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Dietrich Bonhoeffer (born February 4, 1906 in Breslau, now Wrocaw, Poland; died April 9, 1945 at Flossenbrg concentration camp) was a German religious leader and participant in the resistance movement against Nazism.

Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor and theologian, took part in the plots being planned by members of the Abwehr (Military Intelligence Office) to assassinate Hitler. He was arrested, imprisoned, and eventually hanged following the failure of the July 20, 1944, assassination attempt.

A god who let us prove his existence would be an idol.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

Only he who believes is obedient and only he who is obedient believes.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

The mark of solitude is silence, as speech is the mark of community. Silence and speech have the same inner correspondence and difference as do solitude and community. One does not exist without the other. Right speech comes out of silence, and right silence comes out of speech.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

It is the nature, and the advantage, of strong people that they can bring out the crucial

questions and form a clear opinion about them. The weak always have to decide between alternatives that are not their own.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich





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