

# Van Jones Quotes

*People, Jobs, Thinking, Country, America, Fighting, Government, Party,  
Community, Technology, Energy, Opportunity, White, Reality, Climate, Real,  
War, Law, Trying, Moving*

It's in that convergence of spiritual people becoming active and active people becoming spiritual that the hope of humanity now rests.

~Van Jones

If the road to social transformation can be paved only by saints who never make mistakes, the road will NEVER be built.

~Van Jones

In a democracy, you won't always get to have your way. But you should always get to have your say.

~Van Jones

If we stand for change, we can spark a popular movement with power, influence, magic and genius.

~Van Jones

All humans have fear, and those of us who are fortunate have faith.

~Van Jones

The time has come to move beyond eco-elitism to eco-populism.

~Van Jones

When it gets harder to love, love harder.

~Van Jones

Each and every one of us should stop playing small and license ourselves to become one of the giants of the new century. We will need champions by the truckload.

~Van Jones

The usual pattern of demagogues is to promise the moon, fail to deliver, and then blame vulnerable others for those failures.

~Van Jones

I'm willing to forgo the cheap satisfaction of the radical pose for the deep satisfaction of radical ends.

~Van Jones

Barack Obama volunteered to be the Captain of the Titanic AFTER it hit the iceberg

~Van Jones

Environmental justice is the movement to ensure that no community suffers disproportionate environmental burdens or goes without enjoying fair environmental benefits.

~Van Jones

The time has come to move beyond eco-elitism to eco-populism. Ecopopulism. To change our laws and culture, the green movement justice, political solutions and social change.

~Van Jones

The message is going to be the same. It's very simple. We're either going to turn to each other or on each other.

~Van Jones

Anybody who's mad should run for something.

~Van Jones

Right now, the government is spending billions of dollars supporting the problem-makers in the U.S. economy - the polluters, despoilers, incarcerators, and warmongers.

~Van Jones

I cannot in good conscience ask my colleagues to expend precious time and energy defending or explaining my past. We need all hands on deck, fighting for the future.

~Van Jones

Civility isn't just some optional value in a multicultural, multistate democratic republic. Civility is the key to civilization.

~Van Jones

Americans need to see people who are honestly trying to learn from each other, even as we make our own points powerfully and fight for our own values and policies.

~Van Jones

Any successful long-term strategy will require that the green wave fully and passionately embrace the principles of eco-equity.

~Van Jones

We have the chance to build this new energy economy in ways that reflect our deepest values of inclusion, diversity, and equal opportunity for everyone.

~Van Jones

Distorting attacks when people already don't trust you is not smart.

~Van Jones

Well, we in America are about to break up with oil. Why not break up with poverty and discrimination too?

~Van Jones

[Donald] Trump phenomenon is just marbles with all this toxic stuff, the misogyny, the outright bigotry and so now people are left to try to pull this apart.

~Van Jones

Come, then, let us go forward together with our united strength - and win a better future for generations to come.

~Van Jones

To change our laws and culture, the green movement must attract and include the majority of all people, not just the majority of affluent people.

~Van Jones

We need to think bigger, dream bigger, and get bigger.

~Van Jones

I think we have every reason to hope for the best but expect and prepare for the worst.

~Van Jones

Stop using your phones and laptops as toys and use them to start a revolution.

~Van Jones

The bombs the government drops in Iraq are the bombs that blew up in New York City.

~Van Jones

Reversing global warming will take a World War II level of mobilization. It is the work of tens of millions, not hundreds of thousands.

~Van Jones

We've have to heed our Biblical obligation to be good stewards of the Earth after leaving the Garden of Eden.

~Van Jones

No one is above the law, and no one is beneath the law.

~Van Jones

Keith Ellison is the future of the Democratic Party, the future of the progressive movement.

~Van Jones

We need a national renewable energy goal. Such a goal, sometimes called a renewable energy standard (RES), would spell out what percentage of our power America plans to get from renewable sources.

~Van Jones

God chooses community sometimes to bear an unfair burden to force us to rise to the next level of consciousness and understanding.

~Van Jones

We should not allow the fundamentalists and the bigots to take over and speak for the great faiths any more than we should let them take over and speak for the great nation.

~Van Jones

It's become fashionable to put down people who we then expect to vote for us.

~Van Jones

This [2016] election was lost because a total of 70,000 people - out of 120-130 million votes - in the Rust belt, but as a result America is in the calamity.

~Van Jones

I am a proud Christian who has been greatly tutored by Hindus and Buddhists and Sufis and others, and I stand and I speak from that place.

~Van Jones

Rather than continuing to base our economy on a finite supply of dead things, we can base it on sources that are practically infinite and eternal: the sun, the moon, and the Earth's inner fire.

~Van Jones

Hatred of the people who hate you, that is the opposite of being the

enemy. I want to fight fire with water wherever I can.

~Van Jones

We need to invest in job training programs, especially those that include child care, transit stipends and paid apprenticeships and internships.

~Van Jones

Let me say what I actually believe. I believe that 9/11 was a conspiracy, by Al Qaeda, and Osama Bin Laden, and nobody else, trying to hurt America.

~Van Jones

We're going to bake this planet, and be a curse to all species, including our own, if we don't find an alternative to carbon-based fuel. That's the #1 problem.

~Van Jones

Most green-collar jobs are middle-skill jobs. That means they require more education than a high-school diploma, but less than a four-year degree.

~Van Jones

There are 80,000 jobs in the wind energy industry right now. And you can quadruple that number, if you have the right policy in place to promote clean energy.

~Van Jones

I consider myself to be sort of a progressive Afrofuturist that is deeply committed to social justice.

~Van Jones

We pull out of the ground death, we burn death in our power plants, and then we act shocked when we get death in the form of oil spills and

global warming.

~Van Jones

People are going to have to do a big reset. But this is a big wake-up call to the entire establishment, including the Democrats. And not just because of the failure.

~Van Jones

We know that urban farms require less fuel for tractors and transport, but community gardens don't plant themselves.

~Van Jones

Clean energy is hippy power. But its also cowboy power, it's rancher power, it's Appalachian power.

~Van Jones

Trust your intuition and be resilient. If you have real breakout ideas, even your friends will laugh at you secretly until you can prove their viability.

~Van Jones

Fighting for and defending the values from the pulpit is critical. You can't love the Creator, and disrespect the creation.

~Van Jones

People in red states and blue states can agree that clean air is better than dirty air; therefore we should use clean energy where we can.

~Van Jones

Audacity is the currency for authoritarians.

~Van Jones

You don't get fewer followers saying outrageous stuff on Twitter.

~Van Jones



In countries where there are real civil wars, people go through a lot, and we should be willing to go through a lot to help them.

~Van Jones

The Love Army is a growing network of people who want to stick up for the underdogs in the red states and blue states in the era of [Donald] Trump.

~Van Jones

Rich countries do civil wars with tweets and votes.

~Van Jones

We want to make sure people know deeply about the trans community and deeply about Black Lives Matter so that people can act in solidarity.

~Van Jones

Nobody can come and be involved in the #LoveArmy unless they have a heart.

~Van Jones

Everybody should be mad but anger only takes you so far. At some point, you'll have outrage fatigue and burn out.

~Van Jones

Black politics is redemption and transformation. It's not always pretty, but it's not always ugly either. I'll put India.Arie up against Donald Trump any day and let the people choose.

~Van Jones

You put Hillary Clinton up against Donald Trump, I'm scared of the choice no matter what you do.

~Van Jones

All the old rules - if you say some crazy stuff you get your show canceled or you get your campaign ended - don't apply in the world of social media. They don't apply in the world of reality TV.

~Van Jones

I used to be called the "Green Jack Kemp" because of my promotion of entrepreneurial and work-based solutions for poor people.

~Van Jones

Right now, when you go and hit the light switch in your house, you're participating in a state-protected monopoly. You're being forced to accept dirty power from a single producer.

~Van Jones

The laws of supply and demand drive up the price, inevitably, over time. But solar and wind are abundant and renewable resources.

~Van Jones

Higher energy costs are unavoidable in all future scenarios.

~Van Jones

A green jobs bill would include both job creation and job training.

~Van Jones

The more we deploy the technologies to capture wind and solar power, the cheaper those technologies become.

~Van Jones

We need to aim high - in the area of 20-25 percent - to create the urgent demand for new technologies, manufacturing plants and green jobs.

~Van Jones

The main obstacle is the entrenched power of the legacy polluters.

~Van Jones

Government needs to do two things: put a price on carbon and invest heavily in new technologies.

~Van Jones

I saw in the Nineties that we were increasing police power with get tough policies and 3 strikes laws, but without additional oversights.

~Van Jones

Too often we think about the green economy as an elite market niche, one in which affluent people spend more money to consume greener and cleaner products.

~Van Jones

To green our country, regular people will have to put on hard hats and work boots, roll up their sleeves - and get to work.

~Van Jones

Steve Bannon is the architect of the entire blitzkrieg that we're seeing against American values and the American people.

~Van Jones

I'm not calling for redistributing wealth; I'm calling for reinvigorating our stuck energy sector, so some new entrepreneurs can create some new wealth.

~Van Jones

I'm not asking for more entitlement programs; I'm asking for more enterprise.

~Van Jones

I'm learning and changing all the time, and I expect to continue doing so my entire life.

~Van Jones

I'm the guy that's trying to break up that monopoly to introduce free enterprise and competition to the energy sector.

~Van Jones

I want to be remembered as one of the great innovators among social justice advocates of the 21st Century.

~Van Jones

[I wish no one ever asked me ] "Did you sign that petition implicating the Bush Administration in 9/11?" Because I never signed it, and I hate being vilified for a controversial idea I never espoused.

~Van Jones

There's the God within and the God without, and you have to attend to the alignment of the two of them.

~Van Jones

Donald Trump's a great deal-maker with a lot of momentum and it will do a lot of damage to us. We are in grave peril and it's going to be terrible.

~Van Jones

Even if we can solve the carbon problem for coal, it is still a non-renewable resource. At some point, coal supplies will drop.

~Van Jones

It's time to start bringing the congregations down to City Hall and to ask the mayors, the city councils and the school boards, "What's the plan? What's the local government going to do for us?"

~Van Jones

If all we are for is black people and white people who like black people,

then I have nothing to say to Trump who is only for white people and black people who like him.

~Van Jones

A lot of liberals think all the Trump voters are a part of the alt right, neo Nazi camp, which is not true. That's a tiny, tiny slice.

~Van Jones

We need a much deeper understanding of exactly what it is our industrial society, in its present creation, is jeopardizing. We need a more profound perception of what is at stake.

~Van Jones

I'm only 42, and I've got a lot more tricks up my sleeve.

~Van Jones

We actually need conservatives to be better conservatives and we need liberals to be better and stronger liberals.

~Van Jones

Local politics matters a lot.

~Van Jones

I have become the poster child for calling all the Trump people racists, when, in fact, I don't think they're all racists, but they tolerated racism. And that's a problem.

~Van Jones

We are trying to reinvigorate our stagnant energy sector, to create avenues for new wealth. Clean energy innovation, job creation and energy independence should be common ground for all Americans.

~Van Jones

There is great wisdom, there's great strength and there's great beauty

in all of our religion, and those should be marshaled for good.

~Van Jones

I do think it's dangerous when you are overly secularizing, and sometimes you get very smart, and sometimes [you] gain a lot of smarts, but you lose a lot of wisdom.

~Van Jones

America's government has to get the public investments right.

~Van Jones

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