

Shashi Tharoor Quotes

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Western dictionaries define secularism as absence of religion but Indian secularism does not mean irreligiousness. It means profusion of religions.

~Shashi Tharoor

India is not, as people keep calling it, an underdeveloped country, but rather, in the context of its history and cultural heritage, a highly developed one in an advanced state of decay.

~Shashi Tharoor

India has been born and reborn scores of times, and it will be reborn again. India is forever, and India is forever being made.

~Shashi Tharoor

There is not a thing as the wrong place, or the wrong time. We are where we are at the only time we have. Perhaps it's where we're meant to be.

~Shashi Tharoor

Freedom of the press is the mortar that binds together the bricks of democracy -- and it is also the open window embedded in those bricks.

~Shashi Tharoor

On Gandhi: Don't ever forget, that we were not lead by a saint with his head in clouds, but by a master tactician with his feet on the ground.

~Shashi Tharoor

It's not the side of the bigger army that wins. It's the country that tells a better story.

~Shashi Tharoor

Diplomacy is much like the "lovemaking of elephants", which is accompanied with a lot of bellowing and other sound effects, but no one can be sure of the consequences for at least the next two years

~Shashi Tharoor

If you believe in truth and cared enough to obtain it, you had to be prepared actively to suffer for it.

~Shashi Tharoor

India shaped my mind, anchored my identity, influenced my beliefs, and made me who I am. ... India matters to me and I would like to matter to India.

~Shashi Tharoor

Terrorism is a principal preoccupation in most of our international contacts.

~Shashi Tharoor

Resolutions aren't self-executing. Somebody has to provide the soldiers, take the risks, risk their blood and their treasure to go out and implement such a resolution.

~Shashi Tharoor

In India we celebrate the commonality of major differences; we are a land of belonging rather than of blood.

~Shashi Tharoor

The only possible idea of India is that of a nation greater than the sum of its parts.

~Shashi Tharoor

The British are the only people in history crass enough to have made revolutionaries out of Americans.

~Shashi Tharoor

Im not a techno-determinist. I believe we need to improve our existing human resources, and technology can only be a complement.

~Shashi Tharoor

I make no bones about the fact that India matters to me, and I would like to matter to India.

~Shashi Tharoor

In writing of Indian culture, I am highly conscious of my own subjectivity; arguably, there is more than one Indian culture, and certainly more than one view of Indian culture.

~Shashi Tharoor

There's no longer a superpower standoff. But there are real problems that divide countries around the world. And the UN is still the place where we can get together and try and discuss them.

~Shashi Tharoor

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