

# Gustav Stresemann

## Quotes

*Germany, Peace, People, Men, Past, Father, Change, Struggle, Two, Taken, Years, Greatness, Children, War, Mankind, Mean, Way, Haste, Victory, Offers*

Dante can be understood only within the context of Italian thought, and Faust would be unthinkable if divorced from its German background; but both are part of our common cultural heritage.

~Gustav Stresemann

History uses a unit of measure for time that is different from that of the lifespan of the individual, whereas man is only too ready to measure the evolution of history by his own yardstick.

~Gustav Stresemann

The economic position is only flourishing on the surface. Germany is in fact dancing on a volcano. If the short-term credits are called in, a large section of our economy would collapse.

~Gustav Stresemann

In every man the memory of the struggles and the heroes of the past is alive. But these memories are not incompatible with the desire for peace in the future.

~Gustav Stresemann

To contrast national solidarity and international cooperation as two opposites seems foolish to me.

~Gustav Stresemann

As a result of the World War, this old Germany collapsed. It collapsed in its constitution, in its social order, in its economic structure. Its thinking and feeling changed.

~Gustav Stresemann

To walk behind others on a road you are traveling together, to give precedence to others without envy - this is painful for an individual and painful for a nation.

~Gustav Stresemann

Just as a child respects his father even when he perceives his weaknesses and faults, so a German will not despise the old Germany which was once a symbol of greatness to him.

~Gustav Stresemann

Here we encounter two conflicting concepts with which we must come to grips in our time: the idea of national solidarity and the idea of international cooperation.

~Gustav Stresemann

Just as the child is father to the man, so the impressions of one's youth remain the most vivid in manhood.

~Gustav Stresemann

For the victor peace means the preservation of the position of power which he has secured. For the vanquished it means resigning himself to the position left to him.

~Gustav Stresemann

The concept of active cooperation has taken the place of opposition to the new form of government and of dreamy resignation entranced with the beauty of times past.

~Gustav Stresemann

Voices were heard from the United States of America which made it clear that America wanted a peaceful and united Europe as a basis for mutual cooperation.

~Gustav Stresemann

The courtesy which most becomes a victor was denied to Germany for a long time.

~Gustav Stresemann

The life of the individual is a continuous combat with errors and

obstacles, and no victory is more satisfying than the one achieved against opposition.

~Gustav Stresemann

A people that has experienced all that the Germans have been through, naturally offers fertile soil for the extremists.

~Gustav Stresemann

No change in the balance of political parties can alter the general determination that no class should be excluded from contributing to and sharing responsibility for the state.

~Gustav Stresemann

Mankind advances only through struggle.

~Gustav Stresemann

The great men of a nation reach out to all mankind. They are unifying, not divisive; internationally conciliating and still great nationally.

~Gustav Stresemann

Nothing is more misleading to the youth of a nation than to state the outcome immediately after the beginning as if nothing could have taken place in between.

~Gustav Stresemann

During the past few years I have led a sometimes hard battle for German foreign policy.

~Gustav Stresemann

The history of nations shows that words are not always immediately followed by action.

~Gustav Stresemann

I must begin by saying something about the old Germany. That

Germany, too, suffered from superficial judgment, because appearances and reality were not always kept apart in people's minds.

~Gustav Stresemann

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