

Mussolini Quotes

1. "There are only two fatherlands in the world: that of the exploited and that of the exploiters."
-*La Lotta di Classe* (1910), while a socialist, paraphrasing French socialist Gustave Hervé
2. "Blood alone moves the wheels of history."
-Speech in Parma (13 December 1914)
3. "Lenin is an artist who has worked men, as other artists have worked marble or metals. But men are harder than stone and less malleable than iron. There is no masterpiece. The artist has failed. The task was superior to his capacities."
-*Popolo d'Italia* (14 July 1920)
4. "Three cheers for the war. Three cheers for Italy's war and three cheers for war in general. Peace is hence absurd or rather a pause in war."
-*Popolo d'Italia* (1 February 1921)
5. "Our program is simple: we wish to govern Italy. They ask us for programs but there are already too many. It is not programs that are wanting for the salvation of Italy but men and will power."
-Speech at Udine (20 September 1922)
6. "Democracy is beautiful in theory; in practice it is a fallacy. You in America will see that some day."
-to Edwin L James of the New York Times (1928)
7. "Let us have a dagger between our teeth, a bomb in our hands and an infinite scorn in our hearts."
-Speech (1928)
8. "All within the state, nothing outside the state, nothing against the state."
-Speech to Chamber of Deputies (9 December 1928)
9. "Fascism conceives of the State as an absolute, in comparison with which all individuals or groups are relative, only to be conceived in their relation to the State."
-"The Doctrine of Fascism" (1932)
10. "I want to make my own life a masterpiece." or "I shall make my own life a masterpiece"
-*Talks with Mussolini* (1932)
11. "I don't like the look of him."
-To his aide after Mussolini's first encounter with Hitler (1934)
12. "This is the epitaph I want on my tomb: Here lies one of the most intelligent animals who ever appeared on the face of the Earth."
-Remark to Galeazzo Ciano (19 December 1937)
13. "Better to live a day as a lion than 100 years as a sheep" -*TIME* magazine (2 August 1943)
14. "For my part, I prefer fifty thousand rifles to five million votes."
-As quoted in *Benito Mussolini : The Rise and Fall of Il Duce* (1965)
15. "We do not argue with those who disagree with us, we destroy them."
-The Lazio Speeches (1936)
16. "I am making superhuman efforts to educate this people. When they have learnt to obey, they will believe what I tell them."
- As quoted in *The Tyrants : 2500 Years of Absolute Power* (2006)
17. "Shoot me in the chest"
-Mussolini's last words (April 28, 1945)