

**"All babies look like me.
But then, I look like all babies."**

"All for Al, and Al for All."

1928 election for Al Smith

"All I can say is that I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me."

At a reception in Washington D.C., World War II

"An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity."

**“Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties,
and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire
and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years,
men will still say: ‘This was their finest hour.’”**

House of Commons, 1940

"Elections exist for the sake of the House of Commons and not the House of Commons for the sake of elections."

1953, during a debate to change the elections

"He has to conceal what he would most wish to make public, and make public what he would most wish to conceal."

1962, Churchill is talking about the duties of a Foreign Secretary

"I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the ordeal of meeting me is another matter."

November 30, 1950, in response to a reporter who asked if he had any fear of death.

"I cannot help reflecting that if my father had been an American and my mother British, instead of the other way around, I might have gotten here on my own."

Dec. 1941 in a speech to Congress

"I hope I shall never see the day when the Force of Right is deprived of the Right of Force."

"In both our lands, it is the people who control the Government, not the Government the people."

1948

"In finance, everything that is agreeable is unsound and everything that is sound is disagreeable."

"In Great Britain, governments often change their policies without changing their men. In France, they usually change their men without changing their policy."

1939, from Churchill's book Step by Step

"Instead of making his violent speech without moving his moderate amendment, he had better have moved his moderate amendment without making his violent speech."

1930, talking about the Prime Minister David Lloyd George

"It is very much better . . . to have a panic feeling beforehand, and then be quite calm when things happen, than to be extremely calm beforehand and go into panic when things happen."

1935 debate in the House of Commons

**"No more let us alter or falter or palter from
Malta to Yalta, and Yalta to Malta."**

January, 1945 when the Big Three were meeting in Yalta

"I have never promised anything but blood, tears, toil and sweat. Now, however we have a new experience. We have a victory – a remarkable and definite victory. Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

1942, after Britain drove German troops out of Egypt

**"Our defeats are but stepping-stones to victory,
and his victories are but stepping-stones to
ruin."**

World War II, referring to Hitler

"Socialism would gather all power to the supreme party and party leaders, rising like stately pinnacles above their vast bureaucracies of civil servants no longer servants, no longer civil."

1946 to the House of Commons

“Some men change their party for the sake of their principles; others their principles for the sake of their party.”

"The first duty of a university is to teach wisdom, not a trade; character, not technicalities. We want a lot of engineers in the modern world, but we do not want a world of engineers."

1950

"The old wars were decided by their episodes rather than by their tendencies. In this war, the tendencies are far more important than the episodes."

1915 House of Commons speech referring to World War I

"The tank was originally invented to clear a way for the infantry in the teeth of machine-gun fire. Now it is the infantry who will have to clear a way for the tanks."

1938, after the development of anti tank weaponry

"The whole history of the world is summed up in the fact that, when nations are strong, they are not always just, and when they wish to be just, they are no longer strong."

"They have done what they like. Their difficulty is to like what they have done."

1936 letter on policies adopted by the French

"Those who can win a war well can rarely make a good peace, and those who could make a good peace would never have won the war."

1930, from his book My Early Life

"We shape our dwellings, and afterwards our dwellings shape us."

October 28, 1944 during the rebuilding of the House of Commons, which had been bombed

"You were given the choice between war and dishonor. You chose dishonor and you will have war."

1938, after Prime Minister Chamberlain signed an agreement with Hitler

"...the high roads of the future will be clear, not only for us but for all, not only for our time but for a century to come."

March 5, 1946, speech at Westminster College, Fulton Missouri

**“A fanatic is one who cannot change his mind
and won't change the subject.”**

1947

“A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.”

Nov. 11, 1942 - from a speech in the British House of Commons

“All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom; justice; honor; duty; mercy; hope.”

“Dictators ride to and fro upon tigers which they dare not dismount. And the tigers are getting hungry.”

“From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent.”

March 5, 1946, speech at Westminster College, Fulton Missouri

“If you're going through hell, keep going.”

“It was said that this was a time when leaders should keep their ears to the ground. All I can say is that the British nation will find it very hard to look up to leaders who are detected in that somewhat ungainly posture.”

1954

“Success is the ability to go from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.”

“The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.”

**“The greatest lesson in life is to know that even
fools are right sometimes.”**

1941

“The price of greatness is responsibility.”

1941

“There is the solution which I respectfully offer to you in this Address to which I have given the title “The Sinews of Peace.”

March 5, 1946, speech at Westminster College, Fulton Missouri

“You don't make the poor richer by making the rich poorer.”

“We shall fight on the beaches. We shall fight on the landing grounds. We shall fight in the fields and in the streets. We shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender. And (as an aside to a colleague as the House rallied with cheers)... we will fight them with the butt end of broken bottles because that’s . . . all we’ve got.”

House of Commons, 1941

A woman approached a tipsy Sir Winston at a party and announced indignantly, "Mr. Churchill, you are drunk." "Yes I am," replied Churchill. "And you, madam are ugly. But I shall be sober tomorrow."