

## Thoughts on a “Culture-of-Jealousy”

(in reaction to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001)

Terrorism to me is an extreme variation of envy and jealousy. When it succeeds in an organised way in society, one can consider it a form of dictatorship. The ideology within that organisation is secondary, it exists only to motivate the perpetrators personally.

I lived unwillingly many years under the Marxist “SED” dictatorship in East Germany. There, I was continuously confronted with these subjects. I never made a secret of the fact that if I could have chosen my father, he would be Swiss or American, rather than Russian or Prussian.

I see the Swiss as leaders of modern Europe and the Americans as the protector of world. They are somewhat united through their principle beliefs in freedom and democracy. Without the USA, Europe might today be under communist rule. The reunification of Germany has allowed me to glimpse into my once secret “Stasi” portfolio, to discover a collection of primitive dirt. That has just made me stronger.

I was awarded a lifelong business visa for the USA, which I have hardly used. That does not automatically give me double-citizenship, but it fills me with gratitude. I take this opportunity to express my sympathy toward the Americans, who are not always popular internationally. The events around the 11<sup>th</sup> of September and the current political situation promotes our solidarity with the USA. That is important for our survival too.

I hope that the idealists in our society would set aside there petty little arguments, which are fuelled by some kind of personal image of themselves, and that the carpet be pulled from under every stronghold of their culture. The throwing of stones, turning over of cars and demolished telephone cells were only the beginning, a false understood freedom. That what happened in NY and Washington, is the preliminary end phase.

In a free world, everyone has the same opportunity that Bill Gates has. It is left up to each person, relative to their own time, situation and intuition, to find a place in society that fits his or her lifestyle and needs without hurting or taking from others. If all would do that only, it would be ideal.

Contrary, who sets the rail points incorrectly, who makes the wrong decisions, is self to blame! One cannot bomb or even strike during times of prosperity. A world that exists of only terrorists is not survivable. A world of blind sheep, of manipulated masses is also dangerous. A world of individualists would be hard to govern but be creative and harmless.

Considered exactly, everything is a war over distribution. That what is to be distributed in this case are the fruits of technical advancement. If we only had to distribute that what those have to offer, that are fighting over these fruits, we would still be wandering with stone-daggers through the forests. And those opposed to this advancement are using it for there own uses. That is perfection of absurdity!

The simplest solution to reduce the battle over distribution would be to slow down the population growth. That would also limit the ecology problems. It will most likely take some leaps in thought to see the overall interconnection.

With that, I would like to end these lines. These are only my personal views. They are not necessarily correct.

I have always found a new place in life that matches my expectations. Sometimes one needs just a little courage. Not much more.