

Peter Farb Quotes

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Food to a large extent is what holds a society together, and eating is closely linked to deep spiritual experiences.

~Peter Farb

A complex society is not necessarily more advanced than a simple one; it has just adapted to conditions in a more complicated way.

~Peter Farb

Gestures and facial expressions do indeed communicate, as anyone can prove by turning off the sound on a television set and asking watchers to characterize the speakers from the picture alone.

~Peter Farb

The environment does not determine man's culture; it merely sets the outer limits and at the same time offers opportunities.

~Peter Farb

Despite the theories traditionally taught in high-school social studies, the truth is: the more primitive the society, the more leisured its way of life.

~Peter Farb

An inability to communicate has little to do with international friction-as is seen in the special ferocity of wars fought between people who speak the same language.

~Peter Farb

An invention or new combination can be successful only if all if the elements necessary for the recombination are present in the culture.

~Peter Farb

No child is capable of speech until he has heard other human beings speak, and even two infants reared together cannot develop a language from scratch.

~Peter Farb

People who speak the same language can hate one another as easily as can people who speak unrelated languages.

~Peter Farb

In place of science, the Eskimo has only magic to bridge the gap between what he can understand and what is not known. Without magic, his life would be one long panic.

~Peter Farb

Language does not stand still. Surprisingly, despite this knowledge, most speakers are fearful of change.

~Peter Farb

Marriage is simply an economic necessity, and so there are no elaborate courtship displays or marriage celebrations among the Eskimo.

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