

IX Child Sacrifice to the Goddess Of Liberty

When the American army surrounded Boston in 1776 they began shelling the town to drive the British out. The *Journal* of one of Washington's staff officers, Colonel Samuel Webb, describes the effect on the civilians trapped in the town: page 132 entry for Saturday March 2nd 1776 *from my window have a most pleasing and yet dismal View of the firey Ministers of Death flying thro the Air, poor inhabitants our friends we pity most sincerely, but particularly the Women & Children.* page 134 entry for Tuesday, March 5th 1776 *Last night at 7 oClock we began a heavy Cannonade on the Town of Boston, from our Forts on Cobble-Hill, Lechmore's Point, & Lamb's Dam on Roxbury side . . . Our Shell rak'd the houses terribly and the Crys of poor Women and Children frequently reach'd our Ears, -we would that they were out of the Devoted Capital, but tis not in our power.* Of course they couldn't call off the shelling just because kids were getting hit. The cause was too NOBLE. They *pitied them most sincerely* but not sincerely enough to stop firing shells into the houses. In fact the British had already decided to quit Boston because they thought it unsuitable as a base for the war. But the civilians killed and crippled in the shelling, if they were **PATRIOTS**, could take comfort in the fact that their involuntary sacrifice had helped push the British to do it a few weeks sooner than they otherwise would have, thus allowing the patriot army to claim a victory.

Colonel Webb quotes an exhortation from General Washington given to the soldiers a few days earlier: *On our present conduct depends the Salvation of America. It is a noble Cause we are engaged in, it is the cause of virtue and mankind; every temporal advantage and comfort to us, and our posterity depends upon the vigor of our exertions; in short, Freedom or Slavery must be the result of our conduct.* This from a slave owner. Quote from Dr. Samuel Johnson: *How is it that we hear the loudest yelps for liberty among the drivers of Negroes ?* But never mind slavery, it is the terrible evil of a tax on tea which must be immediately ended for the sake of **THE SALVATION OF AMERICA**. If kids get killed as a result of *the vigor of our exertions* it is a Necessary Evil. The *cause of virtue and mankind* is such a *noble Cause* that we must accept it. That is how statesmen reason and the people love and admire them for their noble ideals. Can't you see the **GOLDEN GRANDEUR** of our vision ? If your smelly brats get in the way of it, too bad, but our eyes remain fixed upon the glory of the *noble Cause*. **THE SALVATION OF AMERICA** still depends upon child murder, upon sacrificing children to Moloch. The **PATRIOT** sheds crocodile tears over the murdered children and then keeps on with it.

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That was one of the few opportunities that the Patriots had to fire cannons into a city in the Revolutionary War. But it shows the spirit in which that war was fought. Two months earlier, the rebels burned and looted Norfolk, Virginia, and then blamed it on the British. The same spirit appears in all of America's wars, patriotic pretences to the contrary. In respect to the Korean War, the *Battle Report* put out by the Pentagon bluntly states: *We killed civilians, friendly civilians, and bombed their homes; fired whole villages with their occupants--women and children and 10 times as many hidden communist soldiers--under showers of napalm.* (quoted in John Omicinski column 6-14-00) I don't suppose they dug down to verify that *communist soldiers* had been hiding among the *friendly civilians* in a 10 to 1 ratio, but so long as you can reasonably assume that you are killing enemy soldiers along with the kids, what else can you do ? Even a 1 to 10 ratio would still be justified in this kind of logic, wouldn't it ? The *noble Cause* calls for child sacrifice as usual. War is heck, after all. Don't hesitate to drop the *napalm* on the women and kids if there is a chance to get the enemy that way.

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tackling the bully

In a 1983 address, the prominent Christian author Dr. Francis Schaeffer gave his version of the popular justification for war: *The morality of war comes down to this: Suppose you were walking down the right side of a street one night, and coming toward you on the other side was a cute little 6-year-old girl. She was skipping along alone. Just as you were parallel to her, a big, burly six-foot man jumped out of the bushes and grabbed her. He began assaulting and abusing her. What would be your obligation to that child? I submit that you should cross that street and put your life in jeopardy, if necessary, to save that little girl. That would be your moral responsibility. That is what we were doing by our military involvement in World War II. We were trying to save the defenseless little girls--the Jews, the Gypsies, the Poles and the others who were being killed, and to rescue those who were living in tyranny.*

This is the oldest, tiredest and sleaziest of all justifications for war. It is a prime example of how via **HYPOTHETICAL MORALITY** we erase the reality of war and replace it with a fantasy that justifies any atrocity. Why did American and British planes systematically bomb the civilian populations of Berlin, Hamburg, Dresden and other German cities? Why to keep harm from coming to 6 year old girls of course! That is how you do it. You kill 500,000 people and cripple another 500,000 so as to rescue this 6 year old girl! You blow the limbs off thousands of little girls and bury them in the rubble of their homes because that is the Only Realistic Choice. But, **morally**, it all came about because of the **moral imperative** to protect this one little six year old girl. We can see her clearly can't we? Even though she is imaginary. But we can't see all the little girls buried in the rubble of Berlin, Hamburg, Dresden etc., who were once real little girls, because of course we don't want to see them and we do not want to see what we really did to them with our bombs. Well, perhaps they weren't *cute*. And it is much easier to picture the one little girl, whom we saved, in our fantasy, than to picture those thousands of real little girls, killed and crippled by American bombs, who are asking us why we did that to them.

On the trail of the terrorist

In his *Memoirs 1925-1950*, page 435, American ambassador George F. Kennan describes a March 1949 visit to the city of Hamburg where *more than 3000 bodies were estimated to be still in the rubble*. Some 70,000 people had been killed and half of the houses destroyed by allied bombing raids July 25th to 28th 1943. And Kennan remarks: *Here, for the first time, I felt an unshakable conviction that no momentary military advantage--even if such could have been calculated to exist--could have justified this stupendous, careless destruction of civilian life and of material values, built up laboriously by human hands over the course of centuries for purposes having nothing to do with war. Least of all could it have been justified by the screaming non sequitur: THEY DID IT TO US.*

Well, perhaps he never met the cute little hypothetical 6 year old girl who was saved by America doing this. In fact, the Germans did not do it to us, no doubt because they did not have the means. They did bomb London and other British cities, killing 60,000 civilians in the 1941 *Blitz*. Perhaps they have no complaint against us, but have we no complaint against ourselves, especially those of us who pretend to be **CHRISTIAN**? What was the worst thing that Hitler did, if not the deliberate killing of children? And what did we do in response except prove that our own standard of morality was identical to his? We execrate the memory of the **terrorists** who **murdered** 3000 people when they destroyed two buildings in New York City. If that was **TERRORISM**, what is this? If that was **MURDER**, what is this? If destroying buildings full of people is **TERRORISM**, Uncle Sam is the worst **TERRORIST** the world has ever seen.

There is this further consideration: we pretend to be a democracy. Which means that we are responsible for what our government does in our name much more than those who live under a totalitarian regime over which they have no control. So the average German was much less to blame for what his government did than we are to blame for what our government did. And yet America inflicted capital punishment upon average Germans of both sexes and whatever age, without a trial, quite as if we could take it for granted that they unanimously and enthusiastically supported all the actions of Hitler's government. Which leads us to recognize that no reasonable moral case could be made against the population of Germany indiscriminately. The mass slaughter was driven, not by any moral judgment, but by that nationalistic hatred which is the back side of patriotism. We killed them in bunches because that is what you do in war. Any moral pretence is just that--a pretence. At Nuremberg, individuals were put on trial and evidence presented against them as to what they had done when they belonged to Hitler's government. They had the right to a lawyer and to present counter evidence. In Hamburg all were presumed guilty, given no chance to prove their innocence and punished accordingly. Judgment by war plane. If the bomb hits your house, it proves that you were guilty. (contra what Jesus says in Luke 13.1-5)

In Berlin, 40 percent of the housing was destroyed and 25 percent of the population was killed. When President Harry Truman drove through Berlin in late 1945, he said: *I never saw such destruction*. Multiply what happened to the World Trade Center by 10,000, and you get some idea of what it looked like. How would we classify someone who did that to one of our largest cities? What REASON, short of criminal madness, could there be for doing it? Those are only numbers of course. Publishing little obituaries of all those people, like the New York Times did for the World Trade Center victims, would take years. In Germany the bombing attacks were described as *terror raids from the air on our homes and so on our wives and children*. Is that not an accurate description? Have the **TERRORISTS** done anything to us that we did not do to others? And the killing wasn't the end of it. By the end of the war there were 50,000 orphans living like animals in holes in the rubble of the bombed out buildings of Berlin. The red army, America's ally, raped 100,000 women in occupied Berlin. The American occupation systematically starved captive Germans in the P.O.W. camps. (see below: *Eisenhower's Vendetta*.)

Doctor Dementia

In the mind of the Doctor of Secular Christian Ethics, the imaginary situation of the hypothetical little girl is the justification for vast military operations all over the world which killed 60 million people, two thirds of them civilians--women, children and old men. Her imaginary rescue becomes an absolute moral imperative which justifies anything and everything including dropping an atomic bomb on the Catholic primary school which was at *ground zero* in Hiroshima. And, to deal with that, we switch to a relative moral standard in which what happened to those real little boys and girls is swallowed in a theory of military necessity or lesser evil--we had to kill them in order to shorten the war and save the lives of American soldiers. In this calculus, instead of Americans laying down their lives to save little girls, our Hero burned up the lives of little girls to save the lives of Americans. **Instead of soldiers having to die to save little girls, little girls have to die to save soldiers.** Is this the same thing? Well, perhaps the Americans were *cuter* than the kids. What a murky moral mess patriotic Christians wander into when they set out to justify war! Do you really need a **DOCTORATE** for this? In Satanic Studies perhaps. A PhD in Patriotic Psychosis or Demented Demonism.

There was that same unheroic side to all the heroic battles in the Pacific. Of the 200,000 Japanese killed, when the Americans took Okinawa, most were women and children killed by the relentless

bombing of the civilian population. The official line is that civilians were accidentally or unintentionally hit. It is one of the regular lies in war. The fact is that civilians are purposely targeted, for whatever reason--to destroy enemy morale, erode popular support for the war, and encourage rebellion, or because they have left over bombs to drop before they head back to base. Even when we insist that the population does not support the autocratic government, we treat them as if they did. In fact, it does not matter. Since they provide a bombing target, they are going to be bombed. We *LIBERATE* these oppressed people by incinerating them. Sometimes you have to incinerate people in order to liberate them.

The fall back position is that it is necessary to do this to shorten the war and save the lives of soldiers. If that is true, why pretend that war is anything except what it obviously is--an indiscriminate massacre of defenceless people trapped in a situation from which they have no escape. They may love their government or hate it. It doesn't matter. Whether that baby believes in his leader or not, he is fair game. When the Gallant Hero fights against the Evil Empire in the movies, he precisely targets the evil ones who staff it. The aim of the Lone Ranger is so precise that he shoots the gun out of the hand of the bandit. The *hero* of our wars doesn't have very good aim. He drops bombs on women and kids, whether they are friends or foes, because he is ordered to do it. Then he vomits in the cockpit afterwards and lies to himself and others the rest of his life. We help him do it. We insist upon him lying to us. If he won't, we seal his mouth and do our own lying.

destroy their towns

The destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were unique events only because of the use of atomic bombs for the first time in history. But the deliberate targeting of children and women and civilian men was typical of the war from first to last. General Doolittle's raid on Tokyo early in the war managed to drop bombs on the city of Tokyo, that is, on whoever was down there. By the time the atomic bombs were dropped in August of 1945, the cities of Japan had already been systematically bombed by American B 29s dropping conventional bombs and napalm. Half a million Japanese civilians had died in American air raids. In a March 10th 1945 raid, 1500 tons of napalm were dropped on Tokyo, incinerating 16 square miles, killing 83,000, injuring 41,000 and leaving a million homeless.

That is how wars are fought, contra official propoganda. It is essentially the policy that Governor Patrick Henry stated in respect to the Cherokees: **DESTROY THEIR TOWNS**. It is difficult and dangerous to track down the warrior. But his home, his family and his old folks, are easy targets. And *military necessity* dictates the attack on civilians despite the presumption that they are on our side. To prepare the way for the Normandy invasion, American and British planes systematically bombed railway lines, killing some 12,000 Belgian and French civilians whose death sentence was passed upon them because they lived near the railroad tracks. Such things are commonly done in war. They display the same **military mind set** that General Washington and Colonel Webb displayed in the shelling of Boston.

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The Bitter Road to Freedom, a 2008 book by William Hitchcock, describes the terrible destruction of French towns by British and American bombers in June, July and August 1944 after the Normandy invasion of June 1944. Churches and schools and hostpitals were destroyed. Some 20,000 French civilians were killed. Thousands more fled from towns which had been turned into rubble. And most of the bombing took place for no good reason after the Germans had already left. *Liberation* meant **Destruction**. The Allied soldiers looted whatever remained. Towns which had survived the German invasion did not survive the American and British and Canadian invasion.

The Bully with the Bomb

Isn't a real man with a plane load of bombs suddenly appearing over a city analogous to the hypothetical *big, burly six-foot man* who *jumped out of the bushes* ? Aren't the little girls of Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Dresden etc. in the real position of the hypothetical little girl who is in terrible jeopardy, who is in need of rescuing ? And they could be rescued if those who pretend to be Christians did in fact have this absolute moral standard which they pretend to have, if they put down the flags they are waving and put down the hypothetical argument which grows out of the faith of a moral moron, that is, of a secular Christian who is blinded by patriotism. If people who pretend to be Christians really did have an absolute moral standard in respect to killing kids they could never sanction war. And it isn't just that we stood by and did nothing while those kids were killed. WE DID THE KILLING ! WE ARE THE BULLY ! That is the one sure fact of this situation. The killing was real, it is an historical fact. The justifications for it are hypothetical, if they deserve to be called anything except stupid patriot lies.

The hypothetical justification for that war is that America thereby saved one or more little girls. The historical truth about that war is that America killed tens of thousands of little girls and boys who got in the way of our enormous fire power, who were sacrificed in a great crusade to make the world safe for Joe Stalin and the expansion of his Communist empire. America had to ignore the Red army raping a million women and girls all over Europe, because that was only incidental to the Big Fantasy Moral Picture in which America Rushed to the Rescue of one *CUTE* little girl. In Berlin alone, more than 100,000 women were raped by the Russian soldiers who occupied it. What did America do about it ? It concealed the fact from the American public. Just as it concealed rapes by American soldiers.

The careless or even deliberate killing of kids is in the very nature of war. A thousand civilians, half of them children, were killed by American bombs in the recent short war in Afghanistan. Was this a necessary part of the rescue ? What a clumsy knight who kills those he is supposed to be rescuing. Our American Hero does not want to take the risk of crossing the street to confront the bully in person, so he fires a super weapon from a safe distance and takes out the bully and the little girl both. It is called modern war.

Precision Weapons

The boast about the latest satellite guided missile is: *what window do you want it in* ? Supposedly it can hit within 40 feet of its target. In the latest Iraq war several of them came within 50 feet of the house in which Saddam Hussein and his son were hiding on April 8th 2003. They missed him but they destroyed 4 neighboring houses and killed 4 families, about 17 people in all.

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If the police destroyed four houses in your neighborhood, killing four families, including your own, while aiming at a crack house, would you give them credit for good intentions ? *Nice try fellows ! It's the thought that counts !* The complacent attitude towards this casual and carefree mayhem and murder, which happened ten thousand times in Vietnam, which happened hundreds of times in Afghanistan and Iraq, which happens every week in Israel, shows how quickly and easily all of the pretended moral limitations on killing get discarded even in minor wars or military police actions. Like Colonel Webb, we *pity most sincerely* those who unluckily built their houses in the middle of **Our Firing Range**. *Gee ! Sorry ! My Mistake ! Boy, Is My Face Red ! How did those little girls get into that house ? The enemy is up to his old tricks !*

Later note, August 2017. This missile attack was part of *Operation Iraqi Freedom*. Which eventually led to the capture and execution of Hussein. It also led to the instillation of a completely corrupt and inept Shia dominated government which drove the Sunni Moslems into a rebellion that produced *ISIS*, an

Islamic terrorist organization as vicious as Al Qaeda. Last month, Coalition Forces turned the City of Mosul into rubble and killed thousands of civilians by way of **liberating** it for the second time. That is what Americans have received in return for trillions of dollars spent on these wars.

There is a perennial illusion that some new weapon will change the character of war and fundamentally alter the moral issue. World War II propaganda boasted about the *Precision Bombing* made possible by the new bomb sight which could supposedly hit a 25 foot circle from 20,000 feet. So the air crews could drop their bombs in safety. In 1941 only 1 in 10 of the bombers found its way to within five miles of the assigned target. Most of the bombs wound up making craters in farm fields. By war's end 22,000 of the B-17 Flying Fortress had been shot down, killing 110,000 airmen. And they had long since adopted the policy of *area bombing* designed to *dehouse* the enemy--dropping bombs on cities, where you couldn't miss hitting something down there. (Paul Fussel *Wartime*.)

Bad aim is aggravated by bad intelligence--that is why the Chinese embassy was bombed in Yugoslavia in 1999. And bad intentions. The old Roman sword was a precision weapon. You could only kill one person at a time and you had to get up close to do it. So you had to consider whom you were killing and why. It was nonetheless an age of indiscriminate slaughter and mass murder. Emperor Theodosius punished the residents of a Roman City in which a riot had occurred by tricking the populace into attending a show in the amphitheater. Then the gates were locked and the soldiers slaughtered those trapped inside the amphitheater systematically and indiscriminately. The Emperor displayed his power for the benefit of any who might venture to defy it. It is just the way people think when they wield the power of the sword. It explains what happened in Waco.

It isn't a question of sorting out the guilty from the innocent. **Let Them All Fear My Wrath ! That's for Nothing, So Watch Out ! Mess With America Will You ? !** How can you tell who is for you and who is against you when they all look alike ? Instead, you terrify all of them with a wanton display of murderous power. That was the conspicuous feature of the Vietnam War, the indiscriminate attack on the entire population. In Vietnam the indiscriminate killing of civilians was carried out, not just by air strikes, but by soldiers up close and personal who saw the faces of those they killed. Some of them still see those faces in their nightmares. The group hatred which always accompanies war, whether it is racial or tribal or national or ideological always leads to indiscriminate slaughter and the criminal cruelty which shows that depraved indifference to the lives of others and that pleasure in inflicting pain. It is characteristic of men caught up in war, contra the lying patriotic propaganda which pretends that they maintain a warrior code. They do on paper, and leave the paper in the barracks.

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Fearless Fosdick regularly shot up the populace in his hapless pursuit of the criminal he was after. Which led to his heartfelt apology: *Whoops ! My Mistake ! I fear the joke is on me !* Thousands of innocent people were killed by American and NATO bombs in the 78 day bombing campaign against Yugoslavia in the spring of 1999. The Pentagon bragged about its pinpoint bombing strikes even while they *accidentally* hit buses and apartment buildings, the Chinese embassy and a refugee column. In May 1999, NATO bombers killed the priest and part of the congregation of a church in a small Serbian town while taking out a bridge.

4 year olds don't count

The killing of kids is the daily feature of the Israeli reprisals against the Palestinians. It is supposedly *unintentional*. The helicopter pilot who fired a rocket at a car in a crowded street did not intend to hit any children. What else did he expect to happen ? He killed two. The soldiers who fired heavy machine guns into houses intended to kill only terrorists. They are not morally responsible for the kids

who got hit. How were they supposed to know that there were kids in those houses ? Do kids live in houses ? Is it their fault that the enemy left kids in those houses ? Colonel Webb was at least honest about it, if only to his diary. March 17th 2003, American woman protestor killed by Israeli bulldozer; footnote to the news on the TV screen: *One of the Palestinian victims was a 4 year old girl.* So at least her death was mentioned on the news, because of the connection to the story about the American protestor being killed. Otherwise, the killing of a 4 year old girl in Palestine isn't news. Israel *accidentally* killed 100 Lebanese who had taken refuge in a U.N. shelter during their 1996 incursion into Lebanon. Well, accidents will happen. In war, you can count on it.

When a dog bites a man it isn't news and when the Israelis kill another Palestinian kid it isn't news. [AP Count: 514 from 2000-2005] Unlike Dr. Schaeffer's hypothetical little girl, the death of this real 4 year old girl has no moral significance for us, even though her death results from American weapons and from Israeli policies for which America is 100 % responsible. Because of that actually. Since America rescues little girls, by official definition, America cannot be blamed for the death of that little girl. If God has the same blindness we do, we'll get away with it. But not everyone is blind. In the past year, a substantial number of Israeli soldiers have refused to serve in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and condemned the military actions taken against the Palestinians. A number of them signed a statement pointing to *patently illegal orders* which have *included demolition of homes, and firing heavy machine guns into civilian neighborhoods.* In September 2003, 27 Israeli pilots issued a joint statement that they would not fly further missions against Palestinian towns because they invariably kill civilians. The justification for what the Israelis do is that the Palestinians also kill kids. So they do. [AP Count: 97] And that is what always happens in war. We immediately adopt the lowest standard of moral behavior while pretending to have the highest. How are we different from the *terrorists* we hate ? What honest answer can we give when we are called *terrorists* ? What crime did any of them ever do that we haven't done 10 times over ? As if numbers mattered. As if you are a decent person compared to your enemy because you have only murdered a dozen or so kids.

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Over a period of several months, The New York Times ran daily pages of obituaries of all those who were killed in the attacks of September 11th 2001. Each one was remembered in a family photograph with a couple of paragraphs which described the life of this person. It had the effect of turning an anonymous or even vanished corpse, buried in the rubble of the World Trade Center, into a person who loved others and who was loved by them. A person with a face and a smile and a name and a personal history. But the people buried in the rubble of buildings destroyed by American bombs must remain anonymous corpses. Like the embryo children killed by abortion, the less we know of them the better. We argue about the numbers and then forget it. In one interview, Mr. Rumsfeld acknowledged *four killed* in one Afghanistan incident. His attitude was: *Well that's war. What can you do ?* Here lie 4. There lie 40. What does it matter ? It's just a number. If they were real persons we could not have killed them. That is why they must remain numbers and corpses without names.

her name is *Samina*

Washington has expressed regret for any civilian victims in its air-strikes, saying it does not target non-combatants. It has acknowledged that a stray bomb hit homes outside Kabul last week but said it cannot be sure whether an attack hit Karam. In the hospital in Jalabad, 25 miles to the east, doctors treated what they said were 23 victims of bombing at Karam, one a child barely two months old, swathed in bloody bandages. Another child, Samina, played with two apples on her hospital bed. Neighbors brought the 5-year-old to the hospital after the Thursday [October 11th 2001] bombing raid, which they said, killed her entire family. When she recovers from her injuries Dr. Hashok Ullah

said, hospital workers will send the girl to an orphanage. Unsmiling and silent, Samina stared out at strangers on Sunday from under a cap of head bandages. "She just doesn't speak," Dr. Ullah said. "She hasn't spoken since she came in." A father, Ahmanzai lay in one bed hugging his wailing 1-year old son, Azizullah. Both wore bandages for burns and wounds from what villagers said was a second bombing run in the area of Karam on Saturday. Female victims lay behind the locked door of the women's ward. Inside, doctors folded back one woman's enveloping shawl to show her wound--a head injury, sustained in the same attack that they said killed her two children on Thursday. At least 18 fresh graves were scattered about the village, marked with jagged pieces of gray slate. Two were tiny, freshly dug for what residents said were children. Villagers said more bodies were buried in the mountains, taken there by residents as they fled the now mostly deserted community. From a story in the October 15th 2001 New York Times.

Like the obituaries which the Times ran for the World Trade Center victims, this story goes at least part of the way in the direction of putting a human face, a little person's face, on those that America bombed by way of rescuing them from the evil Taliban government. The Taliban is SO EVIL ! They kill kids and just shrug it off ! Much of the news media either ignored the civilian casualties or they adopted a policy of mentioning them only in the context of the civilian casualties in the World Trade Center attack. Which in effect makes the argument that Americans are no worse than the people who destroyed the World Trade Center. There is a basic and timeless truth in that argument. But there is this much to be said for the terrorists: they sacrificed their own lives along with the lives of their victims. They didn't just drop bombs from 10 miles up and then go on their way like they were heroes. Dropping bombs on kids is a truly chicken thing to do. It is a truly American thing to do. The chicken should replace the eagle as the American national symbol. **The bomber is the true hallmark of the American Empire.** So is the chicken.

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Bombing gives the lie to any pretence of justice. It isn't incidental to the war, as they pretend, it shows the basic character of war. It shows that all the moral pretensions are fraudulent. It displays the true Spirit of America: the American-sponsored new society in Afghanistan will be built upon child murder, just like America itself. Doctor Schaeffer's 6 year old girl was imaginary and her rescue was imaginary. This little girl is real and the bully who killed her family while Americans shrugged and looked away is also real. In fact they identify with the bully. They should. It shows that they recognize who they are.

Military Necessity and Collateral Damage

There wasn't anything really new in the way that the wars of the 20th century classified the policy of deliberately targeting children under the head of *Military Necessity* or *Collateral Damage*, the phrase that Timothy McVeigh used to explain away the killing of the children in the day care center inside the Oklahoma City Federal Building. It is characteristic of war, whether modern or primitive. If McVeigh had been wearing a proper uniform, if he had dropped his bomb from a government plane, if the building he destroyed had been on foreign soil, he would have been decorated as a war hero instead of being executed as a criminal. People would have deeply sympathized with the anguish he supposedly must have felt when he learned about the children killed in the bombing. The TV would have been switched off of the tears of those who lost family members in the blast.

conscripts are fair game

And that is only to look at young children. And to accept the assumption that the teenage conscripts who are most of the soldiers in every army are fair game once they have put on a uniform and picked up a rifle--once they have been forced to put on a uniform and pick up a rifle. Once they are brainwashed

in the usual way by patriotic propaganda, and trained by the drill sergeant to march in lock step wherever they are told to go, even if it is over a cliff, they belong to a military machine which is a fair target. Thousands of them were slaughtered by American super weapons in the 1991 Persian Gulf War even while America let Saddam Hussein stay in power because of political pressure from Arab allies. When Hussein offered to withdraw his forces from Kuwait, on the eve of the battle, America said no, it was too late. He had to be taught a lesson and his army had to be destroyed. An estimated 100,000 Iraqi soldiers were killed. Air strikes they could not see coming killed them by the thousands. Armored bulldozers buried the teenage conscripts in the trenches they had dug, buried them alive and left them to suffocate. *LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU, MR. EVIL !*

Hussein himself was let off the hook, because America's Arab allies didn't want him ousted. So Mr. Evil was given a political pass, while the teenagers he forced into his army were destroyed without mercy. They are pawns in the game of war. We massacre the children of Hamburg and Dresden by way of discomfiting Mr. Evil. And bury alive the teenage conscripts of another Mr. Evil to teach him a political lesson. Then we cut a deal with him. We weren't interested in making a deal at the level of those common conscripts. That is why we need Mr. Evil, so we don't have to look at the kids we killed. Never mind them, stay focused on Mr. Evil ! What an ugly guy ! The sort that would kill kids without mercy ! You can see it in his face ! It is **Mister Evil versus the cute little girl** we are rescuing from his clutches and never mind the pile of bodies over there. *Turn off that camera or I'll shoot.*

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They were teen aged boys, forced into the army or hard up for a job and brainwashed into volunteering, just like our soldiers. First they were his victims and then they were our victims. We had to do that in order to punish Mr. Evil who came through it without a scratch. We had mercy on him--that is, we cut another cynical political deal. We had no mercy on the others who were the pawns in the game. Besides the soldiers, some 25,000 civilians were killed. They were trapped in their situation, prisoners of the dictator. So we bombed them. Many more died after the war because of the conditions created by the bombing, the severe shortages of food and medicine. The destruction of electric power plants shut down water and sewage. The lack of clean water produced epidemics of water borne diseases like dysentery and cholera. That is how you liberate people from oppression. You have to destroy people in order to save them. The federal agents had to rush in and destroy the building in Waco because of rumors that the children were being abused. So the children wound up dead. That was the government excuse for terminating an embarrassing stand off. Sometimes you have to kill children because of the unproven possibility that they are being abused. It avoids expensive trials.

The Shia Moslems in the south of Iraq were encouraged to rebel by America and then abandoned to their fate when the political calculus changed. At least 20,000 of them were slaughtered while the Americans watched. After destroying Hussein's army, America let the Republican Guard escape so that they could crush the rebellion in the south and keep Hussein in power. The same thing happened to the Kurds in the north. Despite President Bush's promise to help them in a radio broadcast. In north and south Iraq thousands of civilians were slaughtered and dozens of villages were destroyed. American forces within ear shot of the carnage in the south, pulled back because they were being overwhelmed by refugees. Saddam Hussein was at the mercy of the American forces at the end of the 1991 Gulf War. But they let him go, after all the rhetoric about him being in the line of Hitler and Stalin. They let him go and betrayed those they had encouraged to rebel. Now Mr. Bush junior is taking us back there because he needs *chapter two* in his *War on Terrorism*.

When the Hungarians rebelled against the Soviet Union in 1956, they counted on help from America because the Voice of America had encouraged them to rebel. America stood by while Soviet tanks

crushed the rebellion. America and Great Britain did nothing to help the Warsaw Uprising in 1944 and ignored the fact that their Russian ally was executing thousands of anti Communist Poles. The same thing has happened in many places. People never seem to learn what the Cherokees learned the hard way 170 years ago, which is that the promises of the Empire are kept only if the Empire hasn't made a new calculation. There is no honor among empires or those who run them. You don't achieve the highest positions of empire without learning to **COMPROMISE**. If you have any sense of honor left, you are unfit for the position.

the refusal to rescue

The Schaeffer fantasy implies that America entered World War II to rescue the Jews. America had no such interest, regardless of any official pretence. America and Britain could have saved all of the Jews of Germany just by allowing them to emigrate. Before the war started, the Nazi policy was to force the Jews into exile. It was the failure of this policy that led to the *final solution*. The policy failed because other countries would not accept the Jewish refugees and forced them to return to Germany. During the early period, thousands of Jews lined up daily at the American embassy in Berlin to try and get one of the few available visas. America did not want a flood of Jewish refugees. Hitler taunted the western nations with their pretended concern for the Jews and offered to ship them all to the West. He got no takers. The severe restrictions on immigration which America had passed in 1924 remained in place, despite the emergency. Those restrictions had been especially designed to curtail Jewish immigration to the United States, and they effectively cancelled the promise of *world-wide welcome* set forth in the 1883 Statue of Liberty poem by Emma Lazarus: *Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me.*

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They tried to get out anyway. One boat load of unauthorized German Jewish refugees made it to within a few miles of the coast of Florida before the United States Coast Guard turned them back. They were forced to return to Europe where two thirds of them later died in the Nazi death camps. A dilapidated ship carrying Jewish refugees sank off the coast of Palestine after the British navy turned them back--a British policy to placate the Arabs. Of course they weren't wanted in Britain, that was out of the question. The little girl is being chased by the bully. She runs to your house and you close the door on her. Later, you indignantly testify as to what a horrible person the bully is.

moral pretensions

Having refused to rescue the Jews, America then used the killing of the Jews in Germany as a moral justification for the war, as people still do. And that is typical of what nations do and of what organizations and individuals do. They neglect doing the obvious and simple things to achieve the moral aim, and then use the **pretense of that moral aim** as the ideological disguise for the pursuit of power. People neglect to do all the obvious and simple things they could do to prevent abortion. And then use *the issue* to run for political office and to raise money for their organizations. Having refused to *bear witness*, they disguise their pursuit of power and money with the flags of a moral crusade.

There is always the pretence that the war is fought for some **Great Moral Purpose**. It is only a pretence. Only a patriot believes it. General Sherman once bluntly stated a basic reason for the Civil War: *All the niggers in the South aren't worth the blood of one Union soldier. This is about control of the Mississippi River.* But it is always necessary to keep up the pretence, especially by those who have no interest in that moral purpose except to use it as camouflage for what they do care about. There are those who Really Believe in the War, who have to believe in it after so much blood has been shed. True Patriots are True Believers in that Imperial Cult which requires Big Lies to conceal the Child Sacrifice which is demanded by the god of this world in exchange for that temporary *Blessing* of Victory which he

confers upon the Empire. What kind of *Blessing* requires the sacrifice of even one child ? How many children can be sacrificed before a *Just War* becomes an Unjust War ? Correct Answer: *not even one*.

Dr. Schaeffer's little 6 year old girl was imaginary, her rescue was imaginary, and the motive was imaginary. What really happened was that America and the rest of the world let all those little Jewish girls go to the death camps while they neglected to do the things they could have done to rescue them. Then they proceeded to systematically kill the little girls of Germany and Japan, of Hamburg and Hiroshima, along with the rest of the civilian population, by a policy of bombing which went on until the end of the war. And they did that in partnership with the Soviet Union which emerged triumphant from the rubble of World War II. The result of which was that the little girls of Eastern Europe and China and Vietnam and Cambodia continued to die for the rest of the century in all those places where the Communists came to power. That is the real morality of war. The allies would not even bomb the rail lines leading to the death camps to slow down the holocaust when urgent appeals were made to them, even when they were bombing industrial targets in the same area. They cared about rescuing Jews like they cared about sparing the lives of civilians. Their actions give the lie to their pretences. In 1945 the American Army captured the *Hungarian Gold Train*, a train full of valuables which the Germans had taken from Hungarian Jews. The contents were looted by American army officers and restitution has yet to be made, 60 years later. (NYT 8-9-2004 p. A18)

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Yes, America Loves You

In war especially there is always this pretence that *AMERICA* is a kind of super person who really cares about things that Americans as individuals obviously do not care about, whether they are civilians or soldiers. Their own relatives did not much care about the ragged refugees, unless they were immediate family, especially if they had to sponsor them out of their own pockets. The Zionists wanted population in Israel, but they cared nothing about saving them otherwise, and they despised the orthodox Jews. No pressure was put on America to admit the refugees. But America, like God--instead of God--Officially Loves Everyone, and *I SUPPORT THAT*, so long as it is done with someone else's tax money, so long as they don't bother me.

The Irish lynched blacks in the New York draft riots because they blamed them for the Civil War and the draft, because, in the pecking order, there was no one else below them. But officially, once they had been forced into the Union army, they laid down their lives to liberate the Negro. And got posthumous medals for it. Like all of our soldiers, *THEY DIED FOR FREEDOM*.

Those who joined the army because they needed a pay check are supposedly risking their lives to defend my freedom. Officially, they are acting from the noblest of motives. As a matter of official patriotic pretense, they are ready to die for me, even though they don't even know me. They are even readier to kill on my behalf. They are protecting my safety and my freedom by shooting people 7000 miles away. So why do I feel less safe and less free ? Do not Freedom and Safety Increase in Direct Proportion to the increase in the number of high school drop outs given a uniform, an automatic rifle, a packet of condoms and a patriotic comic book by way of a catechism ? Why has the danger to all of us increased by yet another American attack upon people who live on another continent ?

Am I safer now because of all the killing done by Americans in Korea and Vietnam and Afghanistan and Iraq ? Why is the freedom found in America isteadily shrinking, while American military might keeps growing ? We love foreigners enough to throw away billions of dollars and thousands of lives--including thousands of their lives. Meanwhile, we don't love our own children enough to rescue them from abortion. Something here does not ring true. This Liberty Bell sounds like it has a big crack in it.

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