Counterstrategies Against Oppression given Indifference of Nature, Second Nature, and God

(The Reports of the End of World War II has been Greatly Exaggerated)

Khayyam: We are the plaything of the universe and the universe loves to play.

1 — In the film *A Man for All Seasons*, right before the execution scene at the end, nature is depicted at its joyful indifference featuring sunshine, bees and flowers. Nature does not care. —— Saib Tabrizi: The sky is not gloomy because we shed bitter tears / Decapitation of the innocent even causes painted flowers on the executioner's clothes. Or: The universe does not pity its inhabitants / Fire does not spare the fire-worshiper either.

[**2** — The **sublime** indifference of second nature is inspired by that of nature:

> ··· [Before the execution] I felt ready to live it all again too. As if that blind rage had washed me clean, rid me of hope; for the first time, in that night alive with signs and stars, I opened myself to the gentle indifference of the world. Finding it so much like myself. I felt that I had been happy and that I was happy again. — Albert Camus, *The Stranger*

Not the gentle indifference but rather the steep indifference of the world. I think either Meursault is an impossible project or/and he is the epitome of rationality. Because (according to Heidegger) we can't help understanding. We always already understand and understanding implicates differentiating and evaluating. It is a derivative act of the mind to try to be indifferent.]

3 — The **convenient** or better **expedient** edition of indifference, most regrettably, can be seen in the following case:
Jurgen Habermas, the so-called last defender of rationality, the theoretician of communicative rationality (necessary outcome of successful communication), has said the 'Never Again' principle must lead to a German commitment to protecting Jewish life and Israel's right to exist.
Of course we know well what this means in the *current* political climate.
Of course the life of every human must be protected, the dignity of every human must be respected without any failure no matter jewish, muslim, christian, white, black, etc etc. If we cannot successfully communicate this much to each other, is there anything else worthy of being communicated and debated in public spheres and seminar rooms and lofty books? Yeah, let's just talk forever, it will be safe and harmless to the powerful—because we know all too well that the colonizer has won and the colonized have lost forever.
Also TRUE commitment means Germany itself pay some price say via sacrificing land and stuff, not just conveniently transfer the burden to other people.

4 — The Holocaust was the the result of immense misunderstanding of two factions of white people. Truly immense but still a misunderstanding and now some other people must pay for the misunderstanding. But not paying once but continually. The borders of 1967 was not enough. The misunderstanding was not *successfully* rectified. Yeah, we are talking about NECESSARY outcome of successful understanding (excluding the wretched of the earth of course).

5 — Nietzsche: "likewise sinners and bad consciences! the sting of conscience teaches one to sting." You see the Germans must overcome past guilt, otherwise other nations have to pay the price. Yes please overcome, otherwise the sting of guilt teaches even the most decorated social critical theorist to be at the colonial side of communicative rationality.

6 — A Gaza resident is reported to say "the world has forgotten us." Another resident is reported to say "the world is tired of us." The world is tired of sting of conscience of course. You cannot just watch live-stream atrocities and not get tired of it. You must learn to forget. These two reports are the same thing.

7 — It is Marx's most fundamental point that the ruling ideas are the ideas of ruling class. It has become mathematically impossible thanks to the shrewdness of colonialists that no entity can ever confront ever-growing geographical ambitions of Israel and US coalition. The ruling class protects its economic interests. Every nation has learned to vigorously look after its finances. West(=money) has won.

8 — The problem is not Germans, Jews, Muslims, etc, the problem is oppressive against oppressed. Franz Fanon has memorably said that there is no fate for the black except white. Blacks will find ways to coalesce with whites in a way that benefits both of them and they will find new set of victims. And we go on and on.

9 — The best way to maintain social order according to the pressure of marketplace is to make everybody oppressed and oppressive at the same time and to inculcate **indifference** in them. Meanwhile allow just enough of them to become activist and talk through speakers and express outrage in social media posts. Then just let them keep doing whatever pleases them as usual. Buy stuff. Be Trendy. Consume. Consume culture. The capitalist society has so deliciously banalized activism. We have become toys of the marketplace not just the universe. Have you noticed the republican party wants people to make ever more babies? Why? Because marketplace needs labor. Patriotism because marketplace demands it.

> Patrice O'Neal: People always say "Don't you support the troops?" But the troops are an entity that just follows orders. It's not about individuals or people. So when I say "I don't support the troops", I'm saying I don't support the bankers and politicians who are making them do what they do.

10 — It has been said that God's omnipotence, omniscience and perfect goodness is not reconcilable with suffering and existence of evil. The only solution seems to be that the most divine attribute *is* indifference. *Contra* Leibniz, the world is not the best possible world but the most indifferent possible world. Perhaps God is just short of eternally indifferent and forbearing. In that case, we must all wait just until the end of time. Once one is dead, it takes no time to the end.

Strategy I: The boycott of McDonald's over its perceived support for Israel in its war against Hamas in Gaza brought the brand to its knees. We are lucky economic competition is so stiff. [Imagine if it wasn't]. So yeah.
Strategy II: do not procreate and die ASAP (e.g. kill yourself if you are ever a burden to anybody). Leave everything to the people who can never have enough.

Excursus: the Wisdom of Patrice O'Neal: This is my question, for life: have we retired the phrase, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me"? Is it legal for me to say, "I endorse hate speech, I don't give a $\cdots$"? I want hate speech. Why can't I hate you $\cdots$ in speech? —— Women want us to like them, but they don't even like each other. —— I can say anything I goddamn want racially. And white people have to sit there and take it. (as white person) "I am evil, yes." I like to talk to white people about being honest about Obama. You gave it a shot. You did. You gave it a two-year shot. I'm mad at him (Obama) because I thought I would have a white slave by now! I thought it was vengeance day! I thought I had me a white family! A big old, fat white girl. Go warm my bed up, get upstairs, Susan! Warm my bed up, feed my baby [$\cdots$]! I'm gonna go outside and stare your husband in the face and decide whether I'm gonna sell him or not! [WikiQuotes]