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"A most insidious form of fear is that which masquerades as commonsense or even wisdom, condemning as foolish, reckless, insignificant or futile the small daily acts of courage which help to preserve self-respect and inherent human dignity."

Aung San Suu Kyi

Aung San Suu Kyi is winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize as well as the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. Her name means "a bright collection of strange victories". More than a year since her party won 82 per cent of the seats in Burma (Myanmar), Aung San Suu Kyi is still under house arrest, the third year of her political detention. This book is dedicated to her struggle for human rights and democracy, and toward her freedom and that of all political detainees.

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