

William Beveridge

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The state is or can be master of money, but in a free society it is master of very little else.

~William Beveridge

Want is one only of five giants on the road of reconstruction; the others are Disease, Ignorance, Squalor, and Idleness.

~William Beveridge

The object of government in peace and in war is not the glory of rulers or of races, but the happiness of the common man.

~William Beveridge

Ignorance is an evil weed, which dictators may cultivate among their dupes, but which no democracy can afford among its citizens.

~William Beveridge

Unemployment is like a headache or a high temperature - unpleasant and exhausting but not carrying in itself any explanation of its cause.

~William Beveridge

The trouble in modern democracy is that men do not approach to leadership until they have lost the desire to lead anyone.

~William Beveridge

Scratch a pessimist and you will often find a defender of privilege.

~William Beveridge

No one believes an hypothesis except its originator but everyone believes an experiment except the experimenter.

~William Beveridge

I have spent most of my life most happily making plans for others to carry out.

~William Beveridge

Let us proportion our alms to our ability, lest we provoke God to proportion His blessings to our alms.

~William Beveridge

The human mind likes a strange idea as little as the body likes a strange protein and resists it with a similar energy.

~William Beveridge

If the way of heaven be narrow, it is not long; and if the gate be straight, it opens into endless life.

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There is a very important distinction between a critical attitude of mind (or critical faculty) and a sceptical attitude.

~William Beveridge

A cockle-fish may as soon crowd the ocean into its narrow shell, as vain man ever comprehend the decrees of God!

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