The Voice from the Pavement - Peter Adamis  4 APRIL 2013

**Crimes against humanity.** Crimes against humanity, as defined by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court Explanatory Memorandum, “are particularly odious offenses in that they constitute a serious attack on human dignity or grave humiliation or a degradation of human beings. They are not isolated or sporadic.

Was there a holocaust committed? if not then how does one deny the millions of people exterminated, the millions of documents, the Nuremberg trials and the photographs.

In 50 years from now people will be denying Saddam Hussein's murder of his people, The Angolan Tragedy, The Cambodian tragedy, the Russian, Pontians, Armenians, Assyrian, Indians in the Caribbean and South America, the Congo tragedy and the many, many others ethnic cleansing of a race.

If people started to question the Genocide of the Assyrians, Armenians and Pontians, and of the Greeks in Smyrna, you get an avalanche of people saying the opposite. But because it's the Jewish race, everybody wants to cut them poor bastards down to size. Our ancestors fought for our freedom like the Jews have. But we never had to be targeted as a race like the Jews over the centuries. We suffered, but NEVER EVER like the Jews.

Greece under pressure from the Arab world did not vote for Israel to become a nation and that to me is a stain on the honour of Hellas who after all should have learnt their lessons from their ancestors who fought against oppression. I can see why individuals come to blows, why nations go to war. It's not always about land and resources. Wars are also fought over ideologies and religion. what a bloody joke.

I am glad I live in a country where the air and water is clean, it's a tolerant country, its fair and honest as democracy's go and I can die in peace. Give me a path upon which I can make my own journey to discover the truth. Give me a torch with batteries so that I too can find y own way and illuminate by brain. I will then make my own mind on what I find.

I am a great sceptic of those who espouse that they are correct with the appropriate facts. If all the deniers are to be believed is it because their underlying prejudices have apart to play and that being biased in their opinions is also a foundation which they believe is the truth.
I don't deny what the deniers are saying, I am merely asking to disprove the millions of photographs, stories, oral histories, statistics based on my Russian, UK, French and USA records. Give me a break and let's be fair when cracking the whip as we Aussies say. The billabong can only take so much impurities before it becomes undrinkable.

One thing a historian does is also to question those that write history and what their ideology and biases were. I read books only to find that some of them sneak incorrect and false information to push forward an agenda. Only by checking, rechecking and again even the you need to check the original facts. were they done under duress, were they biased, was their ideology wrong. Emails can be placed on your computer and even removed. Documents can be tampered with (Protocols of Zion are not even true but were fabricated. False evidence given against people (Dreyfus Affair).

The Turkish denial of the genocide against the Pontians, Armenians and Assyrians. What did Hitler say "Who can remember the deaths massacre of the Pontians, Armenians and Assyrians. by the Turks, (my paraphrase) I can go on and on. Who would believe that the Spanish conquistadores and their colonists exterminated millions of Indians in the pacific and the so called new world. What's the use of me crying loud out in the wilderness when others not only fear to tread but have closed their eyes and ears to the truth.

The next thing people will tell me that there is no creator, no God (same) but that we were created by evolution and by intelligent design. But then I would be digressing would I not. Hitler did allow some to leave on a ship but after months of sailing around the world seeking a haven, no country wanted them they returned back to Germany where they were all exterminated. The Jewish race of all nations deserve a place of their own. What better place than where they now reside. We are all human beings and we are the worst species in the world as we prey on each other.

There are some who appear to be displaying ignorance about their origins. Did you think the Greek nation was any different when it fought for its own freedom? It could never have it alone without the support of the Great powers. Greece could have been freed at Lepanto when the Turkish fleet was destroyed. But no it had into such disrepair tat Greeks had all but forgotten who they were except in the Mani area. Their second chance was at Navarino and that is where they won their freedom.

The same with the current Israelite nation, they had other opportunities which were not supported by the greater powers because they were afraid of losing Arab support and the oil they possessed. Israel is still existing today because it still has the support of the great powers and if they lose their support and rely on themselves. I can see them left with no other choice but to use whatever weapons they have at their disposal to remain free.

If you read the battles and the atrocities between the Greeks and the Turks, you will find massacres and extermination being practiced by both sides. Because both sides
wanted to strike fear into the hearts of the other. The Souliotes were for example an Albanian Christian tribe that fought bravely against the Turks; The Maniates did the same but were also brigands and pirates.

They had to be in order to survive. The Armatole who were like a police working for the Turks only changed to being Klephte because it was in their interests. This included all other bands that were brigands. Even to this day, we as Greeks have romanticized the Klephte as Freedom fighters. What a load of bullshit.

What has this all got to do with Genocide, nothing but everything at the same time. You think that I bother my time writing about such matters just so that I can make myself feel good. NO, it’s the opposite; I want us all to look at history for what it is without glossing over some historical fact, nor to romanticize it because it gives us a sense of pride and feeling of nationalism. I write because I want to seek the truth and nothing but the truth, even if it a negative and puts us in a bad light. At least we will be true to ourselves.

My great grandfather was a Klephte, a real Klephte, yes that right a thief, a crook, a rustler, and survivalist, call him what we like and he stole from one village far from his own with his mates in order to feed his family. They were not freedom fighters. They all became so called freedom fighters because it was the best way of reconciling their nefarious activities and to unite a country that was made up of different people. Christian, Albanians, Slavs, Greeks, Venetians, Turks, and so forth.

Back to Israel, you will find there are so many similarities it is just not funny. Whether we like it or not, the Greeks and the Israelis are one in many respects and you cannot exterminate on nation without it affecting the other. These two nations are one of the oldest to survive from antiquity and as such should be cooperating as it benefits both countries.

I have probably written verbal diarrhoea to some, commonsense to others, rhetoric to many and I am sure over the top from my point of view. I believe that I am trying to make a point that Greece and Israel are one and the same given their past and modern history. I make no bones about my support for the Jewish people and the right to have a place they can call their own. BUT I also support the notion of a Palestinian nation which may put me at loggerheads with others who may disagree with me.

Bottom line, Genocide is Genocide, Ethnic Cleansing is exactly what it means, and extermination is no different. My apologises for the digressions, poor grammar and pronunciation, the meandering and for not being clear and concise, but I have no other way of expressing myself that we who have Hellenic origins no matter where we live should always keep an open mind, question the paradigms of the past, call a spade a spade, fight the good fight and above all be true to ourselves.
I am a 63 year old bloke who wanted nothing better in life other than to seek knowledge, wisdom and the truth. Only then would I be able to speak and write on subjects that are worth championing. Although I have yet to meet all three of my objectives, I still strive to expand my knowledge and do this by keeping an open mind and listening to all points of view. The truth of Genocide in any nation needs to be unravelled and be told. The holocaust is one of them.

That's why we retain records as proof against the deniers. General Eisenhower stated to his men who witnessed the concentration camps in Europe to document everything and every detail so that other generations could NEVER DENY how mankind had lowered itself to that of an animal.

I have added some articles (some may no longer be available on the internet); that will provide some facts and background for a foundation for this topic which appears to attract so much interest. And people continue to believe and deny they ever occurred.


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