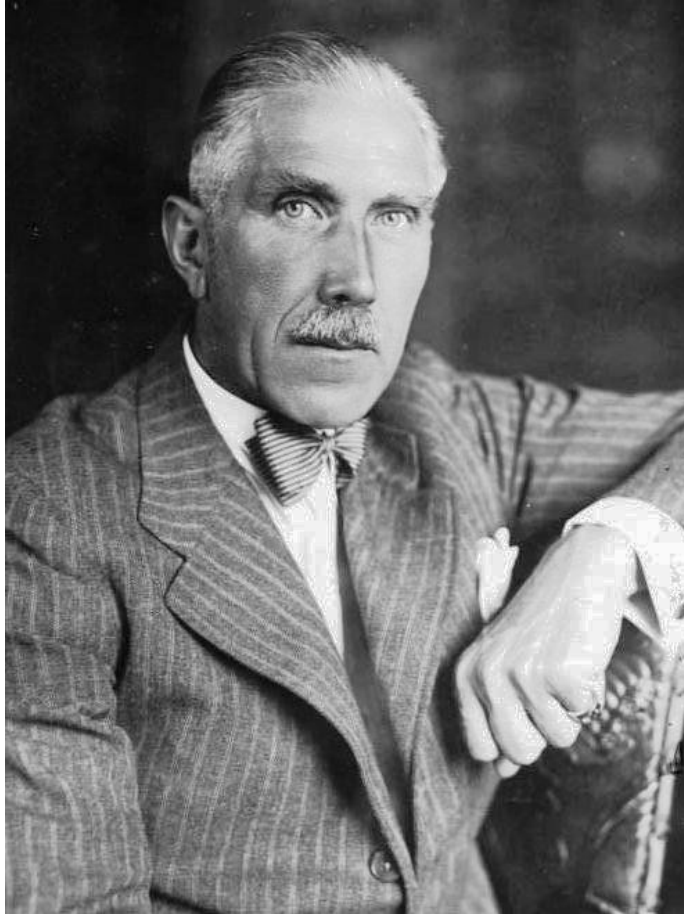

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Dietrich von Hildebrand's Battle Against Nazism



**“That damned Hildebrand
is the greatest obstacle for
National Socialism in
Austria. No one causes more
harm.**

**— Franz von Papen
Nazi Ambassador to Austria**

“At the sight of the truly beautiful we are freed from the tension that urges us on towards some immediate practical goal. We become contemplative, and this is immensely valuable. We expand, and even our soul itself becomes more beautiful.”

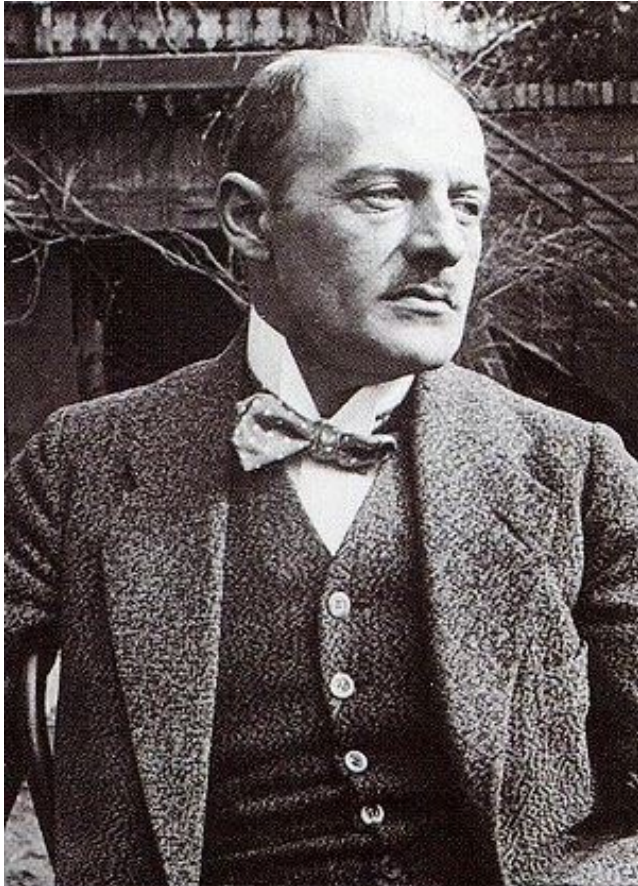
— Dietrich von Hildebrand





“I recognized my calling to philosophy through reading the dialogues of Plato at age fifteen. I discovered that nothing attracted me as much as the exploration of truth, most especially those questions that only philosophy can answer.”

— Dietrich von Hildebrand



**“The Catholic Church is
the true Church because
she produces saints.”**

**— Max Scheler to
Dietrich von Hildebrand**

“Nationalists never see the true values of their nation, its cultural nobility, or the deeper significance of its national genius. All they see is its power, its glory, its political influence.”

— Dietrich von Hildebrand





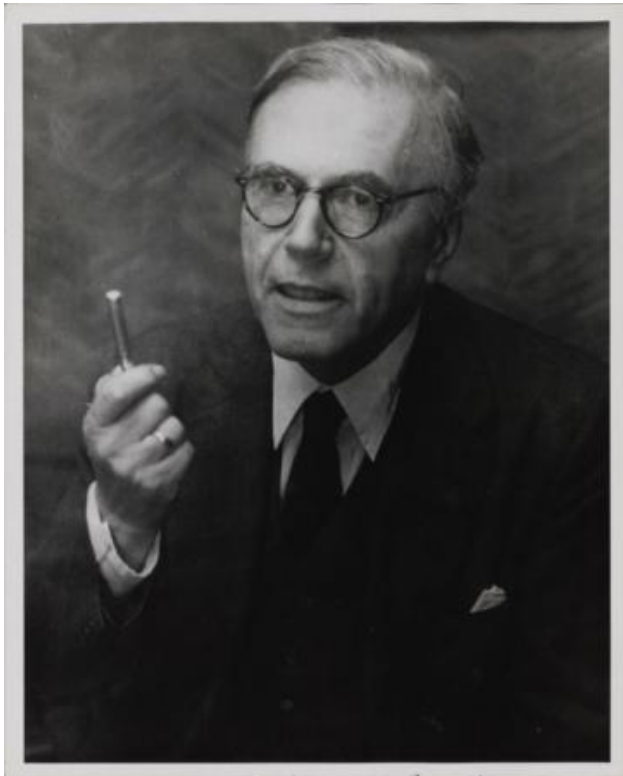
“The current attack on the Jews targets not just this people of 15 million, but mankind as such.”

— Dietrich von Hildebrand



**“Better to be a
beggar in freedom
than to be forced into
compromises against
my conscience.”**

— Dietrich von Hildebrand



“Even if Hitler were to burn all the neo-pagan books; even if he were to forbid all direct attacks on the Church; even if he were not merely to ratify favorable concordats, but also abide by them—even then, as long it refused to dissolve and liquidate itself completely, National Socialism would remain every bit as much the Antichrist against which we must fight relentlessly.”

— Dietrich von Hildebrand



“How accustomed the world has become to the rivers of blood, the countless instances of oppression, and the flood of the most terrible injustices perpetrated by Bolshevism!”

— Dietrich von Hildebrand



“Though I am fearful of physical dangers, I was not afraid. I had the consciousness that I was conducting a struggle willed by God, and this gave me an incredible inner freedom.”

— Dietrich von Hildebrand



“If God permits evils such as Bolshevism and National Socialism, then of course, as St. Paul says, it is to test us; it is precisely our struggle against evil that God wills, even when we suffer external defeat.”

— Dietrich von Hildebrand