

Martin Van Creveld

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The enemy resembles us. Therefore, he needs to be approached not as an assembly of 'targets' to be destroyed one by one; but as a living, intelligent entity capable of acting and reacting.

~Martin Van Creveld

War is the greatest fun man can have with his pants on.

~Martin Van Creveld

A world without war is not in the cards.

~Martin Van Creveld

We possess several hundred atomic warheads and rockets and can launch them at targets in all directions, perhaps even at Rome. Most European capitals are targets of our air force.

~Martin Van Creveld

I want to put any number of assorted 'ists' - such as relativists, deconstructionists, destructivists, postmodernists, the more maudlin kind of pacifists and feminists - firmly in their place.

~Martin Van Creveld

As history since Hiroshima shows, the best, perhaps the only, way to curb war is to deter it with such overwhelming force as to turn it from a struggle into suicide.

~Martin Van Creveld

Except when war is waged in a desert, noncombatants, also known as civilians or "the people," constitute the great majority of those affected.

~Martin Van Creveld

If you are strong and fighting the weak, then if you kill your opponent then you are a scoundrel... if you let him kill you, then you are an idiot.

~Martin Van Creveld

In the future as in the past, both Clausewitz and Sun Tzu will undoubtedly have a lot to offer.

~Martin Van Creveld

Obviously, we don't want Iran to have nuclear weapons and I don't know if they're developing them, but if they're not developing them, they're crazy.

~Martin Van Creveld

The problem is that you cannot prove yourself against someone who is much weaker than yourself.

~Martin Van Creveld

Sun Tzu does not need my praise. His work has lived for over two thousand years, and will surely live for another two thousand without any help from me.

~Martin Van Creveld

Never' is too much of a word. Nothing lasts forever.

~Martin Van Creveld

Assuming China does not become destabilized and continues to grow, it will no doubt develop a military program in proportion to its resources.

~Martin Van Creveld

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