

Shimon Peres Quotes

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The most important thing in life is to dare. The most complicated thing in life is to be afraid. The smartest thing in the world is to try to be a moral person.

~Shimon Peres

Optimists and pessimists die the exact same death, but they live very different lives!

~Shimon Peres

You're as young as your dreams, not as old as your calendar

~Shimon Peres

When you have two alternatives, the first thing you have to do is to look for the third that you didn't think about, that doesn't exist.

~Shimon Peres

It's better to be controversial for the right reasons, than to be popular for the wrong reasons.

~Shimon Peres

If a problem has no solution, it may not be a problem, but a fact - not to be solved, but to be coped with over time.

~Shimon Peres

To find a cause that's larger than yourself and then to give your life to it.

~Shimon Peres

We should use our imagination more than our memory.

~Shimon Peres

I don't think anybody who carries a rifle carries the future. Because I don't believe that you can really change the world by killing and shooting. You have to change it by creating and competing.

~Shimon Peres

A solution of two national states - a Jewish state, Israel; an Arab state, Palestine. The Palestinians are our closest neighbors. I believe they may become our closest friends.

~Shimon Peres

You don't make peace with friends. You make it with very unsavory enemies.

~Shimon Peres

For me, dreaming is simply being pragmatic.

~Shimon Peres

I think peace should be done not only among governments but among people. It was impossible before the Facebook.

~Shimon Peres

From my earliest youth, I have known that while one is obliged to plan with care the stages of one's journey, one is entitled to dream, and keep dreaming, of its destination.

~Shimon Peres

You can kill a thousand; you can bring an end to life; you cannot kill an idea.

~Shimon Peres

If you eat three times a day, you become fat. If you read three times a day, you become wise. It's better to be wise than fat.

~Shimon Peres

It's a morality that keeps humans human.

~Shimon Peres

Television has made dictatorship impossible but democracy unbearable.

~Shimon Peres

Our problem is not to submit to the differences but to overcome them.

~Shimon Peres

There is in England a saying that an anti-Semite is someone who hates the Jews more than is necessary.

~Shimon Peres

The president of Iran should remember that Iran can also be wiped off the map.

~Shimon Peres

One of the most important branches of the Egyptian economy is tourism. No bikinis, no tourism. So they have to decide what to do.

~Shimon Peres

Leading the Jewish people is not easy -- we are a divided, obstinate, highly individualistic people who have cultivated faith, sharp wittedness and polemics to a very high level.

~Shimon Peres

We are the only country who is an ally of the United States that never asked for American soldiers.

~Shimon Peres

You know when civilization began? With the invention of the mirror.

~Shimon Peres

The internet, Facebook and Twitter have created mass communications and social spaces that regimes cannot control.

~Shimon Peres

They thought that I was a man with reasonable judgment, so I was never under pressure from my parents; I could do whatever I wanted. I never had a negative word from them, nothing whatsoever.

~Shimon Peres

When it becomes a bloody reality, we have to come together and look at what can be done to return to the order of peace, ... There is no alternative to it.

~Shimon Peres

In the past, most wars were motivated by the idea of nationhood. Today, however, wars are incited above all using religion as an excuse.

~Shimon Peres

In every war, there are always elements of blindness.

~Shimon Peres

Today, Israel is stronger than ever. Israel has defensive tools of its own - those developed in the past and those developed today and those that will be developed tomorrow.

~Shimon Peres

Many Syrians understand that the only option that exists is the option of peace, which means the option of compromise, .. Nobody can have 100 percent of his desires. He must compromise.

~Shimon Peres

Without freedom you cannot have real peace.

~Shimon Peres

I am leaving the office but am not leaving the battle for peace.

~Shimon Peres

Israel is moving from the realm of poetry to the realm of prose.

~Shimon Peres

Why cross an ocean when you can cross a river? Why should we sail to Washington when we can meet right away 10 miles from here?

~Shimon Peres

And this would normalize the existence of the Israeli and the Jew: a majority of Jews in the Land of Israel and a majority of Israelis among the Jewish People.

~Shimon Peres

Iran is a great problem, but not necessarily a great country. In fact, I think it is a very weak country.

~Shimon Peres

He taught me literature, and he actually taught me how to read. He was my personal mentor.

~Shimon Peres

Governments have budgets but no money, companies have money but no budgets.

~Shimon Peres

[Hamas] thought that if you go to elections you become a democrat for the rest of your life. They think that democracy is limited to one day in four years.

~Shimon Peres

In many ways, the media today makes dictatorship impossible. But it also makes democracy intolerable.

~Shimon Peres

Polls are like perfume-nice to smell, dangerous to swallow.

~Shimon Peres

I do not know anybody that is threatening Iran. It is a safe country.

~Shimon Peres

If world is suspicious that Israel may detonate nuclear bomb and if the suspicion is a deterrent - that's good enough.

~Shimon Peres

In any democratic country you have more than one view.

~Shimon Peres

Nothing had excited me-the huge cars, the entourages, the bodyguards, the policeman jumping to attention, all meant nothing to me ... till I came to the old man's office. (On becoming prime minister)

~Shimon Peres

In the Middle East, the conflict today is a matter of generations and not of cultures.

~Shimon Peres

The minute you try to threaten and use boycotts I think it is outside the democratic perception.

~Shimon Peres

The problem of the Middle East is poverty more than politics.

~Shimon Peres

Can any church help us to win a war? If you can't help us win a war, then please don't press us.

~Shimon Peres

Israel is a start-up nation, and I think it can be done in other places. I will do it outside the government. I don't need the government.

~Shimon Peres

I worked with a group of people who argued day and night - professors, officials, the Minister of Finance - but there were decisions that I had to make.

~Shimon Peres

The Middle East is replete with both new and old threats. One should not underestimate these threats, but not be alarmed by them either. Israel is stronger today than ever.

~Shimon Peres

[Hamas] lives on their rifles and bombs.

~Shimon Peres

I was learning, as I did in the Ministry of Defense. I never knew, but I always learned.

~Shimon Peres

Look, Israel doesn't intend to introduce nuclear weapons, but if people are afraid that we have them, why not? It's a deterrent.

~Shimon Peres

I am a president who also gives pardons. Usually my considerations are humane.

~Shimon Peres

In order to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear country you have to introduce a system of verification and inspection.

~Shimon Peres

We checked carefully the international law - what does a nation do when terrorists are using civilians to defend their life, as a shelter. And they say you do not have a choice.

~Shimon Peres

Most of the Palestinians don't understand what they're doing... Politically, people can say what they want. The problem is not political, but religious.

~Shimon Peres

Israel's doors are open to collaboration with Bulgaria.

~Shimon Peres

I have a brother younger than me. My mother was a librarian, so from her, I got the taste to read.

~Shimon Peres

Terrorists and murderers are so dangerous. We shouldn't fall victim to believe that they are immune.

~Shimon Peres

Germany and Israel should dream together for a Middle East in which all the countries are willing to exchange the dispute of the parents with peace for their children.

~Shimon Peres

We asked the workers to give up 25 percent of their salaries. Imagine! We asked the industrialists to freeze all costs, no matter what the inflation is.

~Shimon Peres

Bulgaria is a true friend of Israel, that stood up to save the Jewish people 70 years ago in Europe, and who stood by throughout the terror attack that took place in Burgas last July.

~Shimon Peres

We have to be reasonable people.

~Shimon Peres

Governments are based on power, companies are based on goodwill, which allows them to invest in the future.

~Shimon Peres

Some experts advise what to do in accordance with the past, but the past flew away, and we have to reorient ourselves in the face of new dangers.

~Shimon Peres

Historic justice has been done by killing Saddam.

~Shimon Peres

I will confine myself to reaffirming the Israel will not be the first country to introduce nuclear weapons to the region.

~Shimon Peres

Later on, there were some problems with our navy, so he made me the head of the navy - all things that I hardly knew anything about. I was basically an ignorant young man.

~Shimon Peres

President Abbas and myself, we are the ones who signed the Oslo agreement, so we really know each other, not just theoretically.

~Shimon Peres

Palestinians are becoming religiously fanatic. Israel is becoming irrelevant. They do it for religious purpose, fanatic, they want to conquer the Middle East under the command of the Iranians.

~Shimon Peres

Hamas married the Iranians. It was their choice. They are the same family.

~Shimon Peres

I think I was a good student, because I jumped over a school. My main interest was basically history and literature. Sports were basically basketball and swimming at a pool. I was so happy.

~Shimon Peres

We had a lot of support - don't give me "the world", just the televisions. In America we enjoy support, China is neutral, India is for, in Europe they're divided.

~Shimon Peres

I think today you can move ahead working with global companies more than with national governments.

~Shimon Peres

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