

# John Foster Dulles

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*War, Peace, Art, Running, Success, Believe, Capacity, Violence, Order,  
Organization, Military, Years, Men, World, Equality, Encouraging, America,  
Land, Saving, Business*

If you are scared to go to the brink, you are lost.

~John Foster Dulles

The world will never have lasting peace so long as men reserve for war the finest human qualities. Peace, no less than war, requires idealism and self-sacrifice and a righteous and dynamic faith.

~John Foster Dulles

The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is the same problem you had last year.

~John Foster Dulles

A man's accomplishments in life are the cumulative effect of his attention to detail.

~John Foster Dulles

The United States of America does not have friends; it has interests.

~John Foster Dulles

The Soviets sought not a place in the sun, but the sun itself. Their objective was the world. They would not tolerate compromise on goals, only on tactics.

~John Foster Dulles

The principle of neutrality ... has increasingly become an obsolete conception, and, except under very special circumstances, it is an immoral and shortsighted conception.

~John Foster Dulles

Of all tasks of government the most basic is to protect its citizens against violence.

~John Foster Dulles

Our capacity to retaliate must be, and is, massive in order to deter all

forms of aggression

~John Foster Dulles

A peaceful world is a world in which differences are tolerated, and are not eliminated by violence.

~John Foster Dulles

Somehow we find it hard to sell our values, namely that the rich should plunder the poor.

~John Foster Dulles

Once - many, many years ago - I thought I made a wrong decision. Of course, it turned out that I had been right all along. But I was wrong to have thought that I was wrong

~John Foster Dulles

A capacity to change is indispensable. Equally indispensable is the capacity to hold fast to that which is good.

~John Foster Dulles

The mark of a successful organization isn't whether or not it has problems, its whether it has the same problems it had last year.

~John Foster Dulles

Our institutions of freedom will not survive unless they are constantly replenished by the faith that gave them birth.

~John Foster Dulles

There are plenty of problems in the world, many of them interconnected. But there is no problem which compares with this central, universal problem of saving the human race from extinction

~John Foster Dulles

Forgive everybody everything everyday.

~John Foster Dulles

The U.S. has no friends, only interests.

~John Foster Dulles

The ability to get to the verge without getting into the war is the necessary art. If you try to run away from it, if you are scared to go to the brink, you are lost

~John Foster Dulles

I wouldn't attach too much importance to these student riots. I remember when I was a student at the Sorbonne in Paris, I used to go out and riot occasionally.

~John Foster Dulles

The United Nations was not set up to be a reformatory. It was assumed that you would be good before you got in and not that being in would make you good

~John Foster Dulles

I'm making progress if today's problems are different from yesterday's.

~John Foster Dulles

We walked to the brink and we looked it in the face.

~John Foster Dulles

I am aware how almost impossible it is in this country to carry out a foreign policy not approved by the Jews.

~John Foster Dulles

Freedom & Duty always go hand in hand and if the free do not accept the duty of social responsibility, they will not long remain free.

~John Foster Dulles

Peace can be a cover whereby evil men can perpetrate diabolical wrongs.

~John Foster Dulles

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