

STOP KILLING

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There are each year more than 300,000 murders and 40 to 50 million abortions worldwide. If they had not died, one could populate with the murdered a city almost as big as Bonn, and with the aborted ones a whole great country like Colombia. So the thirst for blood that exists in the world is enormous.

It is common to know who is responsible for an assassination. But it is important to emphasize that many murders are done for the good of society and therefore no one takes the blame. We have, for example, the murders that are secretly committed by the authorities to safeguard peace and security in the neighborhood, in the commune. This is usual, but very rarely is any incident leaked to the public and it is even rarer for the news to arouse any social protest. And in any case, nobody recognizes the slightest responsibility.

We also have the state assassinations. As described in the history of Nazism, the Khmer Rouge, and *The Gulag Archipelago*, state murders and tortures are carried out by completely normal people who believe they are serving the Nation. And that therefore, their good salary is more than fair. Of course, no one blames himself for these murders, tortures, and fabricated truths.

While no one is responsible for so much bloodshed, the families of the victims are left with lifelong trauma. If it is not healed, it becomes a psychosis. If it is socially propagated, it becomes a guerrilla, an illegal armed group whose indiscriminate attacks show that when no one is to blame, everyone is responsible.

The governments of the world have gained some expertise in managing the resulting conflicts. However, it seems to me that every victory is minimal, short-ranged, and short-lived. In the face of such a harsh reality, it is easy for citizens to criticize, blame others, ignore responsibility, and throw wood on the fire. Is there an alternative? According to what I observe in myself, there is one. Let's see.

It turns out that behind every action, be it of war or peace, there is a heart with emotions. We could say that emotions drive us, that our actions reflect the feelings that nest in our hearts. And according to my experience, which is already quite a lot, my Christian religion is very good at pacifying my soul. And as it is natural in an old man, the judgment that God will give me is a very important guideline of my life. One leaves this world and in due time is brought before the presence of the Lord our God, who will reward each one according to his deeds.

What will be the judgment of God against someone who has killed, either directly, or through the machinery of the state or the socioeconomic system which he or she belongs to? Several passages in the Bible indicate how other people have struggled with the problem. Let's look at a few cases.

King David was a man of war from his early youth in a social and international environment in which the one who killed enemies the most was celebrated. He was born as an outstanding military man, but by an urgent need he became a guerrilla founder and chief, and by patriotic vocation, a paramilitary. Very similar to Mao against the Japanese. Later, he was a warrior king and international victor, because he conquered peoples and lands. But all this was not for free. His crimes against humanity compete for cold evil with those of our days: once he had problems with some neighbors whom he defeated and, to silence their future, he had them formed and measured them with a string. What for? To kill two-thirds of them. Maybe a thousand. That was about 3000 years ago. In the end, he had peace everywhere, which allowed him to think of making a temple to God as a sign of his sublime and jealous love for Him. But God opposed him: *You have shed much blood, and made great wars; you will not build a house for my name, because you have shed much blood on the earth before me.* So killing is not what makes God happy, no matter how necessary it could seem according to social or international law.

Consciousness can change and be able to see more light. Being clear, King David's conscience was enlightened enough to respect God's holiness and not make him a temple. But he did not have enough sensitivity to realize that a temple, which is 99.9% wood and stone, is not what God longs for. That means that what King David did was simply to calm his conscience, and in that way, he got peace in his soul. Such peace is a good symbol that God is not going to send you into the lake of fire but is allowing you to evolve into goodness and holiness. So, should every modern King David behave, but hopefully with more wisdom.

A very elegant conscience is that of Isaiah, who lived some 2750 years ago. He tells us: *let no one deceive himself, for killing is what makes God angry.* The ensuing reaction of God was yesterday, with the plague, the same as today, with the pandemic:

*Go, my people, enter your rooms
and shut the doors behind you;
hide yourselves for a little while
until his wrath has passed by.
See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling
to punish the people of the earth for their sins.
The earth will disclose the bloodshed on it;
the earth will conceal its slain no longer.*

There we also see very modern, very actual ideas about what to do when one repents or when one wants to collaborate with God.

Let us now mention the teacher I admire: Jesus Christ. His view of killing is very clear: *he who kills is the son of the devil.* The reason I admire him is because of his prescription for the prevention of murder, which shows his overwhelming common sense: *the weeds are pulled out at birth if only that is possible.* That is to say, let the light of Christ illuminate the intentions of your heart to indicate that you are in a bad mood, angry, with rage, with hate. Next, recognize your state and apply his simple and very effective herbicide recipe: *pray for one's enemies so that God may bless them.* More extensively:

*“You heard that it was said:
‘You must love your neighbor
and hate your enemy.’ However,
I say to you: Continue to
love your enemies and to pray
for those who persecute you,
so that you may prove yourselves
sons of your Father who is
in the heavens, since he makes
his sun rise on both the wicked
and the good and makes it
rain on both the righteous and
the unrighteous. For if you
love those loving you, what reward
do you have? Are not also
the tax collectors doing the same
thing? And if you greet your
brothers only, what extraordinary
thing are you doing? Are not also
the people of the nations doing
the same thing? You must
accordingly be perfect, as your
heavenly Father is perfect.*

When I find it hard to pray for my enemies, I pray like this:
*blessed is Jesus Christ the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of this man.* I repeat it many times trying to appease
my bad temper, and that returns me peace, and then I can
pray more positively for such a person. And in general, how
can one kill, or torture, or insult someone when Jesus, the
son of God, is crucified on Calvary's cross for our sins?
Therefore, if someone imagines that God forgives absolutely
everything, it is convenient to keep in mind the following
verse that is at the end of the Apocalypse:

Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

Who are the dogs that are left out? Reference is made to the stray dogs that lick the spilled blood of the corpses. In our terminology, that would correspond to being an accomplice to murder or torture, either by agreeing to it, or by not having tried to do something, or by keeping silent, or by covering the perpetrator. Stray dogs also do not return what they steal. Likewise, whoever does wrong and does not restore as much as possible, is a dog that will be left out.

Therefore, every person should take holiness seriously and grow in wisdom and the fear of the Lord by studying and practicing the Word of God.

OK.

Did anyone repent or wish to be God's helper concerning the bloodshed but not know what to do?

There is something you can do right now: stop being rude and strive to speak words that build, edify, give hope, that can be said to a child as well as to a maiden, or an old man. Your words are very important: up to now, you have been a fierce alpha wolf that neither lets anyone bold you, nor fears death. Rudeness has been your seal in the forehead. But now that your God is a slaughtered lamb for the sin of the world, and that you know that every word you say is firstly spoken to God, rudeness has no place. However, the harsh reality is that it is difficult to stop saying bad expressions. And even if you try, you will fail. So, courage, many people have already gone through those situations, and with perseverance, they have improved.

You can also be more critical when writing, reading, and forwarding messages on social networks. It turns out that there is no neutral message. Instead, every message that is transmitted supports a globalized trend of emotions for or against something or someone. Therefore, learning to be more critical is learning to determine which trend you support every time you forward a message.

Examples:

- A very badly written message arrives that says: *Children thank you for following my advise because this way you will rich an old age like me.* When you transmit it, you do not know if you support the following trend: *Family values are important but to study does not matter,* or perhaps you are supporting this other one: *Family values are worth and it does not matter that the one who says it did not go to study.* It is because of these dichotomies that judging a message is so difficult, and people disagree on how to do it. But the solution here is simple: rewrite the message correctly and pass it on.
- We got a message that says: *Today's mayor doesn't even hit the ankles of his predecessor.* When you forward this message, you are telling the world: *whatever bad thing happens to you is because of the mayor, so have fun freely because he already has taken your blame.* Will you transmit the message? Rather, if you want to teach the mayor something, get to the point and propose a solution. Example: *The mayor always wears the colors of his party on his clothes. Since he is a public servant, that is not ethical. Let him wear varied colors.*

- There is no evil in the beauty of women, but I get many messages with the following tendency: *Women, including my daughters, are disposable objects used for sexual pleasure and circus.* Anyone who publishes or reproduces this trend will be blamed as an inducer and accomplice to all the assassinations through abort, whose death toll can be about 150 times more than all the other murders in the world taken together. On many occasions, the mother dies along with the baby. But if the mother survives, she begins to drag a severe trauma.

You can also narrate your testimony:

Be prudent and do not accuse others, lest you be killed for being hasty and unwise. Invent a meaningful and concise title, and publish your document or audio anonymously. Add a clear description of your emotions because all this happens with people who are driven by their passions and frustrations. Don't be so eager to appear professional. Maybe your natural testimony will be more effective, just as it is. By doing so, you can experience that your soul gets filled in peace and joy.

There are no limits to the creativity for doing good of a repentant man. He may help in related areas where there is much need, as the following table of deaths per year in the world shows:

Traffic accidents	700 thousand
Suicides	400 thousand
Homicides	300 thousand
Diarrhea	130 thousand
Drowning	100 thousand
Drug overdose	100 thousand
Alcohol Consumption	80 thousand
Nutritional deficiency	17 thousand
Protein and energy deficiency	11 thousand

Many of these deaths are directly caused by those who steal from the public treasury: robbery causes lack of adequate health and social care for the very poor, as in the case of nutritional deficiency. Others, such as suicide, may be an indirect effect of the same cause due to the resulting increased socioeconomic stress. So, as far as possible, pay your taxes with joy.

You may worry that changing yourself is useless because one swallow does not make a summer. So, you may think that a great revolution is a solution. I consider we have enough world history to conclude that every revolution comes with its poison and hence must be appeased by another one. So, keep working on yourself and wait for others to see your light, and maybe they will decide to be a source of eternal light like you.