

Margaret Halsey

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Bulldogs have been known to fall on their swords when confronted by my superior tenacity.

~Margaret Halsey

The people who say you are not facing reality actually mean that you are not facing their idea of reality

~Margaret Halsey

What I know about money, I learned the hard way - by having had it.

~Margaret Halsey

Identity is not found, the way Pharaoh's daughter found Moses in the bulrushes. Identity is built.

~Margaret Halsey

The important thing about human beings is not what they do, but why they do it.

~Margaret Halsey

In some circumstances, the refusal to be defeated is a refusal to be educated.

~Margaret Halsey

Every time I think I've touched bottom as far as boredom is concerned, new vistas of ennui open up.

~Margaret Halsey

The English never smash in a face. They merely refrain from asking it to dinner.

~Margaret Halsey

The great disadvantage of being in a rat race is that it is humiliating. The competitors in a rat race are by definition rodents.

~Margaret Halsey

He must have had a magnificent build before his stomach went in for a career of its own.

~Margaret Halsey

I was well warned about English food, so it did not surprise me, but I do wonder sometimes, how they ever manage to prise it up long enough to get a plate under it.

~Margaret Halsey

Example is better than precept.

~Margaret Halsey

the role of the Do-Gooder is not what actors call a fat part.

~Margaret Halsey

Living in England, provincial England, must be like being married to a stupid but exquisitely beautiful wife.

~Margaret Halsey

Englishwomen's shoes look as if they had been made by someone who had often heard shoes described, but had never seen any.

~Margaret Halsey

the crucial disadvantage of aggression, competitiveness and skepticism as national characteristics is that these qualities cannot be turned off at five o'clock.

~Margaret Halsey

A person may be totally unimaginative and have the social vision of a mole, and we still call him a decent man.

~Margaret Halsey

you have to realize the white-supremacy boys are spoiled children. 'I want my way,' they scream, and like all spoiled children, they advance

no justification for it except that it is their way.

~Margaret Halsey

Working with children is the easiest part of educating for democracy, because children are still undefeated and have no stake in being prejudiced.

~Margaret Halsey

Equality is an unconscious assumption, and if you feel you are treating someone as an equal, then you are not doing it.

~Margaret Halsey

We know of our own knowledge that we are human beings, and, as such, imperfect. But we are bathed by the communications industry in a ceaseless tide of inhuman, impossible perfection.

~Margaret Halsey

... the English think of an opinion as something which a decent person, if he has the misfortune to have one, does all he can to hide.

~Margaret Halsey

... giving up alcohol or cigarettes is a lead-pipe cinch compared to the renunciation of complacency by a former (self-appointed) elite.

~Margaret Halsey

Life itself, however, flows and is sequential and punishes those who try to compartmentalize it.

~Margaret Halsey

Listening to Britons dining out is like watching people play first-class tennis with imaginary balls.

~Margaret Halsey

I am living with a rising generation which talks like people coming out of

ether.

~Margaret Halsey

the conversation whipped gaily around the table like rags in a high wind.

~Margaret Halsey

The only way not to worry about the race problem is to be doing something about it yourself. When you are, natural human vanity makes you feel that now the thing is in good hands.

~Margaret Halsey

Father's snoring grows to sound increasingly like a vacuum cleaner in heat.

~Margaret Halsey

democracy produces both heroes and villains, but it differs from a fascist state in that it does not produce a hero who is a villain.

~Margaret Halsey

it is a waste of time to ask more of people than they have to give.

~Margaret Halsey

The real nature of an ethic is that it does not become an ethic unless and until it goes into action.

~Margaret Halsey

Whatever the rest of the world thinks of the English gentleman, the English lady regards him apprehensively as something between God and a goat and equally formidable on both scores.

~Margaret Halsey

The soup, thin and dark and utterly savorless, tasted as if it had been drained out of the umbrella stand.

~Margaret Halsey

Money does not corrupt people. What corrupts people is lack of affection ... Money is simply the bandage which wounded people put over their wounds.

~Margaret Halsey

American business, while it does not frown on helping the human race, frowns on people who start right in helping the human race without first proving that they can sell things to it.

~Margaret Halsey

In a business society, the role of sex can be summed up in five pitiful little words. There is money in it.

~Margaret Halsey

In a business society, the emotional economy is an economy of scarcity.

~Margaret Halsey

I was so embarrassed I could feel my nerves curling like bacon over a hot fire.

~Margaret Halsey

people coming away from a session with Dr. S. usually looked as if they had had fifty minutes on the anvil with an apprentice blacksmith.

~Margaret Halsey

Infants, I note with envy, are receptive to enjoyment in a degree not attained by adults this side of the new Jerusalem.

~Margaret Halsey

Some persons talk simply because they think sound is more manageable than silence.

~Margaret Halsey

The attitude of the English towards English history reminds one a good deal of the attitude of a Hollywood director towards love.

~Margaret Halsey

A lady getting a missing belt back from the cleaner couldn't have been more surprised and pleased.

~Margaret Halsey

The integration of the Negro into American society is one of the most exciting challenges to self-development and self-mastery that any nation of people ever faced.

~Margaret Halsey

English life is seventh-eighths below the surface, like an iceberg, and living in England for a year constitutes merely an introduction to an introduction to an introduction to it.

~Margaret Halsey

... it takes a great deal to produce ennui in an Englishman and if you do, he only takes it as convincing proof that you are well-bred.

~Margaret Halsey

In practice, there is nothing especially dramatic in people getting along well together.

~Margaret Halsey

being in the middle class is a feeling as well as an income level.

~Margaret Halsey

My knees could have been stirred with a spoon.

~Margaret Halsey

Passionately prejudiced people always turn out, under scrutiny, to be people who cannot get along on a footing of equality with anyone.

~Margaret Halsey

the whole flavor and quality of the American representative government turns to ashes on the tongue, if one regards that government as simply an inferior and rather second-rate sort of corporation.

~Margaret Halsey

Democracy makes many taxing demands on its practitioners, but suspension of the intelligence is not one of them.

~Margaret Halsey

If you embark on a project as magnificent in concept as the brotherhood of man, it is foolish not to anticipate difficulties of proportionate magnificence.

~Margaret Halsey

This year's blasphemy is next year's liberating truth.

~Margaret Halsey

It is possible to eat English piecrust, whatever you may think at first. The English eat it, and when they stand up and walk away, they are hardly bent over at all.

~Margaret Halsey

I would have felt more comfortable on a girder fifty floors above the street, catching white-hot rivets in a pail.

~Margaret Halsey

when I spoke of having a drink, it was a euphemism for having a whole flock of them.

~Margaret Halsey

Employed as I had been employing it, liquor is a fixative of old patterns.

~Margaret Halsey

Success does not implant bad characteristics in people. It merely steps up the growth rate of the bad characteristics they already had.

~Margaret Halsey

Folklore is a collection of ridiculous notions held by other people, but not by you and me.

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