

# Earth Worship and Sexual Morality

from letters to KM 3-17-6

## I. *Satan got into us*

I wanted to comment on something you said about *dualism* when you called me on Friday the 3rd. I don't see how you can understand the world we live in without recognizing that the struggle between Good and Evil is basic to human history. Ammon Hennacy in Atlanta Prison contra World War I. Wally Nelson and Dave Dellinger et al in prison contra World War II. Weren't these wars Evil? Weren't these men Good when they opposed them so courageously?

A couple of months ago I saw an interview with one of the Hutu militia who participated in the mass killing of Tutsis in Rwanda in the spring of 1994. They killed 800,000 in a period of 100 days. Raped women in front of their children. Big men raped little girls and ruined them for life. He admitted his participation and said that the killing had become a daily addiction. Then he explained it this way: *Satan got into us*.

This proposition deserves complete respect as a Theory of Human History. The Theory of Evolution deserves respect insofar as it explains the facts of natural history. But does it explain the crimes of Hitler or Pol Pot? A Theory in the classic scientific sense is an intellectual formula that explains a variety of facts and predicts others. Which is just what this Theory does.

You can quibble about the name *Satan*. But, if the fellow who discovered--or invented--the *quark* had the right to name it, I don't see why Jesus should not be accepted as adequate authority for using the name *Satan* to describe The Evil Spirit.

You used the phrase *observable fact*. But Natural Science is full of facts that have been arrived at by inference or deduction, not direct observation. They compare one fossil to another and conclude that there must have been an intermediate life form, although no one has ever seen it. You can't see sub atomic particles, you can see the effects of them. The astronomers cannot see those giant collapsed stars. They only see a *black hole* which cannot be distinguished from the blackness of space. But they can detect the magnetic or gravitational effects on other astronomical bodies. That is how they know that something is there. That is how Jesus explains the *SPIRIT* to Nicodemus: You can't see the wind but you can see the trees move.

You can't see the **evil spirit** but you can see the films and photographs of the piles of murdered people in Ruanda, Bosnia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Germany, Armenia--and a dozen other places, if we survey only the genocides and massacres of the 20th century. If we consider only outright killing and ignore all the other terrible crimes and the *PERVASIVE SPIRIT* of lies, hatred and violence. There is an unmistakable signature: *SATAN WAS HERE*.

You don't see a fellow in a red suit with horns and a tail standing behind Adolph Hitler on the platform. He doesn't show up in photographs of patriotic German homes. But how else can you account for what they did in the 1940s? Are Germans bad people? I met some German tourists last summer. They loved Max. I suppose they missed their own dog. Shall I conclude that Germans love dogs and hate Jews? I might if I had to explain what they did in terms peculiar to them. But the crimes of Stalin and the Russians match and exceed those of the Germans. The red army raped 100,000 women when they occupied Berlin. Whatever cultural explanation there might be for Hitler's Germany, like *Prussian*

*Militarism*, it can't be transferred to Pol Pot's Cambodia. What can be transferred is the simple statement of the Ruandan soldier: *Satan got into them*.

The evidence for the evil spirit is everywhere. The evidence for the good spirit is harder to find. But what else explains Franz Jaggerstatter ? How else could he have persisted in refusing to join Hitler's army ? The **reality** of the **HOLY SPIRIT** is Gandhi's essential teaching. *Satyagraha* is translated as *the POWER which is born of truth and love*. Which is Gandhi's version of what he found in the **radical Christianity** of Leo Tolstoy: the **SPIRIT** of Courage, Love and Truth. The Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ. Where else will we get the Courage we need to oppose the Evil One ?

## II. Worshiping Mother Earth

5-14-6

I did take the time to read through your 40 page essay *Being Within Earth*. There is a lot in there that I agree with, such as your descriptions of the runaway consumerism of the American life style in *The God of Shopping*.

As I stated in my previous letter, I don't comprehend your somewhat dogmatic insistence on not using **Good** and **Evil** to classify human behavior. On page 6 you say *To the Universe, no reality in nature is evil, no human action is wrong*. On page 26 you go so far as to say--logically enough-- *It is not important to see even someone like Hitler as evil*. And then you lump together *killing millions of humans with extinguishing thousands of other species, devastating the biological and physical fabric of Earth . . .* And you say *It is not useful for us even to condemn the HIV virus as evil*.

It seems to me that, having lost your Catholic faith, you have derived a new faith based upon **Love of Mother Earth**, vegetarianism, and the abandonment of Christian faith and morality, especially sexual morality--*no human action is wrong*. And you have thereby arrived in an ethical swamp. I also lost faith in the Catholic Church. But I eventually found a new faith in Jesus Christ and in those few who answer his call to follow the steep and narrow path.

I have some sympathy with vegetarianism. I may yet succumb to it. But I cannot sympathize with an ethical code which says that all killing is alike--a heron grabbing a fish is a killing and Hitler gassing several million Jews is a killing. Is it Wisdom to lump these two things together ? The moral absurdity of this position should cause you to step back and take another look. If someone can teach the heron to live on oatmeal, I have no objection. But I would not lay down my life to prevent herons from eating fish. I would lay down my life and call upon others to do the same to prevent another mass murder.

In this 1995 paper you were apparently trying to set forth a new religious faith focused upon Mother Earth. Consider Voltaire's advice to the wealthy young man who wanted to start a new religion: *first get yourself crucified, then rise from the dead*.

If I set out to invent the wheel, I would take the time to study the wheels already invented before drawing up my own model. I might invent a triangular wheel because it would stop more easily, thus saving on brake linings, and also because its **clunk, clunk, clunk** would discourage long drives and save

a lot of gas. But I suppose there are those who would criticize it. The manufacturers of brake linings would conspire to keep it off the market.

Your discussion of Christianity shows that you have never made a serious and sustained study of Christianity. I hadn't either until I found myself surrounded by bible bangers out on the pro life picket line. Which pushed me into about 10 years worth of study. Along the way I made a Great Discovery: Christian Pacifism.

I see no intellectual or historical justification for lumping *religions* together. If you lump *automobiles* together in the same way you are likely to wind up buying a *Yugo* instead of a wonderful machine like the *Volvo* I bought at the Salvation Army for \$ 400. Judaism, Christianity and Islam are all somehow connected. But that is not a good reason for shoving them all into the same box. Who said *love your enemies, do good to those who hate you* ? Moses ? No. Mohammed ? Guess again. And the more important distinction to be made is that between the **pacifist Christianity** before Constantine and the **military Christianity** which followed. Neither Judaism nor Islam was ever a pacifist faith. Christianity was and is.

### pacifist Christianity

It is an historical fact that the Christian Church was pacifist for its first 300 years. Thousands of people went to their deaths for refusing to be conscripted into the Roman Army. After the establishment of the Imperial Church in the 4th Century, Christian pacifism persisted among the *heretics*--among the so-called *donatists, novatians* and *Priscillianists* etc. This pacifist **underground church** surfaced again in the middle ages under such names as *Waldenses* and *Albigensians*. During the Reformation, the pacifist *Anabaptists* and *Hussites* were persecuted by Catholic and Protestant alike. As were the *Quakers, Moravian Brethren, Independents* etc. later on. A number of these pacifist Christian groups migrated to America and are still found here under such names as *Hutterites, Amish, Mennonites*. And many of them were imprisoned in World War I.

You live in a country which is 90 percent *Christian*--whatever they mean by it. You live in the middle of the *bible belt*, where every other adult carries a bible. Considered purely as a practical matter, does it not make a lot of sense to present Christian pacifism to these people ? Even if they have never heard of it ? Especially because so many of them have not heard of it. You have been a life long *pacifist* and yet you neglect to pick up the best moral and spiritual weapon you have: **Christian Pacifism**. And the best hope. There has been a substantial abatement of militarism in the American Catholic Church in the past 50 years--thanks to you and others. It could happen among *evangelical* Christians and it would undermine the *Christian* militarism of the American Empire.

You seem to have absorbed the specious ideology of Planned Parenthood that over population is the cause of war. Before the Europeans arrived, when the American Indians had the continent all to themselves, they traveled hundreds of miles out of their way on foot and in the dead of winter for the purpose of murdering other tribes. *Satan got into them*. There aren't too many people on the planet, there are too many greedy people. That is what leads to so many needy people. Jesus proscribes that pursuit of wealth which is the major cause of poverty and war. Paul teaches that ***The love of money is the root of all evil***. The **love of money** is the primary reason for **trashing the earth**. You have to put the earth in the dumpster to extract the gold. Women have to leave their babies in the trash at Planned Parenthood so they can pursue career\$\$\$ and *invest* in gold.

Voltaire also said: *If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent Him*. Which is true. If our concept of God is a human invention, it is a necessary invention. And an invention that has been

improved. The human sacrifice common to ancient religions was changed into animal sacrifice when Abraham substituted a ram for his son. The Moslems tell the same story with Ishmael as the son who was spared. Jesus substituted bread and wine. As a vegetarian you should appreciate the difference. We sit around and share bread and wine with those we love instead of butchering a boy or a lamb. They are still digging up the bodies of children who were ritually sacrificed in the pre-Columbian religions of Central America. Americans still believe it is a noble thing to sacrifice your first born son for Freedom and America = send him up *Hamburger Hill*. Their luxurious lifestyle is built upon Child Sacrifice by Abortion.

The corollary is that, if it was man, not God, who invented the 10 commandments, they are necessary all the same and they have ancient authority behind them. Do you really want to live in a society where *Thou Shalt Not Steal, Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness* etc. are shrugged off as ancient superstition? **No human action is wrong** you say. Like most moderns you think we can discard the commandment which enjoins sexual morality. Look around you at the terrible waste of people which sexual immorality causes. Women follow their babies into the trash. The **obsession with shopping** among American women comes from having *more money, fewer children*. Women are **degraded into sex objects** by contraception. Lacking relationships with children and a relationship with God they have to do something with their time. So they go shopping. Aborted and childless and miserable women embark upon a relentless power and money and shopping trip. Why should they care what happens to Mother Earth after their own motherhood has been thrown into the dumpster? *If it is good enough for me, it is good enough for everyone*. Why do you pay tribute to Gandhi as your teacher and ignore what he taught about contraception? As he predicted, contraception and abortion have led to the moral ruin of India.

#### Earth and Sun

Your new religion is based upon the **Love of Mother Earth**. I grant you that the earth is a little more cuddly than the Sun, but, without the Sun, the earth is a cold, dead rock. So it makes more sense to worship the Sun, like the Egyptians and the Romans and the 18th century Freemasons. If you go a little further you arrive at the wisdom of the Hebrews who worshipped, not the Sun itself, but the One who made both the earth and the sun. I won't try to prove to you that Someone made the Sun. But it seems to require even more faith to believe that it somehow made itself. As to the absence of the love of earth in Christianity, what about Saint Francis of Assisi? He spoke of **Brother Sun** and **Sister Moon** and preached a sermon to the birds, without losing track of Christian pacifism. Jesus gave us a firm foundation for believing that the Earth is sacred when He taught that God the Father created it just as he created us and that He keeps track of the sparrows and gives *the lilies of the field* clothing which earthly potentates like Solomon can't match.

Several times you refer to scientific knowledge as somehow providing us with a new understanding. But you give no examples as to how *Science* provides the answer to the challenge of war and peace and the destruction of the planet by runaway materialism. *Science* encourages materialism. You seem to believe that you can have a *spiritual* faith without the **Spirit**. What does it mean? The denial of the moral and the spiritual leads to that obsession with the material which characterizes the modern world. If there is no one and nothing beyond what we see, it makes a certain emotional sense to get hold of all the things the world has to offer. What else is there?

Does *The Big Bang* provide an intellectually satisfactory explanation as to the Origin of the Universe? Who or what came before the Big Bang? Does the Theory of Evolution provide a satisfactory vision of the future? I saw a special about the **4 billion year triumph of life** on the planet--what a grand thing it is that we and the penguins have survived while so many other species have become extinct. They might better have called it **the triumph of death**. All those past species have become extinct and **we are next**.

Actually, I am not sure that I care much about *the survival of the species*. If there is no life beyond this one, and we are all doomed to die anyway, why worry about it? Why not get it over with? My own survival interests me more. A creed which offers me eternal life while The Shoppers follow that broad and easy road to destruction has some appeal. We were singing hymns in front of the abortuary one morning and when we sang the third verse of *Amazing Grace* it came to me that I believed it: *when we've been there 10,000 years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun*. I won't try to prove it to you. But what Hope does Evolution offer to anyone? The species will go on Shopping and Waging War long after I am gone? I would just as soon they did become extinct.

### Man the Alien

You confuse Nature and human nature. It begs the question: *What Is Man?* There are modern cults like Scientology which *reveal* that the human race came here from another planet. That seems far fetched but it does point to something basic about humanity: we seem to be *Aliens* here; we don't fit in. Man can be defined as the **Un Natural Animal**. We recognize that when we distinguish the *natural* from the *artificial*. Man is the un-natural son who has rebelled against Mother Nature. He is a matricide. **Evil** does not apply to the rest of Nature as it applies to man. What other animal murders its offspring or destroys the earth to get at the gold? Without the concept of **Evil** you can't begin to understand man. If **Evil** applies to mankind, **Good** does also. And no one ever taught about Good and Evil as clearly as Jesus Christ.

You confuse Secular Christianity with radical Christianity--as does the Catholic Church. Judaism, Islam and Secular Christianity all have the concept that God gives victory in war, establishes the State and rules through it: Jesus Christ helped Constantine in his wars to become the Emperor of the united Roman Empire. *GodBlessAmerica* sanctions America's wars. It is only in radical Christianity that we find the opposite teaching: Luke 4.5-8: Satan is the ruler of *all the kingdoms of this world*. He is **THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD**. Paul goes so far as to call him *the god of this world*. Jesus says his followers do not fight because his kingdom *is not of this world*. It is independent of and antagonistic to the worldly kingdoms ruled by Satan, and real Christians cannot fight for any of them. You live in the belly of the beast. That belly would be vulnerable **If Christians were pacifists and pacifists were Christians**. But instead of a clear testimony to the Christian pacifism to which you have given your life, you offer this murky mixture of Earth Religion plus birth control plus pseudo Science plus wishful thinking. Some day Science will get rid of the surplus population and then Peace will come. I can't believe that you believe it. It is a sorry substitute for a Faith.

You appear to still believe in *Community* and in *love* but you give no coherent explanation as to how we can arrive at Community without the teaching of Jesus Christ, without the example of Christian community, and without the Spirit of Love which makes it possible. *By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you love one another as I have loved you*. The Christian Community was conspicuous in the early church--*see how they love one another!* That is why they had *all things common*. And Christian community persisted among the brethren of the underground church. You can still go and see Christian Community among the Hutterites of South Dakota. But how do you arrive at the **brotherly love** and the **simplicity of lifestyle** and the moral self-discipline and the **transcendent faith** which real **community** requires, without the promptings of that Spirit of Love which Jesus gave his first followers? It becomes an empty word.

*Nonviolence* is another empty word when you do not bear witness against the **violence of abortion**. How can you oppose capital punishment for those convicted of murder and say nothing when capital punishment is inflicted upon embryo children without a trial and without an appeal ? What is the use of pretending that you are serious about opposing war when you go along with the war being waged against embryo children ? There is a fundamental contradiction in your position which undermines all the rest of it because you do not bear witness against abortion. When men and women put their own embryo children in the dumpster, is it surprising that they will drop bombs on the children of far off lands, put their mothers in the nursing home, and put Mother Earth in the dumpster ? How can you Love the Earth after refusing to love your own child ? And what integrity can your witness have when you ignore the moral connection between these things ?

### III. re *dualism*

5-21-6

Thank you for the call. There are at least three different doctrines of *good* versus *evil* which have been historically associated with the Christian Church: I. *This World*, ruled by **Satan**, is the adversary of Jesus and his true followers. II. The Manichaeon / Gnostic doctrine that the material world is evil and so the flesh is evil. III. The doctrine, found in Augustine and developed by Luther and Calvin, which says that humanity is **totally depraved** and morally helpless, but The State is established by God. Meanwhile, the doctrine of modern humanism says that The People Are Good ! Only governments are evil.

The first doctrine is found throughout the gospels and the epistles and is best understood by looking at **world** verses in context. I enclose a copy of my Appendix A summary from *The Church of the Empire*. It was a fact, not a theory. Jesus was crucified the day after he told them that **the world hates me**. Thousands of his first followers were also put to death as Jesus had predicted: *the world will hate- you even as it has hated me*. This doctrine is the basis of the Christian pacifism found in the original church. It is the basis of the Christian Community living in opposition to *the world*. *In it* but not *of it*.

Today's so called *peace movement* lacks any foundation of Christian Pacifism. They have no spiritual alternative to the Cult of the American Empire and no moral alternative to the pursuit of political power. It is an amorphous *rainbow coalition* of pro abortion feminists and *gay rights* activists, disillusioned socialists and Democratic Party supporters. They do not quote nor comprehend what Mother Teresa said: *abortion is the end of world peace*. Because abortion, like war, shows a total dis-respect for human life. *Mother Teresa* is conspicuously missing from your list of heroes and heroines. I can't imagine Dorothy Day omitting her. Who else in our time has set a more conspicuous example of love for the poor ? And, as Gandhi says, *poverty is the worst form of violence*.

What alternative is there to the American Cult, if you abandon radical Christianity ? Socialism was supposed to be an alternative--to be an international pacifist faith. It turned into the National Socialism of Mussolini's Italy, Hitler's Germany, Stalin's Russia, China, Cambodia, Cuba. A genuine *radical* must oppose the love of money because that is the **root** of the matter. Why try to do it on your own without Jesus and Paul ? Why re-invent the wheel ?

I hate to see what has happened to the anti war movement--the enfeebled spirituality and the moral impotence into which it has sunk. And I still feel the obligation to promote Christian Pacifism as best I can.

#### IV. Society and Sexual Morality

3-16-7

To follow up on our conversation about sexual morality: you seem to be arguing that: I. *everybody does it*, so it must be all right. II. If **I do it**, it's right. III. *old* morality has no authority.

Gordon Zahn counted 7 Catholics who refused to go along with Hitler's wars. As between those 7 and the 7 million or so Catholics who went along with Hitler's wars, Who was right ? If everybody in the house is drunk, it still does not justify alcoholism. In Russia, all the men are alcoholics, according to one news article I read. Does that make it all right ? No, it is still all wrong. It is destroying Russian society. There seems to be no such thing as sexual morality in large parts of Africa. Does that make it all right ? AIDS has half destroyed African society and produced half a million orphans, many of them with AIDS. And it threatens to do the same in India and China. In China and India the abortion of female babies has become common. It has resulted in a lack of women. Chinese men can't find wives. Indian men patronize prostitutes from whom they get AIDS. So lonely men face early death. Do you *see no evil* in this ? The *Hideous Promiscuity* which Gandhi predicted has become a fact in modern India. The dearth of women has led to gangs of rapists that prowl Indian cities. Our moral code cannot be derived from common behavior: everyone steals, everyone drinks, everyone fornicates, everyone engages in speculation, everyone goes along with war. It must be derived from **uncommon behavior**. When *everybody does it*, it is usually wrong. You once knew that.

I don't understand why so many people feel that *If I do it, it must be right*. If I go out and get drunk, do I have to thereafter declare that there is nothing wrong with getting drunk and believe it the rest of my life ? If the preacher preaches a good sermon against the *demon rum*, and you later find him passed out on the rug in the rectory, beside an empty bottle, does that invalidate the sermon ? No, it illustrates it. It shows that he knows what he is talking about. Just because a man drinks too much beer, he doesn't have to Believe in Drinking Too Much Beer. He doesn't have to start a religion centered upon the doctrine that **THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TOO MUCH BEER**

the yardstick of morality

If I am guilty of sexual sin, I still must recognize that sexual morality is valid, whether I live up to it or not. Especially if I don't. That is just why we do need a moral code. Dogs don't need to be admonished to lay off the booze. We do. After I got out of prison in 1967, I found myself in the middle of the *Summer of Love* and the *Sexual Revolution* in New York City. And I was pulled into it, because I had lost my faith and lost my morals along with it. But I never reached the point of trying to re-define morality by the **yardstick of my behavior**. And I soon began to see how much harm was being done to men and women both because of the loss of sexual morality. It is no coincidence that the sexual revolution of the last 50 years has coincided with an epidemic of broken families and abortion. And epidemics of Sexually Transmitted Diseases which cause sterility and disfiguring and death. Women are severely hurt by abortion and they are **DEGRADED** by the contraception which turns them into **safely**

**sterilized sex objects.** And men are harmed as well. We all begin to suffer the degradation which has always been typical of soldiers and sailors and convicts--all the men who are cut off from any real chance of having wives and children and homes of their own. We are obligated to *love one another*. Is that the same as *lust* ? It is just the opposite. Surely you see that ?

We see all around us the consequences of people being degraded and exploited and conscripted--forced into the army or forced into the \$ 2 a day factory by economic necessity. And sexual exploitation is one of the common ways in which people are exploited. Just as the goods they produce and the services they provide are degraded and exploited, so their sexuality is degraded and exploited. No doubt they do it to themselves much of the time. Does that make it right ? There is a modern notion that we own our own bodies and our own lives and answer to no one for what we do with them. I can put a bullet in my head without violating my obligation to my parents and all the others who gave me life and helped me to live. So I can participate in all sorts of behavior if the other person agrees and it degrades only the two of us. And that principle is manifestly false. Is the source of much of the evil we see in society today.

### **wealth without work**

We live in a society where everybody and his brother is in pursuit of **wealth without work** by *fixing and flipping* real estate or *investing* in the stock market. For all the modern sophistication, it is obviously a variant of old fashioned *usury*, which Jesus defines quite simply as *reaping where you did not sow*. Am I a *puritan* if I see **evil** in an economy which provides 1001 opportunities for *making money off of money* instead of by honest work ? How in the world can you offer an alternative to the way the world is when you adopt the principle that *no human action is wrong* ? The truth is just the opposite: **most human actions are wrong**. How else did we get into this miserable mess ?

That false assertion comes from your own loss of faith and morals. Your faith in God, your faith in yourself, and your faith in poor people were tied together and went down together and took morality along with it. So now you are stuck with *seeing no evil* in sexual behavior or anything else.

Morality is not subjective. Years ago you argued against the *Conscientious Objector* position. I eventually concluded that your argument was valid. It makes no sense to say *war is wrong for me* but **I won't judge** that it is wrong for others. When you **pro choice** morality it ceases to be morality: *if you believe slavery is wrong, don't own one*. Do I need to respect the *conscience* of those who answer the call of Hitler or Stalin or Roosevelt to troop off to war ? No, they have lost all conscience. They have surrendered it to the State. They have been brainwashed by patriotic propaganda. It is sanity to recognize that. And insanity to adopt the opposite principle.

### old morality

Have the *10 commandments* lost their authority because they are *old* ? The same basic morality is found in all societies and, at the very least, it has the authority of tradition and humanity behind it. Remember what Chesterton said about *the democracy of the dead* = respect for tradition. Can you hold onto *Thou Shalt Not Steal, Thou Shalt Not Kill, Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness* while you discard *Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery* ? The commandments are connected. When you steal, you have to lie about it. Sexual immorality leads to the killing of the unborn child by abortion. Abortion emotionally destroys women. It teaches men to be *as responsible as a baby's rear end*. Women and men are degraded into sex objects by casual sex and contraception. We have to resist such degradation, not try and justify it. Then people defend homosexuality--while knowing nothing about it--to justify their own departure from sexual morality. It is even more *loveless*. But people are brainwashed by the media which relentlessly

presents homosexuals as loving and faithful couples. They never mention the bars and bath houses where the anonymous and loveless sex which is typical of homosexual sex takes place.

People righteously stand up for homosexuals because it provides camouflage and justification for their own loss of sexual morals and the **compromise with abortion** which follows. Which they had rather not discuss. It is obvious that there is major apostasy in the Catholic Worker Movement--as there is in the Catholic Church--in respect to sexual morality.

Jesus summarizes the 10 commandments in the 2 commandments to Love God and Love your neighbor. Sexual immorality takes us in a direction which is away from love. Is that not obvious? We live in a world which is swamped with sex and hurting for love. And the two things are cause and effect. It isn't true because I say so, it is true whether I say so or not. It is true whether I live up to it or not. I didn't invent it, I can't dis-invent it. Neither can you. As Voltaire said, *if God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent Him*. And the corollary is that if *good* did not exist, it would be necessary to establish it--by defining it contra **evil** of course.

In the 1970s and the 1980s I came close to being an atheist. Which leaves you free to try and make sense of the world in which we live with the help of *science*. But, as Isaac Bashevis Singer's brilliant young rabbi says, *science is like sea water* in that, the more you drink of it, the less your thirst is satisfied. None the less I made pilgrimages to the Natural History Museum and read about the *trilobites* who were the exclusive inhabitants of the earth for a few hundred million years.

There were still two theological or historical principles that I recognized as true: I. I had to believe in *hitler*. II. I saw that *my dog loves me*.

People who do not believe in God, and who also of course do not believe in the devil, cannot help but believe in the real historical existence of Adolph Hitler. Cannot refuse to believe that he was responsible for the murder of 5 million Jews. (It is even against the law in Austria to disbelieve it.) Cannot refuse to recognize that he played a major role in launching the war in which 60 million were killed, millions of women raped etc. And they must recognize something further: the **spirit** which appeared in Adolph Hitler and the Nazis, and **the German people**, is still very much with us. It can be clearly seen in Stalin's Russia and Mao's China and Pol Pot's Cambodia. It can be seen in the killing of three quarters of a million Tutsis by the Hutus in the spring of 1994.

People commonly invoke **the spirit of Hitler** to charge their opponents with wrong: *the program you advocate is just like the early Nazi program . . . Hitler had a mustache just like yours*. That is, they recognize that **the spirit of evil** is still very much with us--it did not die with Hitler. The Spirit of Hatred is REAL! And still hard at work.

The second thing I recognized is that, if God does not Love us, my dog does love me. And, of course, *dog is god* spelled backwards. In fact my dog seems to love just about everyone, the mailman excepted. And that forces me to recognize that there is such a thing as *love* in this world, whatever the ultimate source of it. And, as the song asks, *without love where would you be now?* I know perfectly well that I am the person I am because people loved me, my parents and all the others. And I have seen how emotionally crippled people are when they have been deprived of love. Love is real. It is Important. I am not going to try and explain it away because it is a mystery which is beyond my comprehension.

*Love* is a fact. So are other things which cannot be reliably measured by mechanical instruments. When Gandhi invoked *the power which is born of truth and love* he was pointing to a *power* or a *spirit* which

is the adversary of that *evil spirit* we recognize in Hitler. And how can you label all the **lies** that governments tell, if you do not have some **standard of truth** by which to measure it ? If **no human action is evil** then *no government statement is a lie* and bombs are good for kids.

### God Who ?

It isn't enough to say that you don't believe in God. God who ? Which God don't you believe in ? Tolstoy once wrote: *That God who exists to serve us, does not exist. But the God whom we must serve does exist.* Ammon once told someone: *I believe in God but I spell it with a little "g" and two "o"s.* I think they were both pointing in the same direction. In 1 kings 19.11-12 the prophet does not find God in the wind or the earthquake or the fire. But then he hears *a still small voice*. What else accounts for people like Ammon and people like Franz Jaggerstatter who pay attention to that **quiet little voice** that everyone else ignores ? Who bear **SOLITARY WITNESS** to the truth. Who confront **EVERYBODY DOES IT** with *I refuse to do it*.

I am forced to believe in **the god who rules this world**, who is described in the gospels as the **prince of this world** and **the ruler of all the kingdoms of this world**. How else can you account for the great violence of the empire, for the relentless falsehood, for the terrible waste of people, the terrible waste of their labor, the terrible waste of the land ? As Newman said: *There never was a kingdom, except Christ's, which was not conceived and born, nurtured and educated, in sin. There never was a state, but was committed to acts and maxims, which it is its crime to maintain and its ruin to abandon.* (the whole quote is found in **Appendix B** of *The Church of the Empire*.) Contrary to the false faith of humanism, which teaches us to believe in **THE PEOPLE**, Tyconius wrote: *evil men are the throne of Satan*. You can look at Germany in 1943 or America in Vietnam or the mass murder in Ruanda and see what he meant. **Nature worship** and **the humanist faith** blind people to the truth that there is something fundamentally wrong with human nature that humans can't fix by themselves. We really do need to be Saved from our Sins--from our evil nature.

The explanation of the soldier who participated in the mass murder in Ruanda makes perfect sense: *Satan got into us*. There is an **evil spirit** who gets into people and who drives them to destruction. Who drives them to destroy others and then themselves. That is why we must have that good spirit which is the only moral antidote. Franz Jaggerstatter is the moral antidote to Hitler. The Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ is the spiritual antidote to Satan. When even a few listen to that **STILL SMALL VOICE**, it generates a movement which has remarkable **power**. Without that **spirit**, the movement is impotent. It goes through the motions year after year and goes no where.

What do we have without the Spirit ? Was Stalin the antidote to Hitler. Yes ! As the world reckons it, he was. The red army raping a million women in its march across Europe was the answer to Hitler. America was the antidote to Hitler. Killing and crippling a million Germans by the Allied bombing of German cities was the antidote to Hitler, as this world reckons it. The evil spirit is real. You can't see him but you can count the corpses which are his signature.

In Iris Chang's book *The Rape of Nanking* a Japanese soldier admits *I became like an animal . . . I became a devil*. But no animal other than man would do what was done in Nanking. The second statement explains it as the first statement does not.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus lays down a strict law on sexual morality: *if you look after a woman with lust, you have already committed adultery with her in your heart*. But at the same time he removes the criminal penalty from the moral law and later he shows what he means when he refuses to go along with the execution of the woman taken in adultery. But he also tells her: *go and sin no more*.

When he deals with individuals, he does not seem much concerned with the rigid enforcement of a general law. He lets the prostitute touch him which scandalizes his host. When he talks to the Samaritan woman at the well he contents himself with a little sarcasm in respect to her truthfulness: you told the truth about not having a husband--you have had 6 husbands but your current shack up is not your husband.

But it is one thing to forgive the individual sinner and another when he forgives himself and goes on to declare that what used to be called sexual sin is now to be applauded as *sexual liberation* = the New Righteousness--the foundation of the New Society. Piece is the Way to Peace: *make love not war*. I understand why desperately lonely people grab onto one other. I can sympathize with alcoholism and putting stuff up your nose. But people also grab onto a wrong-headed philosophy to justify themselves. It is one thing to be an alcoholic and another to proclaim alcohol or LSD as the cure for the evils of society--and yourself as *the prophet*. Alcoholism, drug addiction and *careless love* are major causes of the evils in society. The media relentlessly presents a positive image of homosexuals and suppresses any truthful information about the **leather bars** and the **bath house buggery** which have produced millions of AIDS cases. They find 200 anonymous partners a year in the steam room and knowingly spread AIDS. Is this *love* ? **Hate**, rather. An alcoholic, a drug addict or a sex addict is to be pitied up to a point. But they destroy themselves and others. Drunks aren't so funny to the families they abuse and abandon. Sex addicts aren't funny either.

#### the philosophy of *free love*

The modern faith in *free love* is necessary to a society which isolates and alienates individuals and a money-loving economy which trashes babies and families along with everything else. And it is rooted in those 18th and 19th century movements in which *sexual liberation* was a major driving force, although it was camouflaged behind a pretended concern for social justice. The early Socialist and Communist movements had a half concealed mandate to **abolish the family**. That is what drove their radical attack upon society--upon the family and the morality which protects the family. That is why they pursued totalitarian control and *collectivization* of the economy. And this mandate has remained half hidden in the later movement. It is still the foundation of radical feminism. This Radical Attack upon society led to Extreme Measures such as the dogmatic insistence upon the Collectivization of Farming in the Soviet Union. By the late 20s the whole of Soviet agriculture was made up of small family farms. But Communism disbelieved in *private property*, even a 40 acre family farm, because it disbelieved in families. It led to the mass starvation of 10 million Ukrainians in 1932-33. (cf. *Harvest of Sorrow* by Robert Conquest)

Sexual Rebellion was the major concealed motive among the Freemasons who were the primary organizing group of both the American Revolution and the French Revolution. The hidden rebellion against Christian sexual morality led to the extreme attack upon all the values of the old society. Freemasonry promoted a compound faith of **Nature Worship** and "**Science**" and **Humanism**. It still deceives people looking for an alternative, after they have lost faith in Jesus Christ. It is the spiritual sinkhole of the modern age.

The Socialism and Communism which grew out of the French Revolution had the same half hidden agenda. It produced a major distortion of values in what pretended to be a movement for social justice. The empire of Napoleon, the imperial wars of Europe, the murderous combat between the forces of Hitler and the allies of Stalin were all promoted by an ideology which pointed the way to a better world by first discarding old fashioned morality in respect to marriage and family life. Sexual liberation and homosexual liberation were basic to both the Nazis and the Bolsheviks--the most murderous thugs on the planet. The Nazi Party grew out of a homosexual liberation movement. Like other forms of so-called

*liberation, sexual liberation* produces destruction. This New Age creed of Nature Worship, Humanism, "Science", and Sexual Liberation will never create a New Society, however much it may damage the old one.

Sexual morality is the foundation of family life and the family is the foundation of a good society. People once knew this and a lot of them still know it. You once knew it. Why re-learn it the hard way via stupid experiments with *free love* etc. ?

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