

# Simon Wiesenthal Quotes

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For evil to flourish, it only requires good men to do nothing.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Freedom is not a gift of heaven, you have to fight for it every day

~Simon Wiesenthal

The combination of hatred and technology is the greatest danger threatening mankind.

~Simon Wiesenthal

For your benefit, learn from our tragedy. It is not a written law that the next victims must be Jews. It can also be other people.

~Simon Wiesenthal

What connects two thousand years of genocide? Too much power in too few hands.

~Simon Wiesenthal

There is no denying that Hitler and Stalin are alive today... they are waiting for us to forget, because this is what makes possible the resurrection of these two monsters.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Survival is a privilege which entails obligations. I am forever asking myself what I can do for those who have not survived.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Humour is the weapon of unarmed people: it helps people who are oppressed to smile at the situation that pains them.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Hatred can be nurtured anywhere, idealism can be perverted into sadism anywhere. If hatred and sadism combine with modern technology the inferno could erupt anew anywhere.

~Simon Wiesenthal

The history of man is the history of crimes, and history can repeat. So information is a defence. Through this we can build, we must build, a defence against repetition.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Even before I had had time to really think things through, I realized we must not forget. If all of us forgot, the same thing might happen again, in 20 or 50 or 100 years.

~Simon Wiesenthal

My cause was justice, not vengeance. My work is for a better tomorrow and a more secure future for our children and grandchildren.

~Simon Wiesenthal

When history looks back I want people to know the Nazis weren't able to kill millions of people and get away with it.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Tolerance and human rights require each other.

~Simon Wiesenthal

God must have been on leave during the Holocaust.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Justice for crimes against humanity must have no limitations.

~Simon Wiesenthal

There were millions of such families anxious only for peace and quiet in their own little nests. These were the mounting blocks by which the criminals climbed to power and kept it.

~Simon Wiesenthal

There is no freedom without justice.

~Simon Wiesenthal

If you know from history the danger, then part of the danger is over because it may not take you by surprise as it did your ancestors.

~Simon Wiesenthal

I have lost my mother, my father, my five, and ninety relatives in Poland. Poland is for me a cemetery.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Violence is like a weed - it does not die even in the greatest drought.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Technology without hatred can be a blessing. Technology with hatred is always a disaster.

~Simon Wiesenthal

No gassing took place in any camp on Germany soil.

~Simon Wiesenthal

The end was surely near. The Nazis killed you only when you were naked, because they knew, psychologically, that naked people never resist.

~Simon Wiesenthal

I know I am not only the bad conscience of the Nazis. I am also the bad conscience of the Jews. Because what I have taken up as my duty was everybody's duty.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Forgetting is something that time takes care of, but forgiveness is an act of volition, and only the sufferer is qualified to make the decision.

~Simon Wiesenthal

The new generation has to hear what the older generation refuses to tell it.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Human rights is the only ideology that deserves to survive

~Simon Wiesenthal

Discovering witnesses is just as important as catching criminals.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Technology without hate can be so beneficial for mankind, but in conjunction with hatred, it leads to disaster.

~Simon Wiesenthal

Simon Wiesenthal told me that any political party in a democracy that uses the word 'freedom' in its name is either Nazi or Communist.

~Simon Wiesenthal

What happened to the Jews cannot be compared with all the other crimes. Every Jew had a death sentence without a date.

~Simon Wiesenthal

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