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Quotes about Extremes and Extremists

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No violent extreme endures.

- Carlyle, Thomas

The purest ore is produced from the hottest furnace, and the brightest thunderbolt is elicited from the darkest storm.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

This woman did not fly to extremes; she lived there.

- Crisp, Quentin

Railing and praising were his usual themes; and both showed his judgment in extremes. Either over violent or over civil, so everyone to him was either god or devil.

- Dryden, John

So over violent, or over civil that every man with him was God or Devil.

- Dryden, John

Nothing fools people as much as extreme passion.

- Hall, Bishop

What is objectionable, what is dangerous, about extremists is not that they are extreme, but that they are intolerant. The evil is not what they say about their cause, but what they say about their opponents.

- Kennedy, Robert F.

The question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Our age knows nothing but reaction, and leaps from one extreme to another.

- Niebuhr, Reinhold

Extreme positions are not succeeded by moderate ones, but by contrary extreme positions.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

It is the nature of men having escaped one extreme, which by force they were constrained long to endure, to run headlong into the other extreme, forgetting that virtue doth always consist in the mean.

- Raleigh, Sir Walter



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