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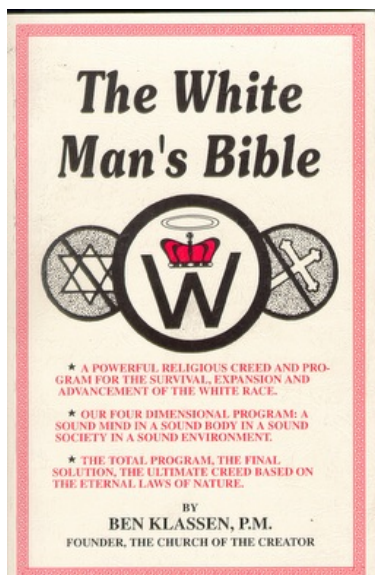
Fine Art Of Book Destruction On Display At Library



Books Destroyed In The Name Of Art.
(Photo Courtesy Of Linda Thompson For The Missoulian.)

The University of Montana's [Mansfield Library](#) will play host to a controversial art exhibit beginning January 7, 2010. "Speaking Volumes: Transforming Hate" is an exhibit based on the deliberate destruction of books. A feature article on the exhibit in the January 3 [Missoulian Online](#) generated a firestorm of heated comments, pro and con. Roughly 4,000 books were rendered unreadable by over 100 artists to create the art works represented in the library's gallery. All of the books were donated by one man--known only by the initials "J.R."--in exchange for nothing more than a one-way ticket out of Montana.

The mysterious benefactor of this piece is--not unlike [Abel Magwitch](#) in [Great Expectations](#)--a convict and gang member. (Magwitch was part of a chain gang; J.R. a member of a biker gang.) J.R.'s affiliation with another group brings the books into the story. While working as a mechanic for a mining company in 1973, he came into contact with members of [The Church of the Creator](#). (The name "Church of the Creator" has since been awarded to the former [TE-TA-MA Truth Foundation](#) in a trademark litigation ruling against the "Church of the Creator" discussed here.) He soon became a fervent convert, and eventually worked his way up to a leadership role in a local branch of the church.



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The Primary Text Of The Church Of The Creator.

The Church of the Creator may sound like a benign religious organization, but is revealed to be something very different with one look at the group's core publication: [The White Man's Bible](#). This bible dismisses those who follow all major religions stating that "Christianity is a hoax created by the Jews" and following up with: "In between the low end of the ladder and the White Race at the top are various other races, such as the redskin Indians, the mongrelized Hindus of India, the yellow Asiatics, the yellow Semitic Jews, the Polynesians, the Semitic Arabs and a host of others. We classify them all simply as the mud races as distinguished from the White Race, only the latter occupying the very top pinnacle of the human ladder." The "creator" here is the supposedly superior "white race." No God involved.

In addition to The White Man's Bible, The Church of the Creator's founder, [Ben Klassen](#), self-published 13 other books before he committed suicide in 1993. All espouse white supremacy and white separatism, neo-Nazism, and the inevitability of a "[racial holy war](#)". These books sold for \$10.00 each, and were the primary source of the Church's income, aside from member donations. (Book sales were apparently sluggish, as J.R. reported the average monthly sales income at a paltry \$100.) As "Hasta Primas" (Second In Command) of his branch of the church, J.R. was given the key to a storage locker containing over 4,200 copies of Klassen's books.

In December 2003, J.R. became disillusioned with "The Church of the Creator," and contacted their primary opposition in Montana, The [Montana Human Rights Network](#). He agreed to sell his inventory of Klassen's works in exchange for enough cash to make a quick exit from "[The Treasure State](#)." Fearing reprisals from the group, he asked that the Human Rights Network keep his donation anonymous. Upon learning of the books falling into enemy hands, The Church of the Creator reported them as stolen. But the Human Rights Network not only had a legitimate bill of sale, (although the price paid per book was less than 15 cents.), but also pointed out that The Church of the Creator's assets had been garnished upon loss of a \$1 million lawsuit to the [Southern Poverty Law Center](#) in 1994. The Law Center had never attempted to claim the books as a part of the settlement, believing the cost of moving them would be prohibitive. They were, however, happy that the Human Rights Network had taken them out of circulation.



A Mixed Media Work Created By Lee Child For Speaking Volumes: Transforming Hate.
(Photo Courtesy Of Linda Thompson For The Missoulian.)

The Montana Human Rights Network was now faced with the thorny question of how to dispose of the books and still come out smelling like a rose. They feared if they pulped or burned the books outright they would appear to be violating the church's freedom of speech. The Network instead opted to send boxed sets of all 13 titles to Holocaust museums, human rights groups, law enforcement organizations, and academic libraries. But this still left them with thousands of books. A member of the Network contacted Helena-area artist Tim Holmes about creating an art exhibit with the books to provoke discussion about racism, anti-Semitism, and intolerance. Holmes contacted the [Holter Museum of Art](#), and, by January 2008, 60 artworks created from the white supremacist books were displayed in the first showing of what became Speaking Volumes: Transforming Hate.

Works created for the exhibit include a re-edit of one book's text by [Charles](#)

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[Gute](#), which reverses the original message; a short story--which completely ignored the books-- about racism written and illustrated by children's book author [Faith Ringgold](#); a book with every word individually cut out, leaving only a lacy, white series of spider-webbed pages by [Ariana Boussard-Reifel](#); and "Hate Begins At Home," a 10-by-10-foot house constructed from the books--nearly 3,000 of them-- by [Dana Boussard](#).



Dana Boussard and Ariana Boussard-Reifel Completing Work On *Hate Begins At Home* .
(Photo Courtesy Of Linda Thompson For The Missoulian.)

This year's debut of the expanded exhibit has drawn fire from those on both ends of the political spectrum. An article praising the exhibit as a positive transformation of hate into art, akin to making lemons into lemonade, has drawn 18 online comments so far. Here is a sampling--with the original grammar, spelling, and punctuation-- of some of the reactions:

"The 'Creativity Movement' is a religion and this destruction of books is nothing more than discrimination. how would a jew act if you did this to the Torah? so what makes you think that your 'art form' is nothing more than your own 'expression of hate'."

"Isn't this just book burning for the Twenty First Century? The Nazis have been quite rightly criticised for book burning and censorship of works deemed 'Un Germanic' . I see no difference in this fluffy middle class art and a literary pyre in '30s Berlin."

"Destroying literature is something that in my opinion is a fascist thing to do. i for one would have liked to enlighten myself with the reading of those books."

"No compromise with the Nazis, now or ever."

"I find it unfortunate that, too often, hate is isolated in such a way as to be a 'white only' thing when, in reality, many of the fiercest and most unrelenting racists amongst us are not white. Hate is a human condition, not a 'white' human condition."



Dana Boussard's Performance Art Piece Based On The Text Of The Books, *Like Mother Like Daughter*.

(Photo Courtesy Of Linda Thompson For The Missoulian.)

"What a wonderful way to start the new decade. May civility return to America. Montanans, we can lead the way."

"Clip this article and site it next time someone says that the arts are a luxury and not needed in the schools. You have to be able to dream past the impasses in our lives; the arts help do that."

"The next time you work to keep literature off public shelves, expect indignation. The next time you use hate to oppose hate, expect disgust. The next time you call someone "infamous," expect to be disparaged. The next time you steal

books, expect someone to daydream about reprisal. The next time you put up a newspaper article to badmouth and restrict others, expect your victims to go underground and amplify their concerns."

Speaking Volumes: Transforming Hate will continue to push people's buttons at the Mansfield Library until March 6, 2010. Censorship is always a tricky topic. Most of us find it very easy to be against it, until we are confronted with something we find completely unacceptable. Then the conversation changes, and freedom of the press no longer applies to whatever it is we've decided is simply intolerable. Too bad that what is objectionable to one person might be the gospel of another.



Posted by [Nancy Mattoon](#) at January 8, 2010 12:00 a.m.
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COMMENTS



Posted by [unisbm](#) at 1/8/2010 12:05 a.m.

#436645

Wow

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Posted by [unregistered user](#) at 1/12/2010 8:23 a.m.

#439875

I am a member of this church. What about freedom of religion? What if I did this to the bible? Someone threw a Koran in the toilet at gitmo and it made the news for months. This is nothing more than just more anti-white propaganda. I believe 100% in Klassen's books and everything in it to be true. It is my right to believe what I want, and spread the word to others.

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Posted by [unregistered user](#) at 1/12/2010 11:59 a.m.

#440078

You haters of hate are the biggest haters in the bunch.

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Posted by [unregistered user](#) at 1/12/2010 1:12 p.m.

#440162

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Rev. Randolph Dilloway, Hasta Primus of the Creativity Alliance, Reverend of the Smoky Mountain Church of Creativity.

I find it rather ironic that a group that pretends to uphold the human rights, which includes the freedom of religion and the right to one's conscience, is the very organization which seeks to deny me and others who follow Creativity that very fundamental Constitutional right here in the United States.

Yes, these books were stolen. As the current Hasta Primus, I can vouch with certainty that "J.R." had no such right to sell the books in the manner in which he did. He could have walked away, Creativity is not a cult. "J.R." used you for easy cash.

I do not know what else to say. It hurts to see my Holy Books desecrated in such a manner.

Rev. Randolph Dilloway, Hasta Primas
Creativity Alliance

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Posted by [unregistered user](#) at 1/12/2010 1:16 p.m.

#440165

Why don't you hold a Talmud burning?

Some Teachings of the Talmud:

Moed Kattan 17a . If a Jew is tempted to do evil he should go to a city where he

is not known and do the evil there.

Non-Jews are Not Human

Baba Mezia 114a-114b. Only Jews are human ("Only ye are designated men"). Also see Kerithoth 6b under the sub-head, "Oil of Anointing" and Berakoth 58a in which Gentile women are designated animals ("she-asses").

Jews are Divine

Sanhedrin 58b. If a heathen (Gentile) hits a Jew, the Gentile must be killed. Hitting a Jew is the same as hitting God.

O.K. to Cheat Non-Jews

Sanhedrin 57a . A Jew need not pay a Gentile ("Cuthean") the wages owed him for work.

Jews Have Superior Legal Status

Baba Kamma 37b. "If an ox of an Israelite gores an ox of a Canaanite there is no liability; but if an ox of a Canaanite gores an ox of an Israelite...the payment is to be in full."

Jews May Steal from Non-Jews

Baba Mezia 24a . If a Jew finds an object lost by a Gentile ("heathen") it does not have to be returned. (Affirmed also in Baba Kamma 113b).

Sanhedrin 76a . God will not spare a Jew who "marries his daughter to an old man or takes a wife for his infant son or returns a lost article to a Cuthean..."

Jews May Rob and Kill Non-Jews

Sanhedrin 57a . When a Jew murders a Gentile ("Cuthean"), there will be no death penalty. What a Jew steals from a Gentile he may keep.

Baba Kamma 37b. Gentiles are outside the protection of the law and God has "exposed their money to Israel."

Jews May Lie to Non-Jews

Baba Kamma 113a. Jews may use lies ("subterfuges") to circumvent a Gentile.

Non-Jewish Children Sub-Human

Yebamoth 98a. All Gentile children are animals.

Abodah Zarah 36b . Gentile girls are in a state of niddah (filth) from birth.

Sick and Insane Teachings

Gittin 69a . To heal his flesh a Jew should take dust that lies within the shadow of an outdoor toilet, mix it with honey and eat it.

Shabbath 41a. The law regulating the rule for how to urinate in a holy way is given.

Yebamoth 63a. States that Adam had sexual intercourse with all the animals in the Garden of Eden.

Yebamoth 63a. Declares that agriculture is the lowest of occupations.

Sanhedrin 55b . A Jew may marry a three year old girl (specifically, three years "and a day" old).

Sanhedrin 54b . A Jew may have sex with a child as long as the child is less than nine years old.

Kethuboth 11b . "When a grown-up man has intercourse with a little girl it is nothing."

Genocide Advocated by Talmud

Minor Tractates. Soferim 15, Rule 10. This is the saying of Rabbi Simon ben

Yohai: Tob shebe goyim harog ("Even the best of the Gentiles should all be killed").

This passage is not from the Soncino edition but is from the original Hebrew of the Babylonian Talmud as quoted by the 1907 Jewish Encyclopedia, published by Funk and Wagnalls and compiled by Isidore Singer, under the entry, "Gentile," (p. 617).

This original Talmud passage has been concealed in translation. The Jewish Encyclopedia states that, "...in the various versions the reading has been altered, 'The best among the Egyptians' being generally substituted." In the Soncino version: "the best of the heathens" (Minor Tractates, Soferim 41a-b).

Israelis annually take part in a national pilgrimage to the grave of Simon ben Yohai, to honor this rabbi who advocated the extermination of non-Jews. (Jewish Press of June 9, 1989, p. 56B).

On Purim, Feb. 25, 1994, Israeli army officer Baruch Goldstein, an orthodox Khazar from Brooklyn, massacred 40 Palestinian civilians, including children, while they knelt in prayer in a mosque. Goldstein was a disciple of the late Rabbi Kahane who has stated that his view of Arabs as "dogs" is "from the Talmud." (Cf. CBS 60 Minutes, "Kahane").

Univ. of Jerusalem Prof. Ehud Sprinzak described Kahane and Goldstein's philosophy: "They believe it's God's will that they commit violence against 'goyim,' a Hebrew term for non-Jews." (NY Daily News, Feb. 26, 1994, p. 5).

Rabbi Yitzhak Ginsburg declared, "We have to recognize that Jewish blood and the blood of a goy are not the same thing." (NY Times, June 6, 1989, p.5). Rabbi Yaacov Perrin says, "One million Arabs are not worth a Jewish fingernail." (NY Daily News, Feb. 28, 1994, p.6).

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Posted by **unregistered user** at 1/12/2010 2:27 p.m.

#440252

Hello, my name is Wayne P. and I am very very upset that our Holy Books were desecrated in such a horrible manner.

I am the leader for the Blue Water Church of Creativity, affiliated with the Creativity Alliance.

I am a owner of 4 Qurans and I would not treat those books the way that our Holy Books were/are treated. Why? Because its RESPECT! I have respect for the other races, that is why I want to seperate the Whites from them.

We do NOT believe in violence. We do not believe in violent "race wars". We simply want to send the non-Whites back to their homeland and let them dwell there without us feeding them like we currently do, etc...

Our religion is a Natural Religion, and yes, we do believe that the other races have chances to life,..in their own territory. We dont believe in eliminating them, nope. We just want seperation. Would a black bear seek to kill all polar bears? No, only if it was in its territory. If its in its own territory, then its "all good".

Our Holy books are one of Creators single most greatest possessions and I consider that religious persecution and discrimination.

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bluewaterchurchofcreativity.blogspot.com

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Posted by **unregistered user** at 1/12/2010 2:32 p.m.

#440258

Your persecution of our religion will only lead to its survival and advancement. You may be able to render that miniscule quantity of 4,200+ books unreadable, but you will forever be unable to silence or transform our religious ideals and beliefs.

We are no stranger to your double standards or your hypocritical form of hatred.

You can't stop us, but only encourage us. We are not merely individuals of Nature's finest creation, but we are also as much the temporary vessels of the immortal genetic coils of the White race as we are of the religious ideals conceived to preserve those coils.

We, CREATORS are determined to regain complete and unconditional control of the destiny of our race, and secure for all time the existence of our White race upon this planet.

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Posted by **unregistered user** at 1/12/2010 3:20 p.m.

#440299

Who are the book burners? Who are the destroyers of culture and heritage? Who are you to decide what is and what is not a valid religion? Why is the racial and religious vilification that emanates from non-Whites, Judaism, Islam and Christianity totally overlooked in favour of protecting said communities from any backlash. Well, this is one account of religious and racial vilification by that kind that will not be taken lying down, and it will never be forgiven.

Rev. Cailen Cambeul, Pontifex Maximus of the Church of Creativity (Creativity Alliance).

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Posted by **unregistered user** at 1/12/2010 11:58 p.m.

#440612

Hello, My name is Chris Smith. I am the Representative for The Church of Creativity, New south wales, Australia. This desecration of our Holy Books is Extremely Distressing to me, and all other members of our Church. If members of my church and I decided to burn, lets say, the Christian Bible, the world over would be in Outrage. What gives these people the right to destroy these Holy books in such a manner? We are a Religion, and being a Religion, we have the right to assemble. We have the right to distribute our holy books. This is a disgusting act of Religious intolerance.

Chris Smith, The Church of Creativity, NSW.

"Freedom of association is of the first order of importance in the world of liberty. It is important that I should be free to associate with other people who think as I do. It is not always realized that it is equally important that I should be free not to associate with people who do not think as I do. "

Sir Robert Menzies, 12th Prime Minister of Australia, 1939-1941 & 1950-1966.

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Posted by **unregistered user** at 1/13/2010 12:27 p.m.

#440982

The people who have commented so far need to smarten up. If the books were stolen, then you can attempt to reclaim them. If you succeed, keep the books as they are presented in the exhibit. Sell them to art collectors (get an agent, don't do this yourself). Use the proceeds to pay of the judgment from the Southern Poverty law Center. Turn your lemons into lemonade...and guess what? I don't care for your theology or your philosophy, but I am giving you good advice nonetheless. And I am A JEW! Talk about irony! Get smart and use this to your advantage and pay your debts. And don't bother thanking me. Ever.

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Posted by **unregistered user** at 1/14/2010 7:25 a.m.

#441540

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advantage and pay your debts. And don't bother thanking me. Ever." - A jew would say something like that. Don't worry about the thanking you part.

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Posted by **unregistered user** at 1/14/2010 11:32 a.m.

#441726

Why target the Racialist Whites while the jew has his own racist, anti-goy books ? Why must The White Man's Bible be desecrated while the semetic talmud stays intact ? Your "human rights network" has no place for White Racialists, but for semetic racialists - what hypocrisy ! Destroying the books is not going to stop White Racialists from standing up; take a look at the United States - Whites are becoming more Racialist by the day - as a matter of fact, White countries all around the globe are waking up - the "human rights network" can't stop something which time has come ! We'll just have to print some more !

Rev. Maritz - South Africa[Creativity Alliance]

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Posted by **unregistered user** at 1/15/2010 9:22 p.m.

#442695

This is wrong. It hurts my soul.

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Posted by **unregistered user** at 1/15/2010 9:45 p.m.

#442706

JR AKA "Karl" John Haase

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