former never pretended to be performing a public service by exposure.

~I. F. Stone

All governments lie, but disaster lies in wait for countries whose officials smoke the same hashish they give out.

~I. F. Stone

If you expect to see the final results of your work, you simply have not asked a big enough question.

~I. F. Stone

If you want to know about governments, all you need to know is two words: Governments lie.

~I. F. Stone

The only social justice movements worth fighting for are the struggles for justice where you lose, you lose, you lose- until you win.

~I. F. Stone

Rich people march on Washington every day.

~I. F. Stone

You've really got to wear a chastity belt in Washington to preserve your journalistic virginity. Once the secretary of state invites you to lunch

and asks your opinion, you're sunk.

~I. F. Stone

When war comes, reason is regarded as treason.

~I. F. Stone

Every time we are confronted with a new revolution we take to the opium pipes of our own propaganda.

~I. F. Stone

If God, as some now say, is dead, He no doubt died of trying to find an equitable solution to the Arab-Jewish problem.

~I. F. Stone

If you live long enough, you get accused of things you never did and praised for virtues you never had.

~I. F. Stone

History is a tragedy, not a morality tale.

~I. F. Stone

The arms race is based on an optimistic view of technology and a pessimistic view of man. It assumes there is no limit to the ingenuity of science and no limit to the deviltry of human beings.

~I. F. Stone

Every man is his own Pygmalion, and spends his life fashioning himself. And in fashioning himself, for good or ill, he fashions the human race and its future.

~I. F. Stone

Every emancipation has in it the seeds of a new slavery, and every truth easily becomes a lie.

~I. F. Stone

A certain moral imbecility marks all ethnocentric movements.

~I. F. Stone

I thought I might teach philosophy but the atmosphere of a college faculty repelled me; the few islands of greatness seemed to be washed by seas of pettiness and mediocrity.

~I. F. Stone

The only thing God didn't do to Job was give him a computer.

~I. F. Stone

When you're young, you get blamed for crimes that you didn't commit. When you are old, you get credit for virtues that you never had. I guess it all evens out in the end.

~I. F. Stone

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