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Dr. D. J. Malan  
(died 7 Feb. 1959).

Principles — Sovereignty of S. A.: St. of West. + St. Laws.  
But: as a <sup>sep. development</sup> man, person, human being of White and Non-White.

1. Something undefinable in Dr. M.  
— his personality — one became forcibly aware of <sup>his presence</sup> ~~it~~ in conversation with him; in a group, or even in a meeting. Perhaps: 'force of his personality.'
2. Many outstanding characteristics. They could be mentioned, and illustrated with numerous interesting incidents — as examples. But this is unnecessary — take only a few.
3. Deep religion, sense. He rarely spoke about this, as such, but — it was clear from all his important actions. His appeal to the Churches, Afr.-sp. and Eng.-sp., in 1948 when he won the election and founded his cabinet — Simple, touching, yet firm, powerful words.
4. Profound love for home and family. In spite of important pressing affairs of state he always had time and attention and kindness for Mrs. Malan and the children. We can safely say that his deep sense of religion —

(2.)

his family life were to his  
near sources of spiritual  
power.

5. Clear mind. Had the very  
rare ability of reducing  
intricate, complex matters  
to essential fundamentals.

Hayden

Clear, unerring reasoning; and  
finally everything seemed  
so clear.

6. Was in close touch with  
what <sup>was felt</sup> ~~happened~~ in the mind  
and the hearts of the  
people, especially A.V.-op. people.

Official  
recognition  
of Africans  
in 1925

Had no difficulty in  
interpreting this clearly and  
correctly! This explains to  
a large extent his  
success in the political  
field.

7. Fine sense of humour. May  
sound strange to many  
people who saw him as  
serious, aloof, severe. In  
actual fact - he could  
enjoy a good joke immensely,  
even at the expense of  
himself. - Trip to Vandyndorp.  
- apocryphal story!

8. Great appreciation of education.  
Especially important to  
Stellenbosch - one of  
triumvirate, 1912-1916.

Minister of Education, in Hertzog government, 1924.

Chancellor, U.S., 18 years, 1941 until his death, 7 Feb. 1959.

- a period in the life of the University of great problems, but also of remarkable progress (Examples).  
We shall remember them: D. Z. Malan Collection at Univ. - R20,000.

## 9. Conclusion.

Calm, dependable, sincere, honest. At same time always firm. Eng.-speaking friend:  
"With Dr. Malan one <sup>always</sup> knew exactly where you stood".  
He was highly respected by all. That is why he will be remembered by Afr.-speaking and Eng.-sp. people, by white and non-white, as one of the greatest men South Africa has ever produced. In our history the rock: the seas came and crashed over him repeatedly, but he was always there, firm, invincible. The will grows, continuously. He will always be seen in the perspective of History; and ~~be~~ <sup>always</sup> be seen as one of the real great men of our past.

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