

Commencement Address
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We have to allow ourselves and each other to be human. To make mistakes. To fail. It fascinates and frees me that the human being is the only creature allowed to fail. In the animal world, failure is death. If an ant makes a mistake, the ant is a goner. But we humans can learn from our mistakes. I don't know about you, but I learn from what I do wrong, not from what I do right...

Perhaps the most important thing in my generation learned, and which we can pass on to you, is a willingness to change, to let old ideas go, and move on into new ones. There has been more change in this century than in all the rest of history put together...You can direct some of the changes that lie ahead in creative ways...Don't be afraid to make mistakes, and don't be afraid to laugh at them. Not only are we the only creature allowed to make mistakes, we are also the only creature with the ability to laugh at ourselves and with each other...