

S. I. Hayakawa

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It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish.

~S. I. Hayakawa

We should keep [the Panama Canal]. After all, we stole it fair and square.

~S. I. Hayakawa

It is the individual who knows how little they know about themselves who stands the most reasonable chance of finding out something about themselves before they die.

~S. I. Hayakawa

Learning to write is learning to think. You don't know anything clearly unless you can state it in writing.

~S. I. Hayakawa

In a very real sense, people who have read good literature have lived more than people who cannot or will not read.

~S. I. Hayakawa

The meanings of words are not in the words, they are in us.

~S. I. Hayakawa

Language is a unifying instrument which binds people together. When people speak one language they become as one, they become a society.

~S. I. Hayakawa

Bilingualism for the individual is fine, but not for a country.

~S. I. Hayakawa

Good teachers never say anything. What they do is create the conditions under which learning takes place.

~S. I. Hayakawa

You guys are both saying the same thing. The only reason you're arguing is because you're using different words.

~S. I. Hayakawa

If you see in any given situation only what everybody else can see, you can be said to be so much a representative of your culture that you are a victim of it.

~S. I. Hayakawa

In the age of television, image becomes more important than substance.

~S. I. Hayakawa

I'm going to speak my mind because I have nothing to lose.

~S. I. Hayakawa

English is the key to full participation in the opportunities of American life.

~S. I. Hayakawa

There is only one thing age can give you, and that is wisdom.

~S. I. Hayakawa

I believe we are being dishonest with language minority groups if we tell them they can take full part in American life without learning the English language.

~S. I. Hayakawa

The great thing about the United States is our ability to absorb foreign people and make them a part of us.

~S. I. Hayakawa

Notice the difference between what happens when a man says to himself, I have failed three times, and what happens when he says, I am a failure.

~S. I. Hayakawa

McDonalds in Tokyo is a terrible revenge for Pearl Harbor.

~S. I. Hayakawa

The United States is enriched by many cultures, and united by a single common language.

~S. I. Hayakawa

The last thing a scientist would do is cling to a map because he inherited it from his grandfather, or because it was used by George Washington or Abraham Lincoln.

~S. I. Hayakawa

Patriotic societies seem to think that the way to educate school children in a democracy is to stage bigger and better flag-saluting.

~S. I. Hayakawa

English, our common language, binds our diverse people.

~S. I. Hayakawa

Agreement is brought about by changing people's minds - other people's.

~S. I. Hayakawa

How anybody dresses is indicative of his self-concept. If students are dirty and ragged, it indicates they are not interested in tidying up their intellects either.

~S. I. Hayakawa

Those terrifying verbal jungles called laws are simply such directives,

accumulated, codified, and systematized through the centuries.

~S. I. Hayakawa

Definitions, contrary to popular opinion, tell us nothing about things. They only describe people's linguistic habits; that is, they tell us what noises people make under what conditions.

~S. I. Hayakawa

Advertising is a symbol-manipulating occupation

~S. I. Hayakawa

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