

# Salvatore Quasimodo

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*Men, Order, Religious, Poetic, Believe, Poet, Pages, Pardon, Creative,  
Politician, Solitude, Hero, Self, Spiritual, Heart, Break Through, Struggle,  
Country, Waiting, Expression*

Even a polemic has some justification if one considers that my own first poetic experiments began during a dictatorship and mark the origin of the Hermetic movement.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

A poet clings to his own tradition and avoids internationalism.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

The poet does not fear death, not because he believes in the fantasy of heroes, but because death constantly visits his thoughts and is thus an image of a serene dialogue.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

The writer of stories or of novels settles on men and imitates them; he exhausts the possibilities of his characters.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

Poetry is the revelation of a feeling that the poet believes to be interior and personal but which the reader recognizes as his own.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

Europeans know the importance of the Resistance; it has been the shining example of the modern conscience.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

War, I have always said, forces men to change their standards, regardless of whether their country has won or lost.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

The antagonism between the poet and the politician has generally been evident in all cultures.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

After the turbulence of death, moral principles and even religious proofs

are called into question.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

From the night, his solitude, the poet finds day and starts a diary that is lethal to the inert. The dark landscape yields a dialogue.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

We wrote verses that condemned us, with no hope of pardon, to the most bitter solitude.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

He passes from lyric to epic poetry in order to speak about the world and the torment in the world through man, rationally and emotionally. The poet then becomes a danger.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

Religious poetry, civic poetry, lyric or dramatic poetry are all categories of man's expression which are valid only if the endorsement of formal content is valid.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

The poet's spoken discourse often depends on a mystique, on the spiritual freedom that finds itself enslaved on earth.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

Religious power, which, as I have already said, frequently identifies itself with political power, has always been a protagonist of this bitter struggle, even when it seemingly was neutral.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

Poetry is also the physical self of the poet, and it is impossible to separate the poet from his poetry.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

My readers at that time were still men of letters; but there had to be other people waiting to read my poems.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

Thus, the poet's word is beginning to strike forcefully upon the hearts of all men, while absolute men of letters think that they alone live in the real world.

~Salvatore Quasimodo

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