

# Jan Smuts Quotes

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Courage, Race, Kings, Given, Way, Things In Life, Years, Three, Hands, Ends,  
Defeat*

When in doubt, do the courageous thing.

~Jan Smuts

If there was to be equal manhood suffrage the whites would be swamped all over South Africa by the blacks and the whole position for which whites have striven for 200 years or more would be given up.

~Jan Smuts

A man is not defeated by his opponents but by himself

~Jan Smuts

What was everybody's business in the end proved to be nobody's business. Each one looked to the other to take the lead, and the aggressors got away with it.

~Jan Smuts

Democracy, with its promise of international peace, has been no better guarantee against war than the old dynastic rule of kings.

~Jan Smuts

Perhaps it is God's will to lead the people of South Africa through defeat and humiliation to a better future and a brighter day.

~Jan Smuts

History writes the word 'Reconciliation' over all her quarrels.

~Jan Smuts

If a nation does not want a monarchy, change the nation's mind. If a nation does not need a monarchy, change the nation's needs.

~Jan Smuts

Instead of the animistic, mechanistic, or the mathematical universe, we see the genetic, organic, holistic universe.

~Jan Smuts

Having no human companion I felt a spirit of comradeship for the objects of nature around me. In my childish way I communed with these as with my own soul; they became the sharers of my confidence.

~Jan Smuts

When I look at history, I am a pessimist...but when I look at prehistory, I am an optimist.

~Jan Smuts

...evolution is the gradual development and stratification of progressive series of wholes, stretching from the inorganic beginnings to the highest level of spiritual creation.

~Jan Smuts

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