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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:10,910

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00:00:10,910 --> 00:00:11,550

Continue.

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00:00:11,550 --> 00:00:16,290

OK, the theme that I'm
trying to create out

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00:00:16,290 --> 00:00:18,180

of the manuscript,
this one at least,

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00:00:18,180 --> 00:00:25,890

is the extremeness between
the tender side of humanity

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00:00:25,890 --> 00:00:29,356

and the barbaric,
cruel side of humanity.

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00:00:29,356 --> 00:00:33,550

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00:00:33,550 --> 00:00:38,760

And let me preface that with
two situations that always enter

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00:00:38,760 --> 00:00:40,860

my mind when I think about it.

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00:00:40,860 --> 00:00:47,940

The Einsatzgruppen, which were
approximately four large squads

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00:00:47,940 --> 00:00:50,670

of men, approximately
anywhere from 600

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00:00:50,670 --> 00:00:53,010

up to about 9,000
men in each squad,

13
00:00:53,010 --> 00:00:55,710
covering certain
geographical areas

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00:00:55,710 --> 00:00:58,350
all the way from Russia,
down through Ukraine,

15
00:00:58,350 --> 00:01:00,840
to the Baltic countries,
all the way down

16
00:01:00,840 --> 00:01:03,090
to Odessa in the Ukraine--

17
00:01:03,090 --> 00:01:10,680
and a total of about
almost 4,000 men--

18
00:01:10,680 --> 00:01:12,610
and these people came
from all walks of life.

19
00:01:12,610 --> 00:01:16,110
They were teachers,
doctors, laymen--

20
00:01:16,110 --> 00:01:17,550
One was a Protestant minister.

21
00:01:17,550 --> 00:01:24,190
Yes, Protestant minister--
and he ran one of the squads.

22
00:01:24,190 --> 00:01:26,490
It was squads A, B,
D, and C depending

23
00:01:26,490 --> 00:01:30,150
which [INAUDIBLE] He was one

of the first heads of one

24

00:01:30,150 --> 00:01:31,800
of the squads.

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00:01:31,800 --> 00:01:37,850
And their whole job was just
to murder Jews of all ages,

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00:01:37,850 --> 00:01:39,600
and all sexes.

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00:01:39,600 --> 00:01:42,420
And between all four of
them in under a year,

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00:01:42,420 --> 00:01:47,820
they knocked off
1.2 million Jews.

29

00:01:47,820 --> 00:01:50,430
In other words,
that's the extreme

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00:01:50,430 --> 00:01:53,850
that I'm trying to
show in my pictures.

31

00:01:53,850 --> 00:01:55,470
We're taking people,
basically, who

32

00:01:55,470 --> 00:01:59,610
have no intention of fighting,
who didn't understand anything

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00:01:59,610 --> 00:02:03,528
about what was going on,
who were just normal--

34

00:02:03,528 --> 00:02:05,820
people who just wanted to
live out their lives in peace

35
00:02:05,820 --> 00:02:07,110
and quiet--

36
00:02:07,110 --> 00:02:08,940
and then the other
extreme where they're

37
00:02:08,940 --> 00:02:13,230
under these brutal
living conditions, which

38
00:02:13,230 --> 00:02:16,530
was very short-termed,
and then into death.

39
00:02:16,530 --> 00:02:19,470
And this was the
whole life cycle.

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00:02:19,470 --> 00:02:23,520
Or, the other extreme,
which is the Ustase, which

41
00:02:23,520 --> 00:02:30,720
were the Croatians in the
Croatian part of Yugoslavia,

42
00:02:30,720 --> 00:02:33,420
who hated Serbians and Jews.

43
00:02:33,420 --> 00:02:38,790
And they had, I believe,
three large killing camps.

44
00:02:38,790 --> 00:02:41,520
And these people used to
have these special knives.

45
00:02:41,520 --> 00:02:44,190
I forgot what they call them--
they had these special knives,

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00:02:44,190 --> 00:02:46,648
and they wouldn't go around
shooting people, even humanely,

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00:02:46,648 --> 00:02:48,232
or something like
that-- they wouldn't

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00:02:48,232 --> 00:02:49,560
shoot them quick with a bullet.

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00:02:49,560 --> 00:02:52,230
They'd cut their throats,
kill them, and slash them up.

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00:02:52,230 --> 00:02:57,150
And that's all they would do
with hatchets, with pickaxes,

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00:02:57,150 --> 00:02:59,040
with saws, with hammers.

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00:02:59,040 --> 00:03:01,380
This is how they would go
at these people, both Serbs

53

00:03:01,380 --> 00:03:03,810
and Jews.

54

00:03:03,810 --> 00:03:08,880
And I said to myself, I
don't understand the extreme.

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00:03:08,880 --> 00:03:11,580
What the heck is it all about?

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00:03:11,580 --> 00:03:12,420
I don't know.

57

00:03:12,420 --> 00:03:14,820
I haven't figured it
out for myself yet.

58
00:03:14,820 --> 00:03:18,465
I guess I'm searching
for an answer in here.

59
00:03:18,465 --> 00:03:20,340
I read a lot and I listen
to a lot of people,

60
00:03:20,340 --> 00:03:23,460
but I haven't formed
a final opinion

61
00:03:23,460 --> 00:03:25,840
of what it's all about to me.

62
00:03:25,840 --> 00:03:28,350
But I try to depict
it in my drawings--

63
00:03:28,350 --> 00:03:31,620
the human side of
civilization as

64
00:03:31,620 --> 00:03:35,580
opposed to the barbaric
side, or the implication

65
00:03:35,580 --> 00:03:37,350
as far as I'm concerned.

66
00:03:37,350 --> 00:03:41,550
Because a minority
is only a minority

67
00:03:41,550 --> 00:03:43,710
when it's 1 out of 100.

68
00:03:43,710 --> 00:03:47,850
When you're talking about out
of 10 million, and talking 10%,

69

00:03:47,850 --> 00:03:50,820
and you have 1
million, the minority

70
00:03:50,820 --> 00:03:52,050
is a destructive minority.

71
00:03:52,050 --> 00:03:56,400
It is no longer a small
minority that just disappears

72
00:03:56,400 --> 00:03:58,488
in the entire society.

73
00:03:58,488 --> 00:04:00,780
Those are the people who are
coming out of the woodwork

74
00:04:00,780 --> 00:04:04,920
all over the place, with that
barbaric entity that they

75
00:04:04,920 --> 00:04:06,190
live with.

76
00:04:06,190 --> 00:04:08,250
That's the thing.

77
00:04:08,250 --> 00:04:12,390
I may sound a little
cryptic, but I see this.

78
00:04:12,390 --> 00:04:14,940
It's not really one
force fighting the other,

79
00:04:14,940 --> 00:04:23,590
this is almost like, all right,
two forces in our society.

80
00:04:23,590 --> 00:04:27,990
One force, for some reason,
doesn't have the capability

81
00:04:27,990 --> 00:04:33,960
or refuses to accept
reasoning, judgment, humane--

82
00:04:33,960 --> 00:04:34,830
it's compassion.

83
00:04:34,830 --> 00:04:37,170
There is no compassion
on one side.

84
00:04:37,170 --> 00:04:39,540
That's what I mean
by the drawings.

85
00:04:39,540 --> 00:04:42,270
Even though most of
the compassionate side

86
00:04:42,270 --> 00:04:45,432
of the drawings are the
headless, arm-less, footless,

87
00:04:45,432 --> 00:04:47,140
or whatever-- there's
something missing--

88
00:04:47,140 --> 00:04:49,057
that's the way they had
to go through the war,

89
00:04:49,057 --> 00:04:51,540
there's still a
compassionate body there.

90
00:04:51,540 --> 00:04:53,640
There's still a
compassionate part.

91
00:04:53,640 --> 00:04:56,460
And that's what this
other side was destroying.

92
00:04:56,460 --> 00:04:57,930
Every part that
was compassionate,

93
00:04:57,930 --> 00:04:59,290
they would just cut away--

94
00:04:59,290 --> 00:04:59,790
kill.

95
00:04:59,790 --> 00:05:02,520

96
00:05:02,520 --> 00:05:07,440
My mother showed me
the tattoo on the arms.

97
00:05:07,440 --> 00:05:09,110
They revolted me.

98
00:05:09,110 --> 00:05:13,000
I wanted to hold her.

99
00:05:13,000 --> 00:05:17,030
I don't know, I just wanted
to hold her and protect her.

100
00:05:17,030 --> 00:05:19,720
But what do you do 10, 15
years after the war is over?

101
00:05:19,720 --> 00:05:21,840
How do you hold and protect her?

102
00:05:21,840 --> 00:05:23,820
I wasn't there when I was young.

103
00:05:23,820 --> 00:05:26,590
You mentioned earlier
that she, herself, seemed

104

00:05:26,590 --> 00:05:28,720
to become hardened by what--

105

00:05:28,720 --> 00:05:32,530
Yes, she had a
great zest of life.

106

00:05:32,530 --> 00:05:34,750
She wanted to live
no matter what.

107

00:05:34,750 --> 00:05:39,320
Nothing was overwhelming to
her anymore in any one life.

108

00:05:39,320 --> 00:05:40,960
And that's how she
came out of the war.

109

00:05:40,960 --> 00:05:43,150
She wasn't cruel or
anything like that.

110

00:05:43,150 --> 00:05:44,290
She wasn't hard.

111

00:05:44,290 --> 00:05:45,700
She was just strong--

112

00:05:45,700 --> 00:05:49,030
a strength of life that
just oozed from her.

113

00:05:49,030 --> 00:05:50,530
She decided not to die.

114

00:05:50,530 --> 00:05:51,988
In other words,
her philosophy was,

115

00:05:51,988 --> 00:05:53,905
if they're going to kill

me, get it over with.

116
00:05:53,905 --> 00:05:56,300
Otherwise, you're not
going to change me anymore.

117
00:05:56,300 --> 00:05:58,300
I've gone as far
as I'm going to go.

118
00:05:58,300 --> 00:06:02,320
She took a stand in Gurs after
she was there about a year,

119
00:06:02,320 --> 00:06:07,660
and said, the hell with all the
rest of the rot that went on.

120
00:06:07,660 --> 00:06:09,820
She didn't want
to die or give in.

121
00:06:09,820 --> 00:06:12,580
Did most of the people who were
in Gurs, to your knowledge,

122
00:06:12,580 --> 00:06:15,280
go to Auschwitz
or to death camps?

123
00:06:15,280 --> 00:06:17,290
Yes, most of them
were shipped out.

124
00:06:17,290 --> 00:06:21,130
Yes, every Spaniard was gone.

125
00:06:21,130 --> 00:06:23,440
I think they had about
20,000 or 30,000 Spaniards

126
00:06:23,440 --> 00:06:24,820
there at the time.

127
00:06:24,820 --> 00:06:28,005
They were eventually
all shipped out.

128
00:06:28,005 --> 00:06:29,380
Before the end of
the war, that's

129
00:06:29,380 --> 00:06:30,795
what they were trying to do.

130
00:06:30,795 --> 00:06:32,170
The one thing they
wanted to keep

131
00:06:32,170 --> 00:06:35,590
going, when the battlefield
was getting smaller and smaller

132
00:06:35,590 --> 00:06:39,100
and coming down into
the borders of Germany,

133
00:06:39,100 --> 00:06:41,230
they just wanted to keep
all the smokestacks going.

134
00:06:41,230 --> 00:06:42,820
Keep the smokestacks going.

135
00:06:42,820 --> 00:06:46,780
Draw the Jews in as
much as possible.

136
00:06:46,780 --> 00:06:47,660
You got Russians?

137
00:06:47,660 --> 00:06:48,160
Put them in.

138
00:06:48,160 --> 00:06:50,770

You got gypsies?

139

00:06:50,770 --> 00:06:51,490

Put them in.

140

00:06:51,490 --> 00:06:54,490

Didn't make any difference, but
at least you must have Jews.

141

00:06:54,490 --> 00:06:55,540

This was the criteria.

142

00:06:55,540 --> 00:06:57,070

Get them all in,
get them all in.

143

00:06:57,070 --> 00:06:59,110

And right up to the
last day of the war,

144

00:06:59,110 --> 00:07:01,120

up to the last
minute of the war,

145

00:07:01,120 --> 00:07:04,150

they kept burning
the smokestacks.

146

00:07:04,150 --> 00:07:07,300

They didn't stop.

147

00:07:07,300 --> 00:07:11,260

And I think I basically said it.

148

00:07:11,260 --> 00:07:16,630

Have you been able to
carry over to your children

149

00:07:16,630 --> 00:07:18,770

some of your own
feelings about this?

150

00:07:18,770 --> 00:07:19,270
No.

151
00:07:19,270 --> 00:07:23,230

152
00:07:23,230 --> 00:07:26,380
By the time I've come
to where I'm at now,

153
00:07:26,380 --> 00:07:28,400
they were already grown.

154
00:07:28,400 --> 00:07:33,670
I didn't want to get them
involved in an area I

155
00:07:33,670 --> 00:07:35,260
didn't even understand.

156
00:07:35,260 --> 00:07:36,075
I had pains.

157
00:07:36,075 --> 00:07:38,410
And can I transfer to
them pains I really didn't

158
00:07:38,410 --> 00:07:40,970
understand to a great deal?

159
00:07:40,970 --> 00:07:44,290
I had emotional problems.

160
00:07:44,290 --> 00:07:46,720
I was just confused
in my young life--

161
00:07:46,720 --> 00:07:48,200
very confused.

162
00:07:48,200 --> 00:07:49,750
I was groping all the time.

163
00:07:49,750 --> 00:07:53,000
It was a rootless home.

164
00:07:53,000 --> 00:07:55,000
My father worked
seven days a week--

165
00:07:55,000 --> 00:07:56,680
6 and 1/2 days a week--

166
00:07:56,680 --> 00:07:59,080
there was no home
life, in a sense.

167
00:07:59,080 --> 00:08:02,050
It was a stopping
place for food,

168
00:08:02,050 --> 00:08:03,230
and board, and everything.

169
00:08:03,230 --> 00:08:09,010
But a full feeling of
family, of love, of sharing--

170
00:08:09,010 --> 00:08:11,260
all these things didn't
exist in our home.

171
00:08:11,260 --> 00:08:13,693
The war removed it.

172
00:08:13,693 --> 00:08:15,610
There were four of us
living in one apartment.

173
00:08:15,610 --> 00:08:18,700
We were going four
different ways.

174
00:08:18,700 --> 00:08:20,230

That's still another horror.

175

00:08:20,230 --> 00:08:21,670

That's the horror after that.

176

00:08:21,670 --> 00:08:26,350

So I talked it over with
my brother and my sisters,

177

00:08:26,350 --> 00:08:31,210

and we're now going to
work together and have

178

00:08:31,210 --> 00:08:32,900

the children understand that.

179

00:08:32,900 --> 00:08:34,929

So what I am telling
them, basically, is--

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00:08:34,929 --> 00:08:37,070

I don't tell them in
detail things like this,

181

00:08:37,070 --> 00:08:38,650

unless they come to a class--

182

00:08:38,650 --> 00:08:43,120

but I do tell them, basically,
our lives, basically, were

183

00:08:43,120 --> 00:08:45,165

ruined by the war, broken up.

184

00:08:45,165 --> 00:08:46,540

Now we're getting
together again.

185

00:08:46,540 --> 00:08:50,050

I want you to get to know my
sisters and my brother's family

186

00:08:50,050 --> 00:08:51,730
in Europe and them to know us.

187
00:08:51,730 --> 00:08:56,110
We're exchanging not only
letters, but also nieces,

188
00:08:56,110 --> 00:08:59,050
nephews, and, of course,
close relatives, brothers,

189
00:08:59,050 --> 00:08:59,650
and sisters.

190
00:08:59,650 --> 00:09:01,210
That's what we're doing.

191
00:09:01,210 --> 00:09:02,800
We want to become
a family again.

192
00:09:02,800 --> 00:09:05,705

193
00:09:05,705 --> 00:09:06,580
Thank you very much--

194
00:09:06,580 --> 00:09:07,190
Thank you.

195
00:09:07,190 --> 00:09:09,707
It's been an honor,
and for my mother too.

196
00:09:09,707 --> 00:09:10,540
Thank you very much.

197
00:09:10,540 --> 00:09:12,390
Thank you.

198
00:09:12,390 --> 00:09:22,062