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Set Them Free

Freud had a provocative take on the Jews. He speculated that a religion based on guilt must be traceable to a real, historical crime. In the case of the Jews, this crime was spectacular, far more telling than the patricide of Oedipus, who killed his father without knowing his identity.

According to Freud's thought experiment the guilt of the Jews derived from their murder of the historical Moses--- they killed the man who liberated them from slavery, and then, over the centuries, perfected a religion based on the externalization and internalization of that guilt. They enslaved themselves to guilt, and then passed the chains to the derivative religions of Christianity and Islam. Hatred and loathing of the self, in the adept hands of subsequent Christian and Islamic orthodox theologies, becomes the hatred and loathing of the Other--- in the vain attempt to transfer guilt and punish the Other as the Self.

In today's technological world, dominated by Will To Power and hamstrung by the SemiConscious Apparatus, we are constantly traumatized by the succession of insane and devastating events. The war on individualism and sanity is merciless, and the conditioning of the young would make even Orwell rattle in his grave. 9/11 is the name for the first milepost on the rough ride to the World as Self-Annihilation. We can expect far worse. And it could be soon, because the Judeo-Christian-Islamic guilt complex has slipped whatever light harness it had to reality and world community. The key and deadly nature of guilt is that it demonizes, trivializes and erases the guilty Self by proxy. Any Other, the enemy of the moment, the demon of the hour, is summoned to destruction in the name of God and the glory of The State. The American President is a fitting face for the millions of Jews, Christians, and Moslems in our world whose spirits are bludgeoned into stupidity and conformity by their thirst for revenge. Any one of them could be the American President, and in a special, terrifying sense, they are. We have entered a dangerous phase-shift in human history where the brutality of the masses defines reality. Where terror walks hand in hand with egregious lies and survival becomes the sole standing virtue. As Nietzsche said, the Center is lost. As everything runs wild in spirals of Death we now know the missing Center is the Will To Life. Mass suicide awaits the defining word from their leader. The American President is Jim Jones. Every man and woman so tired of life and lies that they willingly lay their futures, all futures down. In such desperate times the cultural dictums of reason, honor and aesthetic philosophy must be overcome. This is war. To fight for the future of human culture we must be willing to use every present possible means, including the unseemly, the surreal and provocative to gain time.

If you have followed the scent to here, you might be asking yourself, “ Well then, what was the historical crime that makes America feel so damned guilty?” With an eye to the clock, let me say it slowly, even slower---*it's the slaughter and torture of extraterrestrials*. For at least 45 years America has been systematically murdering our strange new Moses, the ET intelligences that have appeared in our national boundaries, our history and our consciousness. It would take the sensibilities of a Steven Greer to think all aliens have come to Earth to free us from fossil fuels and poverty, but let's take this surd as a working, battlefield assumption. Aliens have been watching us for decades, centuries, even eons and now, directly associated with atomic and ecological events of the past half-century, they've come to liberate us from the slavery of our scientific ignorance and primitive beliefs. For this timely and benevolent cosmic presence we murdered them. Tricked them, butchered them, experimented on them, and then dissected them like big insects. The autopsy tapes *are* real. Our crime is exponentially worse than Freud's Jews, for now we are eternally separated from the One Consciousness of the Universe, in God's eternal disfavor There's no expiation of our new guilt because we haven't yet organized a religion to legalize or civilize it. In perverse and all-too-human defiance we slaughter ourselves before God can.

Of course a cynic might note that meaningless death is our destiny no matter how we treat the extraterrestrials, but let's remain optimistic a moment longer to find a way through the seemingly ironclad institutional terror. Let's fight a little fire with fire. This is a new thought experiment. The American military is holding 17 Aliens in underground bases in Arizona. Today. As you read this. 17 live extraterrestrials. Along with countless cadavers and their curious crafts from which we've only been able to reverse-engineer a few toys. Non-local faster- than- light communication and travel, despite our heinous crimes, remains an option for humanity. We can keep mankind's future open-ended by confessing to past murders. We can make a fresh start by forcing the military to cough up its documents. By setting these 17 innocents free. Today. As you put your finger to this page.

If you reflect a moment on this thought, you'll see you don't need further proof. Somewhere, in that innermost self that's survived the bullets and nerve gas of disinformation you know it's true. America is holding 17 live Aliens. You don't need public debate between government agents advocating both sides of the UFO issue. You don't need more lies, cover-ups and investigations. You don't need any more Jonathan Reeds. And you certainly don't need the SemiConscious death scenario of 5 Billion American Presidents and a Forever War. The case is clear, the crime must be brought to the light, and punishment must be levied. Those non-accountable military elites and their private industry partners must be held responsible by the American people and punished. If not, punishment will be levied, but it will be self-punishment by proxy. The American people will be deprived of their rights and liberties and will learn to love the boot upon their neck. The World will cower and cajole, trembling in the dark shadow of the Pax Americana. The Big Lie is that terror comes from terror. Freud knew, and now we know, in our way, and in our deep technological tone---terror comes from guilt.

With this one lever you can move the World. Letters to your congressman. Letters to the American President. Set them free. Acknowledge the crime, punish the perpetrators and America moves on. The world is not longer the slaughtering ground for American political arrogance and military power. Our personal lives can be open once again to the joys of romantic love and family devotion. Most importantly, humanity can wrest its future from the claws of passivity and Death. If we do nothing, the SemiConscious Apparatus will self-annihilate and all Being will be lost. If we do nothing Will To Power will construct a mass religion based on guilt to terrorize consciousness unto Death. The Alien will become God.

Of course a realist would add, "After 45 years of secrecy and disinformation, the military isn't about to lead the world's media to the lockers containing alien body parts, or the ultra-secret bases where we reverse-engineer their craft" but wait a minute longer, because history is replete with revolutions begun with less than this. Imagine the pressure building locally upon representatives. On the American President. In the media. Imagine millions of cars converging on the underground bunkers in Arizona where the Aliens are held. Imagine every American worker striking until the 17 Aliens are freed. Imagine the feeling of brotherhood emanating from that scene. Feel the solidarity with the Alien. With the Earth. With each other. Feel Life overcoming the Death impulse.. With the weight of history and the world's eyes upon them, there is no doubt in my mind that the military will produce and free the 17 Aliens. It may usher in a better age, and it may not. Maybe the only thing that changes in the short term is that Man survives the dark side of his nature yet another time, maybe the only thing we learn is that great understanding can be found in small acts. The more this thought makes sense to you, the more possible it is to see the external and internal institutions of guilt cast aside by the Will To Life. When we set the 17 Aliens free, we begin to free ourselves from the SemiConscious Apparatus. From this simple act of justice, more and still more will follow until the Revolution is here and we can start to implement our most heartfelt dreams in a world without guilt.