"Silence acts on both the senses and the nerves; it unsettles them. It acts on the imagination and sets it on fire. It acts on the soul and fills it with night and death. The philosophers are wrong: it is not words that kill, it is silence. It kills impulses and passion, it kills desire and the memory of desire. It invades, dominates, and reduces man to slavery. And once a slave of silence, you are no longer a man."

From Elie Wiesel's The Testament

"Silence in the face of evil is evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

Attributed to Dietrich Bonhoffer