

RESPONSE TO RAHMAN

My Dear Rohman:

But why apologize when in good faith?

And how lucky am I to have extracted such criticism! Whence the courage for it?

Admittedly, the argument I put forth to Mr. Glass was obscure and subject to many interpretations. I shall attempt to alleviate this pronto.

The core of the argument I sought to pursue was: that about which one knows, one cannot believe; that which is believed, cannot be known; and, since Christianity (or, rather, that about which Christianity is constituted, namely, that there is a God; Christ is His one and only Son who died and was resurrected that sin may be cleansed from the world; and that belief in that doctrine makes you a Christian, which necessitates a "leap.") stands or falls on the acceptance of this "faith" (which is religio-moral) which is expressed through belief, all knowledge must be pushed aside in order for the "faith" to be maintained. This constitutes a blatant denial of reality (which is the known world) in favor of a faith which offers deliverance from human reality. It is, then, self-defeating.

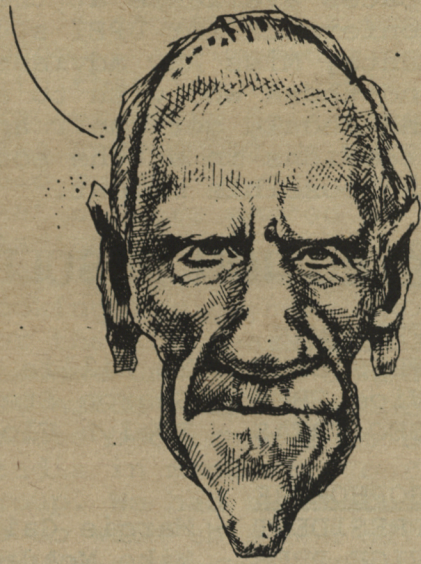
Let me ask you whether or not you know of the newspaper you now hold, or do you believe it is in your hands? If you know it to be there, then what necessitates belief that it is there? Can you believe what you know? My position is that you cannot. On the other hand, can you know what you believe? Again, my answer to this is no. To know is to have sensual access; whereas, to believe admits of no such access.

What is known in knowledge? Experiential data. What is believed in belief? That about which one requires faith to accept since lack of sensual access permits of no knowledge. Therefore, if one begins to articulate what the content of faith is, then that implies a knowledge which was hitherto not there and, since one does not require belief in knowledge, then the content of faith ceases to require words, if Christianity (the essence of it) can be articulated, it becomes knowledge and is no longer a faith.

I trust you are now clear; if not, please continue the dialogue to ensure greater clarity on the matter.

-Editor

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ALMOST A YEAR TO RECOGNIZE CUBA...



AND JUST 18 DAYS TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT.



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In Chaotic Review of the Anti-intellect

Seas weep and the hand moans to follow. It cannot seize that sullen sorrow, shake from the sound purpose or crude objective, so it twists from the rocks below, where the sun weeps to follow the hand twisting in rage.

A tall man, cruel Bohemian, with scars complete, weighs this and that disaster, computing the magnificence of varying degrees of success. Since he has no hand, quivering chin throbbing

in some dull savagery must suffice. Now it shakes with stutter of dust or some ringing solitude, to crush the hand bent to follow.

I am not meant to puncture the maids' eye, kneel in silence of stealing the hearts grim silence, stealing the pain of the sould theft of spirit from fire.

The gunner runs from the wounded, clawing mercilessly at his face.

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Speak Now of the Women

Speak now of the women, branded, girdled by fiery chain, maimed by oppression. The women, flanded by security, revealed in reaction: writhing in gnarled emotion for a summitless past.

Speak of the women, churning, turning, burning their fears.

The women, coping, hoping, roping their peers.

The women who please, The women who freeze, The woman who's fired, The woman who's tired. The women who've thrilled, And the women who've killed

Now notice this: lying with a lady, Who clings in anger? Who sobs in despair?

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