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Quotes about Saints

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Saintliness is also a temptation.

- Anouilh, Jean

Saint. A dead sinner revised and edited.

- Bierce, Ambrose

People who are born even-tempered, placid and untroubled -- secure from violent passions or temptations to evil -- those who have never needed to struggle all night with the Angel to emerge lame but victorious at dawn, never become great saints.

- Gallienne, Eva Le

Born a saint, die a sinner -- born a sinner, die a saint.

- Horton, Doug

A saint addicted to excessive self-abnegation is a dangerous associate; he may infect you with poverty, and a stiffening of those joints which are needed for advancement -- in a word, with more renunciation than you care for -- and so you flee the contagion.

- Hugo, Victor

God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still

more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners.

- Kierkegaard, Soren

We must have a real living determination to reach holiness. I will be a saint means I will despoil myself of all that is not God; I will strip my heart of all created things; I will live in poverty and detachment; I will renounce my will, my inclinations, my whims and fancies, and make myself a willing slave to the will of God.

- Mother Teresa

Your mock saint who stands in a niche is not a woman if she have not suffered, still less a woman if she have not sinned. Fall at the feet of your idol as you wish, but drag her down to your level after that -- the only level she should ever reach, that of your heart.

- Orczy, Baroness

Saints should always be judged guilty until they are proved innocent.

- Orwell, George

The true saint goes in and out amongst the people and eats and sleeps with them and buys and sells in the market and marries and takes part in social intercourse, and never forgets God for a single moments.

- Sa'id, Abu

It is easier to make a saint out of a libertine than out of a prig.

- Santayana, George

What makes saintliness in my view, as distinguished from ordinary goodness, is a certain quality of magnanimity and greatness of soul that brings life within the circle of the heroic.

- Stowe, Harriet Beecher

Our manners have been corrupted by communication with the saints.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Saints are simply men and women who have fulfilled their natural obligation which is to approach God.

- Waugh, Evelyn

It is well for his peace that the saint goes to his martyrdom. He is spared the sight of the horror of his harvest.

- Wilde, Oscar



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