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The Raoul Wallenberg File.

"Dear Editor, You write that Raoul Wallenberg disappeared in the Lyublyanka prison in Moscow 'exactly 50 years ago, probably shot by the order of comrade Stalin, Beria or some other comrade'. This is a gross misconception. Raoul Wallenberg's fate was far crueller than that.

Your information is correct as far as there was a memorandum from foreign secretary Andrei Gromyko in 1957 as a result of persistent Swedish enquiries into the case of Raoul Wallenberg, which memorandum stated that Raoul Wallenberg died in the Lyublyanka prison on July 17th 1947 from heart failure and that he instantly was cremated without any autopsy, according to the director of the health department of this prison, a certain mr Smoltsov, who reported the matter to his superior, the minister for state security in the Soviet Union mr Abakumov. The Gromyko memorandum further states, that minister Abakumov later on was prosecuted and shot for crimes against the laws of the Soviet Union. All this indicates that the report about the death of Raoul Wallenberg with its most unregular "*cremation without an autopsy*" is a construction from 1957 compiled solely for the Gromyko memorandum. There are clear indications that Raoul Wallenberg was still alive much later.

The true story of his fate is probably as follows. He was arrested by the Russians in Budapest on January 17th 1945 since they didn't believe that his only engagement in Hungary had been to save Jews. They suspected him of espionage and therefore brought him to Moscow, where a number of

other prisoners experienced him in various prisons from 1945 at least well up to 1979.

He disappeared probably by the order of the highest authority, that is Stalin. This man had promised Sweden to look into the case and do something about it, after his ambassador in Stockholm, madame Kollontay, had blundered by admitting that Raoul Wallenberg was alive and well in Moscow, whereafter she immediately was recalled to Moscow. The most probable thing is that Stalin ordered that R.W. should disappear without a trace since he was labelled a security risk for the Soviet Union. In consequence thereof an undisputable document testifying to his death was drafted, and he was made to disappear into the Gulag archipelago. Referring to this document, Stalin and others then could claim that Raoul Wallenberg was unknown to exist in the Soviet Union, which all since has remained the official statement.

The fate of Raoul Wallenberg after 1947 can vaguely be reconstructed according to the stories of witnesses. He was probably tried for espionage by a Soviet court and sentenced (without his guilt being proven) to 25 years' imprisonment. He was kept for years in total isolation in different prisons, during which time he could only communicate with other prisoners by knocking. He was not allowed to receive or to write letters. He appears to have been a singularly energetic knocker, though.

His localities in various prisons seems to have constantly shifted between isolation cells and mental hospitals, especially between Moscow, Vladimir, Mordovia, Vershnye Uralsk and Alexandrovsky Central, the last two places by the Ural Mountains; but he also appears to have been brought around in Siberia. Only in prison hospitals he seems to have been able to keep human contact with other prisoners and then invariably asked them to communicate his whereabouts to the world if possible. The Soviet authorities seems from the beginning to have made some effort in isolating and eliminating all prisoners who succeeded in getting a word out about Raoul Wallenberg being alive.

A typical example is the doctor-scientist, who at an international conference happened to disclose to a Swedish colleague, that Wallenberg at that moment stayed at a mental hospital which was a typical isolating institution for political prisoners. When the matter was internationally known through Sweden, that scientist was immediately summoned up to the antisemite Chrushchev (1961), who gave him a profound

castigation, which frightened him into recalling all he had said to the Swedish professor. Not long after, this prominent scientist died of heart failure. Such stories and glimpses of the existence of Raoul Wallenberg are innumerable.

These are the main contours of the destiny of Raoul Wallenberg, which only vaguely can be discerned, but paradoxically enough for that very reason appear the more clearly. Considering his outstanding good health both physically and mentally 1945, it is not improbable that he is still alive. Rudolf Hess died 94 years old after 46 years in prison. Raoul Wallenberg would today be only 85.

The cruellest thing in his mistreatment is the obvious and uncompromising isolation he has had to endure all these years. He has never had any chance to learn about all the efforts that were made from the outside world to save and at least to find him, and all his own efforts to communicate with the outside world has since 1947 been quenched with uncompromising cruelty. The opening of old files in the new Russia has not resulted in much increased helpfulness from the Russian side. The official Soviet version, that '*Raoul Wallenberg is unknown in this country*', is still dominating.

With kindest regards, - *Raoul Wallenberg's friends.*"

Reliable information of Raoul Wallenberg's existence in Soviet prisons :

1) Cell 123 in the Lyublyanka prison from 6.2.1945. The Stalin establishment tries by force to make him admit to espionage for the nazis in Budapest in January 1945, when he remained in Pest with an expired passport despite the Russians having taken that part of the city. Raoul alleges that he only remained in order to save Jews, especially 7,000 from being annihilated with the Ghetto. The Russians refuse to believe this. He is sentenced to 25 years in prison for espionage although there is no evidence of his guilt.

During the years he is often sent back to the Lyublyanka.

2) The Lefortovskaya prison in Moscow in May 1945.

3) Vladimir 200 kilometres to the north east of Moscow, a prison which Raoul often had to experience, the first time in 1947, then 1949-51, 1952, 1953, - August 4th in Block 2 (the sickness and isolation department) Raoul communicates on his birthday by knockings to a fellow prisoner that he is not allowed to write letters or to receive any; again 1955, 1956-59 and 1967.

4) Vorkuta by the Arctic Sea north of the Ural mountains in 1948.

5) Khalmer Yu north of Vorkuta in 1948.

6) The Butyrka prison in Moscow, a prison specialized on prisoners impossible to crack down, with a comprehensive sick department, perhaps the prison which Raoul saw the most of. He was here at least in 1949, 1951, 1962, 1965 and 1975.

7) Vershnye Uralsk in southern Ural close to Chelyabinsk 1951-53.

8) Alexandrovsky Central by Ural 1954-55.

9) Poima between Krasnoyarsk and Irkutsk in Siberia in 1955, "*a severely ill Swede in the hospital*" with confirmed identity.

10) Professor Alexander Myasnikov's sensational divulgence in January 1961 that Raoul was in a mental hospital outside Moscow "*in a very poor state*". The professor is summoned to Chrushchev, who cries him down to nothing, after which the professor clearly under duress and fear contradicts his earlier information to doctor Nanna Swartz. He dies of heart failure in 1965 after the fall of Chrushchev when Leonid Breshnev, commissar in Budapest after the war, has risen to power. Professor Myasnikov appears to have written his memoirs before his death, which must exist somewhere in the world of *samizdat* (underground press by stencils.)

11) Wrangel Island north of Siberia in 1962.

12) Mordovia east of Vladimir 1964 and 1971-73.

13) Zadvovo close to Irkutsk 1966 and 1967.

14) Irkutsk 1973 and 1974.

15) "*Shvedsky 040812*" at a research station east of Lake Baykal in Siberia for "non-existent" persons officially pronounced dead but in reality still alive.

16) The Special Psychiatric Hospital in Blagoshevsk north of Manchuria close to the river Amur in 1978. He might still have been there in 1980.

That is the last convincing information of Raoul Wallenberg's whereabouts as a live man.

All the information above comes from convincing sources which have been confirmed by others or by particular details. Unconfirmed testimonies without convincing factors have here been left aside.

Of vital importance is the fact, that Raoul Wallenberg was sent on a special mission to Budapest in 1944 on behalf of the International Bureau for Refugees, established by Franklin D. Roosevelt in America, for the single purpose of saving as many Jews as possible with unlimited economical means to buy them free from the Nazis. For that reason, Raoul Wallenberg was posthumously created an Honorary Citizen of the United States. Consequently Americans should have a special interest in the Raoul Wallenberg case. He managed to save the lives of more than 10,000 Jews - actually they were innumerable: the figure can not be specified nor perhaps even estimated.

The Raoul Wallenberg Literature.

This is extensive, but some books deserve more attention than others for their greater initiation, understanding and seriousness. These are mainly:

1) The Austrian Rudolph Philipp's classic from 1946, the first real book on the subject, which above all explains the Hungarian background better than any other book.

2) Raoul's stepfather Fredrik von Dardel's book from 1970, a concentrated and intimate documentary, which expresses the deepest understanding and gives the best portrait of Raoul as a person.

3) "*The Raoul Wallenberg Case*" by the French Jew Jacques Derogy from 1980, offering the greatest collection of facts on the subject in a broad international perspective.

4) The second book by Eric Sjöquist from 1981, offering the best collection of witnesses from the Gulag archipelago.

These are the four most important books. The novel by Frederick Werbell and Thurston Clarke from 1985, which was used to make the film for TV with Richard Chamberlain, is very well written and interesting but speculative. It claims that Raoul died in the middle of the 60's "by a mistake" committed by his gaolers. This is an entirely new theory with no support.

The Gothenburg journalist Gunnar Möllerstedt made a considerable research into the case in the 70's, which resulted in some journalism but in no book, until his colleague Bernt Schiller wrote the book which appeared in 1991. It is interesting for its revelation of many new facts which were made available by the Glasnost era, and above all it sheds an important light on the Himmler factor and his efforts to make peace approaches to the west through the business of selling the lives of Jews to Raoul Wallenberg and others; but Bernt Schiller commits the mistake of accepting the document of Raoul Wallenberg's staged death in Lyublyanka July 17th 1947, which so many others do with little understanding of Raoul Wallenberg's personality, thus falling into the trap of an artificial version which was published not until 1957 and which still is the official one.

Of course this theory can be as little disregarded as any other theory. But *if* Raoul Wallenberg really died in Lyublyanka in 1947, the most important question is *how*. He could hardly have died of heart failure, since he had a strong heart and in 1947 was only 35 years old. There are two other thinkable alternatives: 1) mistreatment or torture that went too far, or 2) suicide. Both alternatives would have been equally embarrassing to the Soviet authorities, who afterwards would have found every reason in the world to blot out all traces of what really happened, which everything clearly indicates that they did, whether Raoul remained alive or not. Nothing in the whole Wallenberg affair is more obvious than such efforts on the side of the Soviet authorities.

Which is why there is every reason to go to the bottom of things and never be satisfied with less than the *whole* truth of the matter.

Raoul Wallenberg today.

The Raoul Wallenberg Street in Budapest goes through the so called *Swedish Houses*, which he himself bought from Eichmann in 1944 just to shelter and provide homes for liberated Jews. The *Tátra Street* is in the vicinity, where Raoul was last seen by number 6 before his disappearance on January 17th 1945, according to his own words in order to go to Debrecen for a meeting with the new Hungarian government to draw up plans for the rebuilding of Hungary. He never reached Debrecen. This part of the town is directly opposite the southern tip of the Margaret Island (*Margitsziget*) on the eastern shore of the Danube.

As Boris Yeltsin visited Stockholm earlier this winter, the Wallenberg case was again brought forth to the Russian authorities. They claimed they were doing what they could to investigate the matter, and since nowadays the mystery of the last Czar and his family has been solved, there is also hope that the whole truth about Raoul Wallenberg at last could be found out.

Two letters from an old doctor.

(We have only his permission to publish them anonymously.)

"Pray excuse an old man's dotage. Since you already know that I am getting old, at least I need not be afraid of making a bad impression of myself in front of you, since you are such a paragon of tolerance. On the contrary, I am myself getting the worse by the years. The more I outgrow my own justification for remaining in this world, the more critical I become against it and against humankind. My last trip down to Syria, Jordan and Israel has not cured me of my like a cancer steadily increasing scepticism. As you already know, I witnessed the bomb havoc at the greenmarket in Jerusalem on the 30th of July. I saw the blood everywhere, the limbs lying around, the chaos of war like in the blitz of London in 1940, the total hysteria of violent despair at the unjustness of the meaningless assault. I am sorry, but as a doctor I must penetrate into the source of the evil and blame the idea of God.

Not that I am an atheist, but you already know how I can't accept the preposterous absurdity of Islam claiming the Muslims' right to be God's own people in almost the same way as Israel. The children of Israel deserved that light, Moses bequeathed it to them through endless hardships, and the history of Israel, with the downfall of the realm and millennia of persecutions, has confirmed that right. Nothing can take that right away from Israel. But Islam has never deserved that right of divine privilege in the same way.

So you can say I am an atheist concerning Islam but a believer concerning Jewry. I have to be an atheist concerning Islam, because everything that goes on theologically in Islam speaks against the absurd atrocity of that so called religion. Did you know, for instance, that there was a secret Islamic conference at Lahore in 1980, in which leaders of the Muslim faith decided, that the whole Muslim world should be Islamized by the year 2000, that is, that all people of other faiths in Muslim countries should be Islamized or extirpated. You can call it a Muslim equivalent to the Nazi conference at Wannsee in January 1942, which decided the extirpation of all Jews in all Nazi occupied countries. It is exactly the same mentality.

In brief, Islam is asking for trouble and heading for immersion in very difficult problems. Turkey is maybe leading the way out of this dilemma in its decisive stand against Muslim fundamentalism. Let's hope so. There is always a way out from every sickness, and the only way out of that mental derangement and hysterical aberration called Islam is to take a firm stand against the whole religion and denounce Allah as an equally mentally unsound idea as the movements of Jim Jones, David Koresh and others who mistook their own self-love for the idea of God and lost their reason in the bargain.

As a doctor I can see very much reason and constructiveness in the Jewish, the Christian and the Buddhist faith but none whatsoever in Islam, which I can only regard as a very serious if not fatal illness, like a brain tumour. That's my diagnosis concerning the Muslim idea of God, and I am afraid that everything that goes on in the Muslim world is just obvious symptoms confirming it, from the terror of the Talibans to the massacres in Algeria and the bombs in Jerusalem.

Also I have no faith whatsoever in Mr Arafat. He got a certain air of positive credibility during the days of Simon Peres and Isaac Rabin, but before they gave him that status he was just a wicked terrorist and a crook, no matter how much Mr Olof Palme and Mr Bruno Kreisky embraced him, and his few positive traits from the dealings with Mr Peres and Mr Rabin are now gradually falling off him like old dirty clothes, again exposing him as the pathetic fraud and miserable crook he is and always has been to the backbone, if he has any, which I doubt."

"My dear friend, Your request is of course not easy to grant, but above all it's of course the least enjoyable task imaginable for a doctor to diagnosticize the patient of all humanity, since it has never been sicker.

The only positive thing about the Kyoto conference was that at least it was an effort. At the best, it was even a beginning, as the Americans put it, putting a smiling attitude on everything to conceal the facts. The fact is that nothing really was done. The effects of global warming have to be stopped now, because being a runaway train constantly accelerating, it will be increasingly difficult to stop it later.

The main sickness of humanity comes from the simple fact, that a hundred years ago we were 1500 million people, while we today are 6000 million. In only a hundred years humanity has increased in number by 400%. A hundred years ago humanity was in control of itself, the great European monarchies ran the world with decent stability and knew what was going on, but that control went out of hand in 1914. Stability, order and world control vanished and were swamped in the population explosion, resulting in populist autocracies in many parts of the world (Germany, the Soviet Union and China above all) which only made matters worse. Common sense was driven over by the animal instincts of the lower masses of the human race, the morals and norms of the previously Christian society were simply abolished, and as the most irresponsible leaders of the population explosion, running the merry-go-round of the world at a constantly increasing speed towards hell, emerged the Catholic Church, refusing to interfere with the population growth, and Islam pushing it even harder.

In my opinion, only bachelors and virgins are responsible people in the world today. No responsible person being aware of the general condition of the world can give birth to children with a good conscience. And the rest being occupied with their family problems, only bachelors and virgins, I believe, can do something about the dreadful condition of the world.

Of course nature must react. You can't destroy forests all over the world at a constantly increasing pace without the natural consequences of growing deserts, dying species and changes of climate. Man is always wrong and nature is always right, and nature will always have it her way. If man does not adapt himself to the ways of nature, man must needs perish.

The Ebola epidemic in Africa was only a warning. Worse will come and is starting already. In India the population has increased 300% in 40 years, but the Aids statistics have increased 500% in only 5 years. Malaria and tuberculosis are coming back strong all over the world. And then we have the giant urbanizations turning their poison traps against themselves, becoming death traps for tens of millions of people in cities like São Paulo, Mexico City, Delhi, Calcutta, Cairo and Istanbul.

In Turkey the population count was successfully carried through and showed a shocking figure of more than 60 million people to only 15 a hundred years ago. This is curiously enough an exact mirror of the real condition of humanity: Turkey is keeping an exact pace with the self-destructive explosion of humanity.

In our western countries there is not much to worry about, though. We have the knowledge and the experience and the technology to use them. We don't multiply our populations any more. Our democratic stability in EC, US and Canada, Australia and Japan and perhaps even Eastern Europe makes it even unnecessary to worry about our money. All the blows will be taken by the third world.

Whatever you do, don't make any investments in Africa, Latin America or even in Asia. Nothing is under any control in these parts of the world. Here the population explosion is constantly at its epidemic height, and where there is no control of the population explosion, there can be no economy. So forget about South America (except perhaps Argentina and Chile) and Africa (except perhaps South Africa). There is not much hope for these sinking ships.

China and India represent one third of the world population. Both are interesting from an economic point of view. China is the only country in the third world which has managed to control the population growth. Outwardly it shines and boasts of stability, which attracts much investment. The unaccountability of China is that it remains an autocracy. You can never trust dictators, because they always will fall.

In India there is no birth control, but on the other hand its economy is surprisingly stable, which is due to its stability as a democracy. Indians have always been master business men. The richness of India has been constantly swamped by its exploding population growth, but it constantly remains a gold mine all the same. There are no brighter minds and brains than in India.

So Asia remains interesting from an economic point of view. There are possibilities. Just forget all about the Moslem countries (including Indonesia), and be careful about China. The economic plunge of Hongkong after the Chinese take-over is a sign as clear as any."

Moslem News.

1) *The Mysterious Death of Princess Diana.* It has appeared afterwards, that the driver, who drove the Princess and her fiancé to their deaths and lost his life with them, a few days earlier had mysterious deposits on his bank accounts consisting of millions of francs. No one has been able to explain from where this money has arrived.

Consequently there are speculations. Could anyone rich enough to have been able to furnish the driver with considerable millions have desired the deaths of the famous couple and paid the driver to arrange matters accordingly? The answer is yes.

Both the house of Windsor and the family of the cavalier would have had reasons to desire that the wedding never took place. It would not have been very suitable for the heir to the British crown to have Moslem half-brothers and -sisters. But above all, the family of the Moslem fiancé were busy with arms sales in the billionaire category, which would have given them a world of motives to block the possibility of getting a leading celebrity into the family who was making her chief aim to stop the sales of arms and lucrative landmines.

Who would then have had the greatest motive to stop the wedding? The weapon dealers family, without doubt. So the death of Princess Diana could have been arranged by the family of the future husband? As long as question marks remain around the accident, like for instance the mystery of the vanished car, this suspicion can not be disposed of.

The criminal implications of the case are highly aggravated though by the results of the October investigation reports. There are witnesses to the fact that the driver of princess Diana's car was blinded from in front by one of the paparazzi using a special device to blind the driver on purpose. This suggests a perfect set-up. The driver was forced into excessive speed by the frenetic paparazzi chasing him, and one of them, disguised as one of them, used this to put the driver out of control in the very strategic tunnel for numerous car disasters. It was the perfect homicide, and it is impossible, according to the October report, to implicate anyone for it.

2) *Algeria*. There is no longer any doubt about that many massacres in Algeria are planned and executed by the rulers of the country in order to control the subjects by means of violence and terror. The rulers of the country are militaries, who establish and depose ministers as they wish. The massacre executors are disguised soldiers, who are masked with phoney beards and loaded with drugs, so that they can perform their missions without any scruples. The enormity of the crimes then binds them to the generals with loyalty and silence. Nothing is more revealing of the established government than the fact, that they label all investigators in the crimes as traitors to the nation. The situation is a typical vicious circle of power abuse: from fear of losing power the rulers constantly commit worse crimes to keep it.

3) *The Most Destructive Man in the World*. To allow Saddam Hussein to remain as dictator of Iraq after the Kuwait crisis was equal to if the allies after the second world war had allowed Adolf Hitler to remain dictator of Germany. General Schwarzkopf wanted to continue to Bagdad to complete his work in 1991, but the USA would not allow him with the motivation that they feared the danger of instability in the area and above all the menace of Iran. From fear of taking a political risk they allowed the greatest mass murderer in present history to remain as supreme dictator in one of the most important states of the Middle East. President Bush told the Kurds and the Shia Muslims to by all means do what they could to do away with the tyrant, but the result of the US allowing Saddam to continue as dictator was that he also was free to continue his genocides especially among the Shia Muslims in the south and transform the wet lands of the Marsh Arabs into a desert in the worst deliberate environmental destruction in history premeditatedly committed by a responsible regime.

Still, war is only the worst and the last solution, which the various Christmas bombings prove. The best thing would be if at last one of the many efforts to kill off Saddam Hussein privately would succeed.

4) *Yassir Arafat*. "Yassir Arafat came to Gaza in July 1994 with a league of men not carrying ploughbills and spades but guns and bazookas. He created ten security services and an armed police force of more than 40,000 men, which is more policemen per capita than in any other country in the world. This police force mainly consisted of local Palestinians, but most officers have experience from outside the West Bank and Gaza, above all from the civil war in Lebanon. Many have at times been stationed in countries like Iraq and Algeria. The Oslo agreement allows a security force of not more than 20,000 men. The United States, which during the years have helped many dictators to survive, is now also backing one in Palestine."

- a retired counsellor of Yassir Arafat's.

5) *Bethlehem*. 25 years ago most inhabitants of Bethlehem were Christians. Seven years ago they still made up half of the population, but today they are barely 15%. After Israel retired and Arafat moved in, mosques are growing out of the grounds like mushrooms after rainfall, while the Christian churches one by one are closed down, since many Christians emigrate to Canada, Australia or the US, which has more security and a safer future to offer than the PLO.

An Interview with John B. Westerberg.

(Excerpts. He was clandestinely educated in underground Russian orthodox monasteries during the 50s and 60s.)

- What kind of schooling did you get from the Russian orthodox monks?

- My education was extremely scant except within one area. All my education was centred around the written word and thereby became exclusively humanistic. My language education in first Swedish, Finnish and Russian and then within Russia in other languages was the best and most thorough imaginable. Of course, much literature was liturgic and religious, extreme significance was given to Church Slavic, but there was also great importance attached to my education in history. To them the most important chapter in world history was the conflict between Czar Peter I and the Raskolniks, the old-believers, since they considered that all the problems of Russia had emanated from there. What was grossly disregarded was all the natural scientific subjects like physics and chemistry, mathematics were not considered very important, and even biology was much neglected. Instead I was given all the major languages and the whole world literature. My tutor professed that the only really important knowledge in life was the knowledge of human nature, and that knowledge could only be mastered through what was written and by experience through life.

- Do you regret that you had no education in natural sciences?

- On the contrary. I had the best possible education. What do you need natural sciences for unless you are to become an engineer or scientist? Of course you have to know how to add, subtract, multiply, divide and calculate with percent together with other such mathematical aids of practical usefulness which also can be of sound logical training, but the higher mathematics are to me like abstract music with no meaning so far as I can see. Biology can of course be very useful especially if you travel much, while for my part physics and chemistry are closed areas of locked up laboratories with unsound chemicals. And is it not the scientists and the engineers that have ruined our earth and turned it ugly by their destruction of the environment, the cultivation of the population explosion, the unhuman industrial deserts, the sterile modern architecture, the lethal monster urbanizations, the asphalt jungles of criminality, social problems and

environmental disasters? The brave new world of universal destruction of the environment was not developed by humanists but by scientists, engineers and profiteers.

- You mention that your tutor was 80 years old when he died. He must then have been born in the 1880s. Leo Tolstoy didn't die until 1910, and he had much to do with the Orthodox Church. Did your tutor ever tell you anything about Leo Tolstoy?

- It will delight me to answer this question. Leo Tolstoy, the greatest of Russians, was deeply disappointed with the Orthodox Church for its uncritical bias towards all the Czar's policies. He therefore denounced his own church. The result was that the church banned him and warned all Russia against him. Still Leo Tolstoy's own sister was a nun if not even an abbess, and spiritually he never abandoned the Church. He went on pilgrimages to holy sites and monasteries still as a very old man. My tutor was especially engaged in the Tolstoy controversy since he once met him as a young man. He described him most vividly to me. He offered a strange mixture of all the most Russian inconsistencies, grand aristocratic airs combined with tasteless coarseness, awe-inspiring wisdom with a peasant's stupidity, universal love and philanthropy with devastating indiscretions and the highest altruistic visions with fatal irresponsibility. Leo Tolstoy was the human ideal and at the same time everything a human being should not be supposed to be.

My tutor deprecated very much the fall of Tolstoy. Perhaps he went too far when he put the blame on Tolstoy for not only the bolshevik revolution, (Lenin was an ardent admirer of Tolstoy,) but even for both the world wars, the rise of stalinism and even the German holocaust against the Jews. That last thesis he defended by advocating, that it was Tolstoy who opened the door for the bolsheviks and that the bolsheviks gave Hitler his reasons for acting accordingly.

"But wasn't Tolstoy engaged in the cause of the Jews?" I then could object.

"He was indeed. He studied himself with a Rabbi in Moscow. But many Jews were bolsheviks, above all Leon Trotsky. And in the same way that Tolstoy partly made himself responsible for the two world wars and the holocaust, his engagement in the cause of the Jews also partly resulted in the establishment of Zionism and in the state of Israel in 1948."

I really should write a whole book only about my tutor (*who was a Russian monk*).

As we met in the Himalayas in October, John provoked me for not engaging myself well enough in the cause of Tibetan Buddhism. I then had to answer him by making my position clear in relation to the world religions. I told him straight, that my moral support of Buddhism was 99%, granting it 99% credibility, mostly because at the moment it was the most persecuted and endangered religion in the world, being at the same time the most reasonable and constructive one. Second I gave 75% support to Jewry, since we all regrettably must admit, that Jewry by the establishment of the state of Israel has acquired political power, which must have negative consequences for its morale. Just watch how the Jews flirt with the Turks as their only Moslem friends and keep quiet when the Turks still assert that the genocide on the Armenians never happened, (which involved at least 1,5 million victims in a Turkish holocaust which Hitler considered a paragon example). I support Christianity by 60%, I can only grant it 60% credibility, since by its establishment 1700 years ago it corrupted itself by dogmas and intolerance, besides that it still goes dragging on immense burdens of superstition. Hinduism I support with 50% for its irresistibly dynamic and incredibly positive vitality which through its imaginative freedom at the same time is so revolting by its lack of discipline, want of order, inclination towards recklessness and its erotical exaggerations. Islam, finally, I only grant 10% credibility, since it is the most corrupt

religion in the world and by its fanaticism the only really destructive, hostile and unhuman one.

At the same time as I give Buddhism 99% support, I am aware of its weaknesses. It can not survive being corrupted, getting too rich or becoming too well established, for by its own basic character it can only survive as itself if it remains clinically free from dogmas, intolerance and earthly power. Buddhism is really the religion of the poor more than any other religion, for it's the only one that always defends and supports life in all its forms and especially in its more vulnerable forms: poverty, suffering, illness and death. Only Christianity has preached the same compassion as Buddhism, but Buddhism has never fallen into the same trap as Christianity, when it became an established state religion with dogmas and intolerance as weapons for a church autocracy, which must run off the rails, since that was the very contrary of what had been Jesus' intentions and preachings.

Thereby John had to defend his Moslem engagements. He explained them to be more political than religious. He explained, that Allah really from the beginning was a local god confined to certain tribes in Arabia, and that Mahomet got the idea that this local god was identical with the universal God of the Jews. In the same manner some Greek could have instituted Zeus, or some Roman could have turned Jupiter, or some Viking could have established Woden as identical with the severe monotheistic Godhead of the Jews. Mahomet then more or less forced the Arabs to accept his idea to blow up a local deity into a universal divinity, which he couldn't have achieved without a certain amount of fanaticism and applying the formula that 'the end justifies the means'.

At the same time as John senses the necessity that Islam must be cleansed from all fanaticism, injustice and autocratic tendencies, he feels it important to defend Islam against the established atheism of the Chinese, which is worse and more destructive. Therefore he supports and encourages the resistance among the Uiguris and other Muslims within the borders of China against the Chinese autocracy. We also agreed that the Kurds were right against the Turks and eventual other regimes in Iraq, Iran and Syria suppressing them. The Kurds were the greatest people in the Orient that were left without a country of their own when Britain and France split up the Orient into Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Palestine after the first world war, and they were perhaps greater than any other people in the Orient after only the Arabs and the Turks.

On the other hand, John does not support the Chechenians or any other Moslem people within the borders of the new Russia, since he, being born within the Orthodox Church, always at heart remains a champion to this church and other branches of it in the east, not least in the Orient and Egypt.

Letter from Calcutta.

The most important point in the letter from our old wonderful friend in Calcutta is this:

"The biggest crime we are facing today in the world is, that only 10% of all people are enjoying 90% of the global resources, and that 90% of all people in this world are starving because they only get 10% of the resources of this world. The 10% rich people are polluting the environment by 90% while the rest of humankind, 90%, are only polluting it by 10%. This situation can not go on any longer, and these problems of universal injustice you can't write about without receiving threats to your life."

The most resounding approval our dear friend in Calcutta would probably have from *Greenpeace*, who justly point out the great oil companies as the chief polluters of the planet almost without anyone to match them; and the heroic *Greenpeace crusaders*

make it their indefatigable aim to stop all new oil fields from exploiting new grounds and from continuing to accelerate the already disastrous imperilment of the planet.

At the Kyoto conference, the United States showed the least interest to impede the global environment destruction and the global warming while they at the same time are the leading destroyers of the atmosphere. Significant for their double standards is also the fact that they produce the films "Seven Years in Tibet" and "Kundun" about the Chinese oppression of Tibet while at the same time they allow themselves to be duped by Jiang Zheming to sell nuclear technology to China for tens of millions of dollars, while the communists in Peking laugh at their naïvety.

"The head task of a politician is to never let his head know what his hands are doing."

- old Chinese proverb.

The Tragedy of Tibet.

1910 Imperial China invades Tibet and occupies Lhasa. Dalai Lama escapes to British India and takes refuge in Kalimpong close to Darjeeling. The British-Tibetan friendship coöperation is commenced.

1911 Revolution in China, which becomes a constitutional democratic republic under the leadership of the socialdemocratic doctor Sun-Yat-Sen, a thorough democrat and the founder of the Kuomintang party, the social-democratic party of China.

Tibet takes care of the opportunity and ousts the Chinese.

1913 The Simla conference, in which the British try to arbitrate between China and Tibet. For the first time ever, China claims that Tibet has been a part of China since 700 years, which claim Tibet strongly opposes and proves to be wrong by facts of history. In a compromise settlement, China is granted an undefined *suzerainty* in relation to Tibet, but China refuses to attend to sign the final documents. Thereby Tibet is in reality fully independent, and no Chinese is able to visit Tibet for the next 37 years without a British visa by India.

1947 India achieves independence from Great Britain under prime minister Nehru, which practically means that Britain is in no situation to do anything more for Tibet.

1949 The Communists defeat Kuomintang in China, which is exiled to Taiwan. The dictator Mao Zedong sets a goal to 'liberate' Tibet (that is, to renew the Chinese occupation of Tibet,) and prepares the Red Army (the 'People's Liberation Army') for that purpose. Tibet immediately tries to get some help and support from abroad, but both India and Great Britain have recognized the new autocratic Chinese government. The United States will not even receive a Tibetan peace delegation.

1950 Tibet pleads in the United Nations in May, but the UN will not put the issue on the agenda. Great Britain alleges in a purely formalistic excuse that the political status of Tibet never has been defined or recognized. You might here assume that the labour government of London has chosen to follow suit with prime minister Nehru and sympathize with the Peking government. Thus the issue is scamped away in the United Nations.

On **October 7th** Tibet is invaded by a Chinese army of 120,000 men on six fronts against a Tibetan defence army of 8500 men. Thus Mao's 'peaceful liberation' of Tibet is enforced on the largest possible scale with no possibility of failure.

1951 On **May 23rd** the Tibetans are given the option to accept China's 'peaceful liberation' according to a program in 17 articles or to have their entire country and civilization destroyed by the Chinese army. Under this threat Tibet accepts and signs

the 17 articles. In this moment no Tibetan can dream about that the Chinese will violently destroy their country and civilization anyway.

1956 The communists start their methodic destruction of Tibet by ruining and bombing monasteries in the eastern province of Kham in Tibet. The famous Tibetan Kham warriors start their guerilla war against China, which will go on for 18 years. The Tibetan revolt is a fact.

China responds by accelerating their sinofication of Tibet by increased destruction of monasteries and by forced sterilizations of Tibetan women in order to in the long run ethnically cleanse the Tibetan people out of Tibet. Thus the Chinese genocide on the Tibetans has started.

1959 The Tibetan rebellion culminates in March, when the guerilla warriors of Kham control all the southern parts of Tibet. 30,000 Tibetans demonstrate outside Norbulinka against the Chinese occupation and tell them to go home to China. Chinese militaries fire two grenades against the people, which explode inside the Norbulinka park without hurting anyone. But this is taken as a signal for Dalai Lama to escape, and everyone encourages him to seek shelter in India. The escape is successfully staged on **March 17th**. Thereafter the insurrection in Lhasa is crushed. The Chinese can easily massacre the Tibetan people, but they no longer can reach Dalai Lama, who reaches safety in India, where he establishes his exile government.

For the first time the Tibetan issue is taken up in the United Nations by the insistence of El Salvador.

President Eisenhower starts supporting the Tibetan guerilla warriors through CIA.

1962 China attacks India on two fronts. For the first time Nehru realizes that he has been fooled all the way by China.

1956-76 The Chinese destroy 6246 Tibetan monasteries out of 6259 existing ones and at the same time destroy 60% of all Tibetan original literature, which is about 75,000 volumes, while only 40% are saved, that is about 50,000 volumes.

Out of the Tibetan population of about 6 million the Chinese murder at least 1,207,487 Tibetans who are known by their names. Out of these more than 400,000 are celibatarians monks and nuns. At the same time the Peking regime floods Tibet with involuntary Chinese immigrants. The Chinese population of Tibet is today about 7,5 million.

1958-79 Famine in Tibet as a result of Chinese exploitation and failed policies.

Gross Chinese destruction of the environment in Kongpo in southern Tibet, where forests are clearcut and transformed into deserts with ecological disaster for the entire Himalaya region as an incurable result. This brutal deforestation without any replanting of trees goes on still today.

1972 As a result of president Nixon's new agreements with the Peking regime, the CIA support of the Tibetan guerilla warriors is discontinued.

1974 The last Tibetan guerilla warriors escape to Mustang in Nepal, where the Nepalese authorities urge them to surrender on conditions that no evil will befall them. This is a result of Chinese manipulations. Those who surrender are forthwith thrown into prison and are bereft of all their property, contrary to given word of honour. Those who refuse to surrender try to run the gauntlet through all Nepal towards Dharamsala in India, where Dalai Lama lives with his exile government, but they are surrounded by Chinese and Nepalese just by the last pass into India, and the last 37 who dared to defend Tibet are sacrificed to the last man.

1987 New surprising demonstrations in Lhasa against the Chinese, which continue still today.

The Chinese genocide against the Tibetans still proceeds today with continued forced Chinese immigration into Tibet and forced sterilizations of Tibetan women and mothers often without any anaesthesia with the result of death.

1996 All pictures of Dalai Lama are forbidden in Tibet, and the remaining monasteries are cleansed of all monks and nuns who are not loyal to the Peking regime. They start pulling down the old picturesque Tibetan quarters in Lhasa to replace them with unhuman Chinese concrete blocks.

The Chinese economical boom is used as one more weapon and perhaps the most efficient of all against the Tibetans: those who become Chinese are given a share of the surplus, while those who remain faithful to their Tibetan identity are left without. Thus the remaining Tibetans are turned out of the Chinese society, which is taking over Tibet and turning the Tibetans out of their own country.

The Chinese 'final solution' to the Tibetan issue thus seems to be easily carried through, since all the world gladly supports China economically for the sake of fast fortunes.

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