

WHY SHOULD I CARE

*"An accountable person is not a victim and doesn't shift blame or claim credit for the work of others. He considers the likely consequences of his behaviour and associations. He recognizes the common complicity in the triumph of evil when nothing is done to stop it. He leads by example" **

1.

Strange question, "Why should I care"
"Should" as in duty, 'should" as in an obligation
"Should" as a hypothetical situation
"Should" as a synonym for "ought?"

The age-old question, "am I my brother's keeper?"
There's no "I" in "we"; there's one in "community"
Care? Care for, care about; take moments to care?
Take time to improve, to repair.

A show of hands, perhaps; all those who agree, say "aye"
The world's a mess. Humanity
(that's right: illiterate, scared, frightened
Humanity plays lip service to truth, honesty

And justice; while embracing and submitting
To what is wrong, the first step on the path to evil)
There is a literary device, where there is judgement
The preservation of human life hinges on the hero

Or heroine being able to identify true goodness
in one individual, preferably a group. Is this our narrative?
Yes, the bulk of humanity is horrible, disgusting and a death cult;
But - this is important - there is a sizeable component of them

Committed to saving the world. Are they heard, recognised
Or acknowledged? Next question? So, is it each of us, to make the choice?
The adversarial nature of this relationship is a perfect example
Of where we've gone, and continue to go, wrong. There are those

Who believe plundering the planet is acceptable, and those
who believe it is not. There's a difference of opinion.
Opinion!?! That's a different matter altogether
Opinions can be changed, present a better argument

And, BINGO, enlightenment and understanding
"I/we were wrong, were incorrect in our thinking
We apologise for anything we have done
Whilst under that misconstruction, misunderstanding"

Why do I have a horrible feeling of sinking?
Did I hear him say? "The bulk of humanity is horrible
disgusting and a death cult". So true, bro; so true!
Opinions can be changed, present a better argument

BINGO, enlightenment and understanding!?!?
Why is it so stark and dark?

2.

Remembering the millions

The Holocaust, Shoah, the murder of millions
Why should I remember, why should I talk about it?
It's history. Done, gone, forgotten. Why bring it up again?

Neither Germany nor the world wants to remember

“An estimated 17 million people were murdered by the German Nazi regime and their collaborators between 1933 and 1945²

Jews, 6 million; Soviet citizens 5.7 million;
Soviet POWs 3 million; Polish civilians 1.8 million
Serbian citizens 312,000; Sinti and Roma minorities 250,000
Institutionalised disabled people 250,000
Repeat criminal offenders and “undesirables” 70,000
Homosexuals 3,000; Jehovah’s Witness 14,900

Massacres happen, throughout the world,
in many countries. This was not a massacre
It wasn’t a massacre; it was a calculated, planned
Process to delete socially unaccepted elements
From a population; it was an action to kill

and remove traces of not only a population
specific populations; it was genocide

It happened during wartime, it was an act of war
It quickly became a mechanised, brutally effective
Way of killing and disposing of people. Its success
Shows its efficiency and a model for repetition

Could it happen again? Yes!

That’s what the world is forced to confront,
A weeping wound that will not scab
How could a civilise nature have sunk to such brutality?
How could the international community watch and do nothing?

It is estimated that over 60 million lives were taken in World War II³

Got a head for figures?

80 years later, social media is still buzzing with questions
“Did it really happen?”, “What is the CORRECT number
of people killed?” Today, there is a significant proportion
Of the population who question, or doubt. Could it happen again?

The casual reference to, and use of World War II
Shows lack of awareness, and understanding
And little interest or effort to remedy that lack
Yes, I fear these the nay-sayers, would happily stand in line

Swallow the rhetoric, hungering for the opportunity
Of potentially partaking in the experience

3.

#Why should I care?”

I ask this personally, of myself

I feel an obligation to care
To retain the history in its original
Brutality and truth

Why?

There, by fate, could be you or I
Swallowed up in statistics beyond
human comprehension

That which has happened
Should not be ignored
Or forgotten

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