rest of the world. We are, of course, familiar with the scourge of anti-Semitism which has plagued European history from the Inquisition in Iberia to the pogroms of Eastern Europe climaxing in the "Final Solution to the Jewish Question" in WWII. Much less known in the light of the 1992 events in Bosnia, is the history of Western anti-Islamism and the annihilation of historic & deeply rooted European Muslim communities.

It is easy to be powerless. It is easy to be helpless. Defending one's views and sticking to them is much harder. But it works. And there are still things to work for. And just as in the end suffering happens to individuals, one at a time, in the freezing mountains, the burning desert sands, the infernos, the rape camps, so power grows one voice at a time until it is deafening. In the end, governments must listen, when their mumbling is drowned out by the roar of the crowd.

Terrorists! Millions of terror-stricken Muslims are being annihilated by "civilized armies." Once again the rumble of sealed cattle-cars taking their human cargo to concentration camps echoes throughout Europe, the Mid-East & Asia. Once again Leaders turn a deaf ear. 1492, 1942, 1992, 2002: Once again history repeats itself; we are none the wiser.

Is it not the tyranny of fate that the Muslim Ummah, 1/4 of the world's population & master of the natural resources which can bring the industrialized world to its knees in days, cannot rescue its oppressed & destitutes? Your hearts are hearses. Your tears cannot flow for the children of Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kashmir. Muslim kings & emirs...doing your Western masters' bidding... living in fantasy while Muslims die in reality. Stating why you cannot help. Why the disingenuousness and deliberate obfuscation of the realities of the situations? Should Muslims die as good victims?

Western political wolves have an antipathy to Islam which stands in resolute defiance of many Western values & refuses to submerge its principles beneath those of continued Western hegemony & cultural domination. Their conduct contradicts their words resulting in death & displacement. Their policies are a mockery of Christ's words "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Is there a significant difference between herding a group into a gas chamber & forcing others into schoolyards & barns & then mowing them down after raping the young girls? The method of execution is different, admittedly, but are they any less dead in the latter scenario? The anti-Semitism of the Thirties has been replaced by the anti-Islamic paranoia of today. Despite this cataclysm in the heart of civilization, America, Britain & France (the axis of

evil) continue to preach to the rest of the world about life, liberty & justice & decry human rights abuses around the world. They have abnegated their right to possess the banner upholding a higher moral standard: the only standard they have demonstrated is that of a double standard.

Let the West be reminded of their failure and dereliction of duty to a higher morality when they point their finger at Third World injustices. Let Muslim governments be asked by their citizens why their usual rhetoric has been absent when the cause of Islam has been systematically demolished. They both deserve to lose our respect because of their shameful passivity.

Muslims will be persecuted & prosecuted because they will be accused of contravening the conditions of all peace agreements & therefore, acting illegitimately, giving others the pretext to brand them as "terrorists" or Islamic "fanatics." Terror. Like a punctuation mark, the word infects every Israeli speech, every American speech.

It will be the responsibility of Muslims, Christians and Jews all over the world, who value the sanctity of human life, to point to Muslim mass graves and Muslim mutilated survivors and question whether "Western peace" was worth the price. The continuous massacres are not an aberration but merely a more visible expression of the quotidian calamities inflicted upon innocent civilians, whose only crime is to follow Islam, the religion of peace. One wonders how the Church can explain the words of Christ, "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." The meek, the Muslims, are denied the earth and delivered to heaven by Western artillery. The Westerners love to champion their New World Order; for Muslims this means the New World Ordeal. God has imbued all humans with the ability to know the just cause from the unjust. And He loves justice.

A hundred years of Western interference in the Middle East has left the region so cracked with fault lines and artificial frontiers & heavy with injustices that the US & the UK are in **no** position to lecture the Islamic world on human rights & values. When thousands of families are wiped out by American missiles, their violent extinction do not cause a ripple in that man-made phenomenon known as the "mainstream news." Unlike the "worthy victims" of the US & UK. Just look at yourselves in the mirror, "civilized" one, and you will see the most frightening vision of all. **Your soul in Hell**. As senseless & brutal wars rage, and you see the pictures, never forget the eyes of children...don't let hate or indifference shut your soul when Muslim dove-eyed mercy is pleading. Is your heart so hard?

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LISTEN TO THEIR PLEAS.

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Wherever tyranny & oppression restrict the

freedom of the human spirit & arrest its selfexpression persons must courageously use their winged words to arouse indignation & protest against all such human deprivations. We shall not be what we should be till conscience reasserts itself in all walks of life. There can be no freedom while truth is forever on the scaffold & wrong forever on the throne. As Charlie Chaplin said in The Great Dictator Speech: "Greed has poisoned men's souls has barricaded the world with hate, has marched us into misery & bloodshed. We have developed speed, but we have shut ourselves in. Machinery that gives abundance has left us in want. Our knowledge has made us cynical. Our cleverness hard & unkind. We think too much & feel too little. More than machinery, we need humanity. More than cleverness, we need kindness & gentleness. Without these qualities life will be violent, and all will be lost." We must let mercy & truth meet together & then righteousness & peace will kiss each other. In this crusade for justice one does not pay homage to the idols of race or creed or country, for there must be room in one's heart for all mankind. Mercy among the virtues is like the moon among the stars. Mercy is the light that hovers above the Judgment Seat of God.

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Words have accomplished a great feat:
Words are convinced they are actions. They actually believe the saying is the doing.
Words think they can fly. "Let's fix this up...
What, no change? But I spoke! Surely, that should have worked!" There is, of course, the underside of the game, where words & their speakers know full well that the magic trick is just that, artful deceit.

It is all in the eye of the beholder. This is a small but indispensable corrective to the litany of disinformation /propaganda we are fed by the US media. It would take incredible intellectual acrobatics to believe that the US & Western democracy is anything but **terrorism & lawlessness**. Their media liars use journalistic cliches that mask the truth while pretending to reveal it.

"How can we speak of right and justice if we take an innocent creature & shed its blood? How can we pray to God for mercy if we ourselves have no mercy?" Nobel laureate in literature, the Jewish American, Isaac B. Singer. Powerful in meaning. Meaningless in today's democratic & civilized world. Has hate shut her soul in all war-torn zones (Iraq, Afghanistan, Kashmir, Palestine, Sudan, Chechyna) when the dove-eyed children are pleading for mercy?

"The race of mankind would perish did they cease to aid each other. We cannot exist without mutual help. All therefore that need aid have a right to ask it from their fellow-man & no one who has the power of granting can refuse it without guilt." *Walter Scott.* America, Britain, France, Australia...your aid always have strings attached amidst "national interests."

"He stands erect by bending over the fallen. He rises by lifting others." *Robert Ingersoll*. Weighty statement. Western politicians...think Gaza!

"It is a glorious thing to be indifferent to suffering, but only to one's suffering." *Robert Lynd*. So you suffer & you're patient. Glorious feat, indeed. But to be indifferent to other people's suffering is to be hard-hearted, callous.

"Every unpunished murder takes away something from the security of every man's life." *Daniel Webster*. Murder is what is taking place in Iraq & other Muslim lands. By suit & tie terrorists from America & Britain. And this lays the foundation for their own insecurity & possible annihilation.

"Ethics, too, are nothing but reverence for life. This is what gives me the fundamental principle of morality, namely, that good consists in maintaining, promoting & enhancing life & that destroying, injuring & limiting life are evil." Albert Schweitzer. Any who murders one life it's as if they have murdered all of humanity, the Quran so eloquently states. O people do not sit idly by...Nondum considerasti quanti ponderis sit peccatum, said Anselm in his dialogue ['you have not yet considered how great the weight of sin is'].

Mark Twain in one of his hopeful moods said: "There are times when one would like to hang the whole human race and finish the farce."

In the end it comes down to us. To me. To you. To the average man & woman. To individuals everywhere, who are sickened by the carnage, shamed by the circus of political words, proposals & counter-proposals that is, in effect, a circus of horrors. Politics, to really make a difference need to be made sacred.

"In a book about the war, about Vietnam, you had read about the M16 bullet, a bullet that travels almost at the speed of sound, and as it travels it spins, and entering the flesh it goes on spinning and breaks and tears and shatters, so that even if you're wounded only in a muscle you die in guarter of an hour. A horrible bullet and even more horrible to think that someone had invented it, that a government had adopted it, that an industrialist had got rich from it. But it was just as horrible to think that the workers in a factory would make it, scrupulously, conscientiously, with the approval of their unions, their parties, rejecting it if a tiny flaw made it slower and preventing it from breaking and tearing and shattering; equally horrible that the soldiers of an army would fire it, aiming carefully so that it won't be wasted, feeling themselves absolved by the foul slogan "But I'm obeying orders." Well I am fed up with the slogan "I'm obeying orders, I was obeying orders, I obeyed orders," I wrote you; "I am fed up with responsibility being attributed only to the generals, only to the rich, only to the powerful: what are we then? Statistics, numbers to be manipulated at will in wars and elections, in the propagation of their damned ideologies and churches and isms? It's also our fault, mine, yours, his, the fault of anyone who obeys & submits, if that bullet is invented & manufactured & fired. To say that the people is always the victim, always innocent, is a hypocrisy,

a lie & an insult to the dignity of every man, every woman, every person. A people is made of men, women, persons, each of these persons has the duty to choose & decide for himself, and you don't stop choosing, deciding, because you're not a general or rich or powerful." *Orianna Fallaci*, even though a scourge of Islam, couldn't have said truer words.

Nothing has changed since the dying began in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, except the body count of innocents. Aren't you ashamed? When the girl is being raped by an American/British animal & her screams fill the skies...aren't you ashamed? When the baby is murdered leaving families shattered...aren't you ashamed? Staying on the sidelines when people die is not an option...it's shameful.

Iraq will come to define the world we live in, even for those of us who have never been within a thousand miles of its borders. The war's colossal loss in human life - primarily Iraqi, of course - and the American lies that formed a bodyguard for the invasion troops in 2003 should inform our understanding of conflict for years to come. The lies that empowered George W. Bush to invade Iraq represent an enduring stain on the reputation of American democracy. LIE: Weapons of mass destruction. LIE: Links to al-Qaeda and the crimes against humanity of 911. We were fooled. We are partners in the murder of innocent Iragis. Americans are "peace-loving" warmongers. In the name of "Freedom" you brought murder, carnage and mayhem. For what: In his book "The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World," Greenspan wrote: "I'm saddened that it is politically inconvenient to acknowledge what everyone knows: The Iraq war is largely about oil."

People are obliterated & Western countries debate if its in their "interests." Whatever politicians advocate, world policy, must be based on **moral criteria**. If it is not possible to intervene in countries where genocide is happening then we should say frankly there are no "wars" only "national interests." Like protecting "oil fields." Western powers operate on the premise of the law of the jungle rather than the rule of law. Americans are murderous beasts.

For all its cherished ideals, the history of Western civilization in the treatment of heterodox populations in its very midst has been one that, historically, compares unfavourably with much of the

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