



Iby's Story, Chapter 8

Historically, Holocausts have taken place since the beginning of time, it's nothing new. It's just that communications are here and people know what is going on and because we know what is going on, and what is going on in the world and it is still going on, it is one of the reasons why, if we are going to have a future as a cultured, civilised society, we have to teach young people the dangers that can happen when there is absolute power or where there is fear of people who are different. To teach young people to accept differences, to understand them and to honour them, and unless young people learn that, there is really no future for civilisation because genocide in one shape or another will take place on and on unless people learn to understand and to trust each other and it's most important to get this into the heads of the young people when they are shaping, when they are forming their own opinions as to what life is like and what is important in life.

One thing it's important to realise that although it was aimed, the Holocaust officially was aimed at the eradication of the Jewish civilisation, it was also aimed at eradicating other people who didn't fit in, that means Gypsies, Slavs, Poles, homosexuals, the mentally ill, the physically ill, anybody who disagreed with the regime and I think that unless we can teach people to understand each other, to tolerate and respect the differences, there is really no future for mankind.

The church has played a big role in my life for the last forty years. Difficult to explain. The thing is, there is such a thing as called 'moments of grace'. There are numerous experiences and I was fortunate enough to have an experience like that in 1963 and it suddenly, you get an absolute certainty of the existence of God, or the creator, or whatever you want to call it and this in a sort of way gives you a spiritual support, a strength, it's a rock really that gives you an absolute feeling that there is something, there is a reason why you are here, that the thing is that you have to do things and it is very, very difficult to explain but it is really, gives you a feeling that you are safe but you have duties.