

Jean Chretien

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A proof is a proof. What kind of a proof? It's a proof. A proof is a proof. And when you have a good proof, it's because it's proven.

~Jean Chretien

I don't know what is marijuana. Perhaps I will try it when it will no longer be criminal. I will have my money for my fine and a joint in the other hand

~Jean Chretien

Pierre Trudeau dreamed of a society that afforded all of its citizens an equal opportunity to succeed in life - whatever their background or beliefs, whether rich or poor.

~Jean Chretien

To be frank, politics is about wanting power, getting it, exercising it, and keeping it.

~Jean Chretien

To my mind losing is always better than never trying, because you can never tell what may happen.

~Jean Chretien

Canadian federalism is more than a form of government. It's also a system of values that allows different people in diverse communities to live and work together in harmony for the good of all.

~Jean Chretien

The art of politics is learning to walk with your back to the wall, your elbows high, and a smile on your face. It's a survival game played under the glare of lights.

~Jean Chretien

Economics has been called the dismal science. Once you get to understand it, you may not find it so dismal, but you don't find it much of

a science either.

~Jean Chretien

Good intentions are not an excuse for maladministration of this magnitude.

~Jean Chretien

There will be no silence from Canada. Our friendship has no limit. Generation after generation we have traveled many difficult miles together side by side.

~Jean Chretien

A leader has to know how the system functions - not just the system of government but the whole social and economic system, including business, the unions, and the universities.

~Jean Chretien

God gave me a physical defect, I've accepted that since I was a kid. When I was a kid people were laughing at me. But I accepted that because God gave me other qualities and I'm grateful.

~Jean Chretien

It is impossible to fully comprehend the evil that would have conjured up such a cowardly and depraved assault upon thousands of innocent people.

~Jean Chretien

President Bush is a friend of mine. He's not a moron at all.

~Jean Chretien

The Western world is ... looked upon as being arrogant, self-satisfied, greedy and with no limits. And Sept. 11 is an occasion for me to realize it even more.

~Jean Chretien

Trudeau valued performance above image. He Knew he could give me a shovel if there was a mess to clean up, and he kept moving me from one mess to another.

~Jean Chretien

If military action in Iraq is launched without a new U.N. resolution, Canada will not participate.

~Jean Chretien

You have to look at history as an evolution of society.

~Jean Chretien

There's no such thing as a genius in politics, or at least I have never met one. There are only human beings, some better than others, who rise or fall on the challenges they meet.

~Jean Chretien

Over the years, I have seen too many politicians ruin their careers because they could not accept defeat graciously.

~Jean Chretien

Most Canadians don't understand the House of Commons. They turn on their televisions, see us yelling at one another, and dismiss us as a bunch of fools.

~Jean Chretien

Vision is not political rhetoric.

~Jean Chretien

For all its prestige, its fabulous views, its indoor pool, and its lovely garden, 24 Sussex is more like an old hotel than a modern home.

~Jean Chretien

I didn't feel the need to have a lot of yes-men standing around me. As

Mitchell Sharp once put it, the bigger the staff, the smaller the minister.

~Jean Chretien

I was proud to have been the anti-establishment candidate after more than twenty years in politics, a small town guy fighting for the ordinary Canadian.

~Jean Chretien

Ten years ago, in the aftermath of the referendum in Quebec, the very existence of Canada was on the line... I had a responsibility to ensure that Canada never again came close to the precipice.

~Jean Chretien

Deficit reduction is not an end in itself. It is the means to an end. Canadians must now decide what kind of country they want to build with the hard-won dividend.

~Jean Chretien

Why buy repeater carbines and nuclear armament - if this is kept at home a child can play with it

~Jean Chretien

Obviously, I would have been happier if Canada had not been conquered in the past by the English, if this part of North America had remained French, but you can't rewrite history.

~Jean Chretien

There is nothing more nervous than a million dollars - it moves very fast, and it doesn't speak any language.

~Jean Chretien

Politics is a game of friends.

~Jean Chretien

I've never believed in seeking perfection at the risk of losing everything.

~Jean Chretien

Some information has to remain in the privy of the office of the Prime Minister and the ministers for the proper administration of government.

~Jean Chretien

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