

Extraordinary Forgiveness: An Example for Us All

This fifteen minute video is so worth the time to watch. One can't really know how they themselves would have responded to a tragedy suffered by another. I can only hope that I would have had the compassion to forgive as Ms. Eva Mozes Kor did. The act of forgiving Josef Mengele for conducting horrific, inhumane "scientific" experiments on her as a child in the Auschwitz death camp is one of the most dramatic acts of forgiveness of which I have ever learned. While Ms. Kor forgave Mengele, however, she is wise enough to have shared her story so that we may never forget it. We must never forget because from the Holocaust, from the Holocaust experiments, from the Tuskegee experiments, from the large-scale massacre of Native Americans, from the trans-Atlantic slave trade of millions of African human beings, from thousands of women ("witch") burnings, from the Rwandan genocide, from the Armenian genocide, from the more than 300 year history of the worldwide colonization of people of color by European people, from the Crusades, from the Inquisition, and from every single other one of our large scale human evil endeavors, we can, and we should learn so much. As a species, we forget the lessons ingrained in that history to our utter peril. I am happy that Ms. Kor indeed survived Mengele and Auschwitz, and went on to live a long, and I hope happy or at the very least, satisfying life.

This story speaks with bugle clarity to the potential for forgiveness that resides within the human heart....that resides within us all. It is extraordinary, and it speaks volumes about the central theme of RACE: My Story & Humanity's Bottom Line - the need for all seven-plus human beings on the planet to learn, to believe, and to live the profound truth that we are one human family.

This posting is in honor of Ms. Eva Mozes Kor.

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