

# Iain Pears

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Purpose, Light, Dark, Who You Are, Jobs, Blow, Important, Knowing, Tyranny,  
Teaching, Our Past, Achieve*

The simple fact that something has not been done, is no proof that it cannot be.

~Iain Pears

Diplomacy and virtue do not make easy companions.

~Iain Pears

The point of civilization is to be civilized; the purpose of action is to perpetuate society, for only in society can philosophy truly take place.

~Iain Pears

The evil done by men of goodwill is the worst of all ... We have done terrible things, for the best of reasons, and that makes it worse.

~Iain Pears

Every cataclysm is welcomed by somebody; there is always someone to rejoice at disaster and see in it the prospect of a new beginning and a better world.

~Iain Pears

And a more foolish notion can scarcely be imagined, it being obvious that the reader is only informed of what the writer wishes him to know, and is thus seduced into believing almost anything.

~Iain Pears

I learned that I have to be detached if I was ever to achieve anything at all.

~Iain Pears

Power without wisdom is tyranny; wisdom without power is pointless.

~Iain Pears

For men are held above their fellows by the gossamer of reputation, which is so soft and fragile a breath can blow it away.

~Iain Pears

Philosophy cannot be extinguished, though men will try ... The spirit seeks the light, that is its nature. It wishes to return to its origin, and must forever try to reach enlightenment.

~Iain Pears

He who profits by villainy, has perpetrated it.

~Iain Pears

He (William Cort) had some desire to be successful, but it did not burn so strongly in him that he was prepared to overcome his character to achieve it.

~Iain Pears

The devil himself can become beauty, so we are told, to corrupt mankind." (Marco)

~Iain Pears

For what are we but our past? If that is lost, we become nothing.

~Iain Pears

Who you are is less important than what you seem.

~Iain Pears

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