

Table 18. Sacrifice

Statement Number	Statement	Source Book	Page
1	The preservation of the existence of a species presupposes a spirit of sacrifice in the individual.	MK	151
2	The sacrifice of personal existence is necessary to secure the preservation of the species.		
3	The state-forming or even state-preserving forces . . . are . . . the ability and will of the individual to sacrifice himself for the totality.	MK	151
4	A man does not die for business, but only for ideals.	MK	152
5	Only the struggle for the preservation of the species and the hearth, or the state that protects it, has at all times driven men against the spears of their enemies.	MK	153
6	The young regiments had not gone to their death in Flanders crying "Long live universal suffrage and the secret ballot," but crying "Deutschland über Alles in der Welt."	MK	199
7	The most precious blood (in World War I) sacrificed itself joyfully, in the faith that it was preserving the independence and freedom of the fatherland.	MK	201
8	In . . . the . . . sacred . . . ground . . . the best comrades slumbered, still almost children, who had run to their death with gleaming eyes for the one true fatherland.	MK	201
9	When in the long war years Death snatched so many a dear comrade and friend from our ranks, it would have seemed to me almost a sin to complain--after all, were they not dying for Germany?	MK	204
10	The Aryan . . . willingly subordinates his own ego to the life of the community and, if the hour demands, even sacrifices it.	MK	297
11	This state of mind, which subordinates the interest of the ego to the conservation of the community, is really the first premise for every truly human culture.	MK	298
12	In giving one's life for the existence of the community lies the crown of all sacrifice.	MK	298
13	By idealism . . . we understand only the individual's	MK	298

	capacity to make sacrifices for the community, for his fellow man.		
14	True idealism is nothing but the subordination of the interests and life of the individual to the community.	MK	299
15	Any man who loves his people proves it solely by the sacrifices which he is prepared to make for it.	MK	426
16	What made men die . . . was not concern for their daily bread, but love of the fatherland, faith in its greatness, a general feeling for the honor of the nation.	MK	437
17	The idea of military service now dawned on (my lads in terms of) the living consciousness of the duty to fight for the existence of our people by sacrificing the life of the individual, always and forever, at all times and places.	MK	491
18	More than once, thousands and thousands of young Germans have stepped forward with self-sacrificing resolve to sacrifice their young lives freely and joyfully on the altar of the beloved father land.	MK	631
19	To be "social" means . . . that every individual acts in the interest of the community of the people, (and to be) to such an extent convinced of the goodness . . . of this community . . . as to be ready to die for it.	S-I	15
20	To be "national" means . . . to act with a boundless and all-embracing love for the people and, if necessary, even to die for it.	S-I	15
21	Only he has a right to live who is prepared to work for the community.	S-I	62
22	The National Socialist Party looked to those idealists . . . who . . . are ready if necessary to sacrifice their own existence to the eternal life of people and of Reich.	S-I	142
23	You are nothing, your nation is everything.	S-I	402
24	Life for you . . . German boys and girls . . . must mean sacrifice.	S-I	547
25	We all are but servants in this great task of the German nation.	S-I	664
26	We would-subordinate our own ego to the demands of Germany.	S-I	664
27	Nobody can do more than sacrifice himself for his people, and to that sacrifice we must ever pledge ourselves.	S-I	664

28	Let us pledge ourselves at every hour, on every day, only to think of Germany, of people and Reich, of our great nation.	S-I	664
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Table 19 presents statements in which Hitler expresses his sense of devotion to Germany. He expresses his love for the nation (2, 15, 16) and for the German people (1, 9); his faith in the nation (8, 9); and his "boundless loyalty to the people (12)." He indicates that he lives only for the German people (11; see also 3, 7, 15); that he is committed to serving the people (10) and to fighting "for the greatness and glory of the Reich (5); and that, apart from Germany, he has no other "idol (2)" or "God (6)." He states, finally, that his conscience "receives its orders from one authority alone, our people (13)."

Table 19. Devotion to the Country

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1	Our movement is . . . sustained . . . by our love for the people.	S-I	41
2	We National Socialists wish to love our Fatherland, we wish to learn to love it, to learn to love it jealously, to love it alone and to suffer no other idol to stand by its side.	S-I	68
3	We know only one interest and that is the interest of our people.	S-I	69
4	We are fanatical in our love for our people.	S-I	69
5	We became fighters for the greatness and the glory of the Reich.	S-I	253
6	We do not want to have any other God--only Germany.	S-I	367
7	During my whole political fight I have been dominated, commanded, . . . by one thought alone, Germany.	S-I	437
8	"Deutschland über alles" is a profession of faith which to-day fills millions with a great strength, with that faith which is mightier than any other earthly might.	S-I	609
9	Our love towards our people will never alter, and our faith in this Germany of ours is imperishable.	S-I	618
10	I could, as leader, think of no more glorious, no prouder task in this world than to serve this people.	S-I	631
11	I live only for my people, and the National Socialist	S-I	634