

# Kingman Brewster, Jr.

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Mean, Use, Presumption Of Innocence, Satisfaction, Spirit, Sea, Challenges,  
Profession, Relief, Ambassadors, Ambiguity*

The function of a briefing paper is to prevent the ambassador from saying something dreadfully indiscreet. I sometimes think its true object is to prevent the ambassador from saying anything at all.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

Universities should be safe havens where ruthless examination of realities will not be distorted by the aim to please or inhibited by the risk of displeasure.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

Maybe you are the "cool" generation. If coolness means a capacity to stay calm and use your head in the service of ends passionately believed in, then it has my admiration.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

There is no lasting hope in violence, only temporary relief from hopelessness.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

We all live in a televised goldfish bowl.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

While the spoken word can travel faster, you can't take it home in your hand. Only the written word can be absorbed wholly at the convenience of the reader.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

The presumption of innocence is not just a legal concept. In commonplace terms, it rests on that generosity of spirit which assumes the best, not the worst, of the stranger.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

If I take refuge in ambiguity, I assure you that it's quite conscious.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

You and I know that there is a correlation between the creative and the screwball. So we must suffer the screwball gladly.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

The fullness or emptiness of life will be measured by the extent to which a man feels that he has an impact on the lives of others.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

There is no greater challenge than to have someone relying upon you; no greater satisfaction than to vindicate his expectation.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

Incomprehensible jargon is the hallmark of a profession.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

The newspaper fits the reader's program while the listener must fit the broadcaster's program.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

It is satisfying for the descendant of a dissident refugee from Elizabeth I to present his credentials to Elizabeth II.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

It won't make for a quiet life but it will make for an interesting paper vastly more significant because it is doing something only a daily paper can do.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

With all the mass media concentrated in a few hands, the ancient faith in the competition of ideas in the free market seems like a hollow echo of a much simpler day.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

Judgment is more than skill. It sets forth on intellectual seas beyond the

shores of hard indisputable factual information.

~Kingman Brewster, Jr.

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