

# Arthur Keith

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Evolution is unproved and unprovable. We believe it only because the only alternative is special creation, and that is unthinkable.

~Arthur Keith

The discovery of agriculture was the first big step toward a civilized life.

~Arthur Keith

The course of human history is determined, not by what happens in the skies, but what takes place in our hearts.

~Arthur Keith

In every man there is an instinctive and passionate reaction if his person or liberty is attacked.

~Arthur Keith

Civilization, we shall find, like Universalism and Christianity, is anti evolutionary in its effects; it works against the laws and conditions which regulated the earlier stages of man's ascent.

~Arthur Keith

Christianity has not conquered nationalism; the opposite has been the case nationalism has made Christianity its footstool.

~Arthur Keith

Man is by nature competitive, combative, ambitious, jealous, envious, and vengeful.

~Arthur Keith

Whichever theory we adopt to give a rational explanation of human existence, that theory must take into account and explain the mental nature we see at work in all modern communities.

~Arthur Keith

The proper balance between individual liberty and central authority is a

very ancient problem.

~Arthur Keith

It is just because civilization is ever evolving, changing, and becoming more complicated, that experts find it so difficult to define it in explicit terms.

~Arthur Keith

Universalism as an ideal is as old as nay, is probably much more ancient than the Christian ideal.

~Arthur Keith

Under no stretch of imagination can war be regarded as an ethical process; yet war, force, terror, and propaganda were the evolutionary means employed to weld the German people into a tribal whole.

~Arthur Keith

Human nature, as manifested in tribalism and nationalism, provides the momentum of the machinery of human evolution.

~Arthur Keith

My personal conviction is that science is concerned wholly with truth, not with ethics.

~Arthur Keith

Reason has not tamed desire: it is as strong as ever.

~Arthur Keith

Nowhere is Universalism welcomed and encouraged by a people; everywhere governments have forced and are forcing Universalism upon unwilling and resistant subjects.

~Arthur Keith

As long as man remains an inquiring animal, there can never be a

complete unanimity in our fundamental beliefs. The more diverse our paths, the greater is likely to be the divergence of beliefs.

~Arthur Keith

Before the discovery of agriculture mankind was everywhere so divided, the size of each group being determined by the natural fertility of its locality.

~Arthur Keith

Good men, whether they be Christians or rationalists, do not desire to discriminate between races, but the distinctions implanted by Nature are too conspicuous to escape the observation of our senses.

~Arthur Keith

Tribal life comes automatically to an end when a primitive people begins to live in a town or a city, for sooner or later a tribal organization is found to be incompatible with life in a city.

~Arthur Keith

Tolerance is held to be a condition of mind which is encouraged by, and is necessary for, civilization.

~Arthur Keith

No tempting form of error is without some latent charm derived from truth.

~Arthur Keith

The German Fuhrer, as I have consistently maintained, is an evolutionist; he has consistently sought to make the practices of Germany conform to the theory of evolution.

~Arthur Keith

No tribe unites with another of its own free will.

~Arthur Keith

The main force used in the evolving world of humanity has hitherto been applied in the form of war.

~Arthur Keith

A drunkard is one thing, and a temperate man is quite another.

~Arthur Keith

I am a rank individualist.

~Arthur Keith

This world of ours has been constructed like a superbly written novel: we pursue the tale with avidity, hoping to discover the plot.

~Arthur Keith

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