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The real sadness of fifty is not that you change so much but that you change so little.

- Lerner, Max

Despite the success cult, men are most deeply moved not by the reaching of the goal but by the grandness of the effort involved in getting there -- or failing to get there.

- Lerner, Max

When you choose the lesser of two evils, always remember that it is still an evil.

- Lerner, Max

Next to the striking of fire and the discovery of the wheel, the greatest triumph of what we call civilization was the domestication of the human male.

- Lerner, Max

I am neither an optimist nor pessimist, but a possibilist.

- Lerner, Max

We cannot live by power, and a culture that seeks to live by it becomes brutal and sterile.

But we can die without it.

- Lerner, Max

A President is best judged by the enemies he makes when he has really hit his stride.

- Lerner, Max

You may call for peace as loudly as you wish, but where there is no brotherhood there can in the end be no peace.

- Lerner, Max

The crime of book purging is that it involves a rejection of the word. For the word is never absolute truth, but only man's frail and human effort to approach the truth. To reject the word is to reject the human search.

- Lerner, Max

We all run on two clocks. One is the outside clock, which ticks away our decades and brings us ceaselessly to the dry season. The other is the inside clock, where you are your own timekeeper and determine your own chronology, your own internal weather and your own rate of living. Sometimes the inner clock runs itself out long before the outer one, and you see a dead man going through the motions of living.

- Lerner, Max

The tourist who moves about to see and hear and open himself to all the influences of the places which condense centuries of human greatness is only a man in search of

excellence.

- Lerner, Max

Having a thirteen-year-old in the family is like having a general-admission ticket to the movies, radio and TV. You get to understand that the glittering new arts of our civilization are directed to the teen-agers, and by their suffrage they stand or fall.

- Lerner, Max

Either men will learn to live like brothers, or they will die like beasts.

- Lerner, Max





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