

Compassion and the Golden Age of Heroes

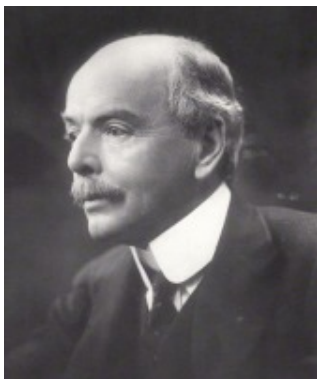
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Why does [government] always crucify Christ, and excommunicate Copernicus and Luther, and pronounce Washington and Franklin rebels?

Henry David Thoreau, in *Civil Disobedience*

Heroic efforts can be contagious. Dr. Leander Starr Jameson led a raid against the Boers in South Africa's Transvaal in 1896. The raid was covertly supported by the British Government only to be condemned publicly when it failed. Jameson was imprisoned for 15 months. Nevertheless he returned to South Africa after his release and became Prime Minister of the Cape Colony in 1904. An Indian born writer met him, was inspired by his example, and wrote about the personal qualities that made him unique.



Dr. Leander Starr Jameson