

Every human undertaking, however noble, however inspired, is bound to disappoint our highest hopes. Not just the accomplishment, then, but the aim, the concept, the aspiration, is of value. The most precious of human attainments are those that, though imperfect, have stretched our capacities to their utmost.

Coming to manhood at Milton Academy he took from its motto the challenge to Dare to be True. Leaving Harvard College he joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division as a litter-bearer platoon leader, landing, on June 6, 1944, on Utah Beach,

**I do not believe**

where, walking a minefield to carry a wounded man to safety he earned a Bronze Star. After recovering from a wound, he served in the Battle of the Bulge and the occupation of Germany.

**I am not but**

He returned to the study of law, serving as Clerk to great judges learned Hand and Felix Frankfurter. He served successively as Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General of Massachusetts.

**proud to say**

He held ten offices under six Presidents, serving as Secretary in four Cabinets in three administrations. On October 20, 1973 he awoke the nation by resigning as Attorney General in protest against a deceitful president.

**I am not cynical.**

But for him his greatest contribution was a labor for peace the Law of the Sea. JULY 20, 1920 DECEMBER 31, 1999

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