

Common sense talk



"It is becoming increasingly evident that the most severe impacts of climate change will be felt by poor nations."

Rachmat Witoelar

"Security can only be achieved through constant change, through discarding old ideas that have outlived their usefulness and adapting others to current facts."

William O. Douglas

"The question for each man to settle is not what he would do if he had the means, time, influence, and educational advantages, but what he will do with the things he has."

Hamilton Wright Mabie

"To swear off making mistakes is very easy. All you have to do is swear off having ideas."

Leo Burnett

"I try to differentiate between what I need and don't need. I talk to my wife and children before buying things. But I think the samurai sensibility goes deeper: respect for others; using your time carefully; keeping promises. I think those are qualities that Japan used to have but that it is somehow forgetting. They're important to me."

Ken Watanabe

"As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

Nelson Mandela

"We must learn which ceremonies may be breached occasionally at our convenience and which ones may never be if we care to live pleasantly with our fellow man."

Amy Vanderbilt

"Every quotation contributes something to the stability or enlargement of the language."

Dr. Samuel Johnson

"Suppose we were able to share meanings freely without a compulsive urge to impose our view or conform to those of others and without distortion and self-deception. Would this not constitute a real revolution in culture?"

David Bohm