

Lester B. Pearson

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How can there be peace without people understanding each other; and how can this be if they don't know each other?

~Lester B. Pearson

The best defence of peace is not power, but the removal of the causes of war, and international agreements which will put peace on a stronger foundation, than the terror of destruction.

~Lester B. Pearson

The only failures are those who fail to try.

~Lester B. Pearson

As a soldier, I survived World War I when most of my comrades did not.

~Lester B. Pearson

We must keep on trying to solve problems, one by one, stage by stage, if not on the basis of confidence and cooperation, at least on that of mutual toleration and self-interest.

~Lester B. Pearson

Understanding the nature of conflict leads to peace.

~Lester B. Pearson

The choice, however, is as clear now for nations as it was once for the individual: peace or extinction.

~Lester B. Pearson

It has too often been too easy for rulers and governments to incite man to war.

~Lester B. Pearson

We are all descendants of Adam, and we are all products of racial miscegenation.

~Lester B. Pearson

Today continuing poverty and distress are a deeper and more important cause of international tensions, of the conditions that can produce war, than previously.

~Lester B. Pearson

Diplomacy is letting someone else have your way.

~Lester B. Pearson

When you're special to a cat, you're special indeed, she brings to you the gift of her preference of you, the sight of you, the sound of your voice, the touch of your hand.

~Lester B. Pearson

This fastest of all games [hockey] has become almost as much of a national symbol as the maple leaf.

~Lester B. Pearson

As to the first, I do not know that I have done very much myself to promote fraternity between nations but I do know that there can be no more important purpose for any man's activity or interests.

~Lester B. Pearson

We'll jump off that bridge when we come to it.

~Lester B. Pearson

The grim fact is that we prepare for war like precocious giants, and for peace like retarded pygmies.

~Lester B. Pearson

Today the predatory state, or the predatory group of states, with power of total destruction, is no more to be tolerated than the predatory individual.

~Lester B. Pearson

Politics is the skilled use of blunt objects.

~Lester B. Pearson

A great gulf, however, has been opened between man's material advance and his social and moral progress, a gulf in which he may one day be lost if it is not closed or narrowed.

~Lester B. Pearson

As a civilian during the Second War, I was exposed to danger in circumstances which removed any distinction between the man in and the man out of uniform.

~Lester B. Pearson

Not only did he [Dean Acheson] not suffer fools gladly, he did not suffer them at all.

~Lester B. Pearson

Every state has not only the right but the duty to make adequate provision for its own defense in the way it thinks best, providing it does not do so at the expense of any other state.

~Lester B. Pearson

We know now that in modern warfare, fought on any considerable scale, there can be no possible economic gain for any side. Win or lose, there is nothing but waste and destruction.

~Lester B. Pearson

The scientific and technological discoveries that have made war so infinitely more terrible for us are part of the same process that has knit us all so much more closely together.

~Lester B. Pearson

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