



Journal: Learned Hand Quotation

In 1944, federal judge Learned Hand gave a speech on liberty in which he reflected: I often wonder whether we do not rest our hopes too much upon constitutions, upon laws, and upon courts. These are false hopes; believe me, these are false hopes. Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it; no constitution, no law, no court can even do much to help it. While it lies there, it needs no constitution, no law, no court to save it.

Journal for a few minutes, sharing your thoughts on this quote.

1. Which does Judge Hand believe is a more powerful force in society, the law or the hearts and minds of citizens? Do you agree?
2. To what extent does the Tom Robinson trial and its verdict in *To Kill a Mockingbird* reflect your belief?
