

The Resignation letter of Craig Mokhiber

Jacob Rozell, using lines from *Craig Mokhiber's resignation letter to the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights*.

On the first day, we all stood with Israel, how could we not,
Dear High Commissioner, This will be my last official communication to you
Over one thousand people, ordinary people were killed
as Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

But now, over four thousand Palestinians have been killed.
I write at a moment of great anguish for the world,
On the list of names and ages of the murdered, the first two pages are infants
Once again, we are seeing a genocide unfolding before our eyes

Dead before their first birthday, two pages of dead babies.
the Organization that we serve appears powerless to stop it.
Let it sink deep into your stomach, and feel the weight of a galaxy
I worked in these halls through the genocides against the

Of children, of lives taken by hate and sorrow
Tutsis, Bosnian Muslims, the Yazidi, and the Rohingya.
Oh god, we said, oh god,
In each case, when the dust settled on the horrors that had been perpetrated

Some scholars say god died in the Holocaust, at the death of five million
against defenseless civilian populations, it became painfully clear that
Other scholars say god is a mother, crying for her children, oh god, oh god.
we had failed in our duty to meet the imperatives of prevention of mass atrocities,

How can such a God stand in the death of a bombed hospital?
protection of the vulnerable, and of accountability for perpetrators.
When the dust settled on the horrors to be perpetrated,
And so it has been with successive waves of murder and persecution

It will be our fault, you and I, and he and her, for forgetting
against the Palestinians throughout the entire life of the UN.
That hate can only come from hate,
High Commissioner, we are failing again.

Jews were moved to palestine in 1948 because
When the dust settled on the horrors that had been perpetrated,
Not a single leader wanted the Jews in their country.
The European, ethno-nationalist, settler colonial project.
Hate born from hate.

Works Cited

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