

Union of Saints, War of Words, War of Worlds: How Brutality Echoes Naziism

Language as Violence

Showers, Purity Culture, “Get Up In Them Guts,” Normalized Violence.

Words are not neutral. Phrases like “*get up in them guts*” reveal more than crude bravado; they expose an attitude of conquest, the reduction of intimacy to violence, the denial of personhood. This is not far removed from the propaganda and language of Naziism, which reduced entire peoples to objects of domination and destruction.

When intimacy becomes a battlefield, love is lost. When words are poisoned, spirit is cheapened.

Echoes of Naziism in Modern Times

Recent years have seen a troubling rise in behaviors and attitudes that echo authoritarian and fascist pasts:

- **Dehumanization:** Women spoken of as objects, dirtied and vilified, reduced to “bodies.” These echoes are chillingly familiar.
- **Domination-as-virtue:** Aggression, control, and humiliation paraded as strength, rather than compassion, care, or wisdom.
- **Sabotage as culture:** Undermining one another in relationships, workplaces, politics — feeding division, just as fascist regimes thrived on betrayal and suspicion.

Though different in scale, the spirit behind these actions carries the same disease: the lust for domination at the expense of dignity.

Why War and Slavery Are Always Losses

War and slavery, whether on the battlefield or in the home, are not victories. They are losses of **spirit**.

- **War:** Even the “winner” loses — losing innocence, trust, and the shared humanity that could have built peace. The dead cannot be restored, and the living are scarred forever.
- **Slavery:** Whether in chains or in psychological control, slavery strips both enslaver and enslaved of spirit. The enslaved lose freedom, while the enslaver loses compassion and becomes a prisoner of their own cruelty.

In both war and slavery, **we all lose**, because what is destroyed is not only bodies but the light within us — our capacity for empathy, reverence, and sacred connection.

The Loss of Spirit

When conquest replaces love, when brutality replaces tenderness, when greed replaces grace, society moves toward collapse. This is not just political or cultural decline — it is **spiritual decline**. We risk becoming a civilization of shadows, where noise drowns truth, and domination masquerades as destiny.

Choosing a Different Path

If Naziism teaches us anything, it is that unchecked dehumanization leads to horror. But history also shows that resistance, compassion, and remembrance can restore dignity. To prevent the repetition of old evils in new forms, we must:

1. **Reclaim our language** — speak with reverence, not conquest.
 2. **Rehumanize one another** — see the angel within, not the mask of stereotype.
 3. **Renounce domination** — in love, in family, in politics — choosing cooperation instead.
 4. **Remember the cost of war and slavery** — so that future generations may inherit peace, not ashes.
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Conclusion

Every act of sabotage, brutality, or dehumanization, no matter how small, echoes the same spirit that fueled the darkest chapters of history. We cannot afford to repeat these patterns. War is not glory; slavery is not order; domination is not love.

We win nothing by harming each other.

We only win by restoring spirit, by remembering that to honor life — in language, in love, in society — is the highest victory we can claim.