

THE DARK SIDE OF MEDICINE
Diabolical Quotes Reflecting Diabolical Policies

The Education Committee
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**“Those who cannot remember the past are
condemned to repeat it.”**

George Santayana

These foreboding and diabolical quotes depict the dark side of medicine. Some came from the most notorious NAZI doctors while others came from respected American physicians and statesmen. Not all of them are from the past.

You decide who said what



Nazi Doctors



American Doctors

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1927
John Bell, M.D.
Superintendent
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**Charles B. Davenport
1923
Founder of the
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US President Calvin Coolidge

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Health Division
Reich Ministry of the Interior
Nazi T4 Euthanasia Program

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Dr. Hermann Pfannmuller
Nazi Physician, U.S. Military Tribunal at Nirenberg

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1934 – Nazi Party
Dr. Otmar von verschuer
German Journal of Genetic Advise

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Groningen Holland
2005 Author of the Groningen
Protocol**

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**Dr. Alexis Carrel
1935
French – American Nobel Prize
Inventor of the Iron-Lung**

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**Dr. Foster Kennedy
Professor of Neurology
Cornell Medical School
in an article, Journal of the American
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calling for the killing of children with
mental retardation age 5 and older - 1942**

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**Dr. Harry Haiselden
1915 Chief of Staff, Chicago German-American Hospital
Denied treatment to a “deformed” baby who died, found innocent by Chicago medical jury
Known eugenicist, killed “defective” babies**

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**Madison Grant
in *The Passing of the Great Race*
1930
Chair US Eugenics Immigration Committee**

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**Professor Peter Albert David Singer
2003
The Ira w. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics
Center for Human Values, Princeton University**