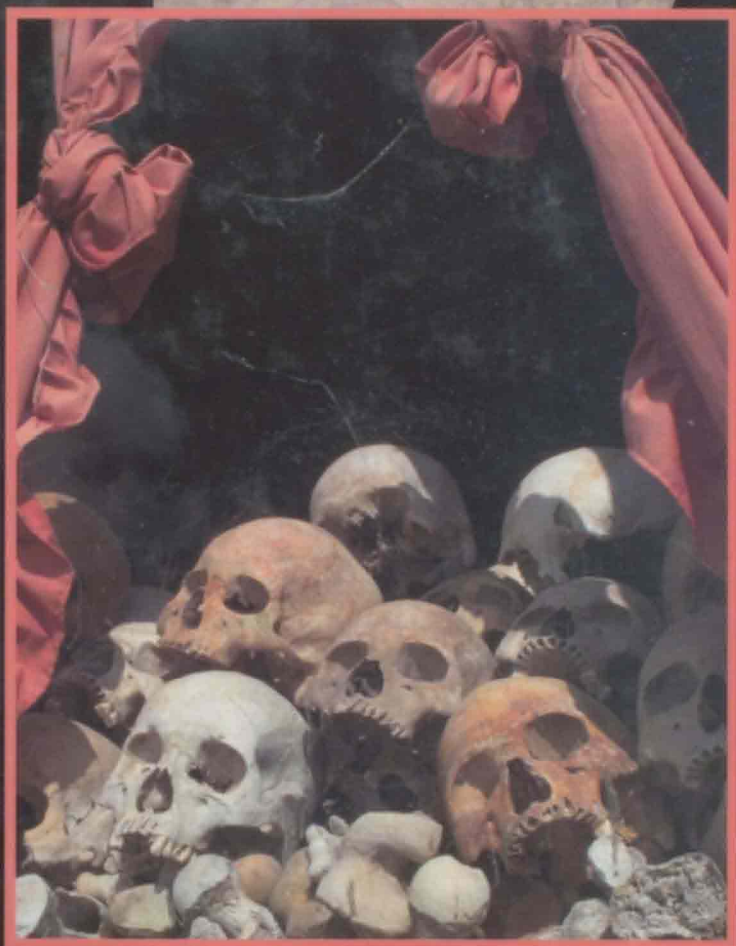


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## I REMEMBER

*I remember: it happened yesterday or eternities ago. A young Jewish boy discovered the kingdom of night. I remember his bewilderment, I remember his anguish. It all happened so fast. The ghetto. The deportation. The sealed cattle car. The fiery altar upon which the history of our people and the future of mankind were meant to be sacrificed . . . and now the boy is turning to me: "What have you done with my future? What have you done with my life?" and I tell him that I have tried. That I have tried to keep memory alive, and I have tried to fight those who would forget. Because if we forget, we are guilty, we are accomplices.*

—Elie Wiesel, in accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, 1986

## ON BECOMING HUMAN

*To be human is to recognize the cultural perspectives that bind us to a tribe, sect, religion, or nation, and to rise above them. It is to feel the pain of the dispossessed, the downtrodden, the refugee, the slave, the starving child.*

*To be human is to break the ties of cultural conformity and group-think, and to use one's own mind. It is to recognize good and evil, and to choose good. It is to consider with the heart. It is to act with conscience.*

*To be human is to be courageous. It is to choose the path of compassion, rather than the path of complacency. It is to break the silence, and be an unrelenting advocate of human decency and dignity. It is to sacrifice for what is just.*

*To be human is to breathe with the rhythm of life, and to recognize our kinship with all forms of life. It is to appreciate every drop of water. It is to feel the warmth of the sun, and to marvel at the beauty and expanse of the night sky. It is to stand in awe of who we are and where we live. It is to see the Earth with the eyes of an astronaut.*

*To be human is to be aware of our dependence upon the whole of the universe, and of the miracle that we are. It is to open our eyes to the simple and extraordinary beauty that is all about us. It is to live with deep respect for the sacred gift of life. It is to love.*

*To be human is to seek to find ourselves behind our names. It is to explore the depths and boundaries of our existence. It is to learn from those who have preceded us, and to act with due concern for those who will follow us.*

*To be human is to plant the seeds of peace, and to nurture them. It is to find peace and make peace. It is to help mend the web of life. It is to be a healer of the planet.*

*To be human is to say an unconditional No! to warfare, and particularly to the use of weapons of mass destruction. It is to take a firm stand against all who profit from warfare and its preparation.*

*To be human is not always to succeed, but it is always to learn. It is to move forward despite the obstacles.*

*We are all born with the potential to become human. How we choose to live will be the measure of our humanness. Civilization does not assure our civility. Nor does being born into the human species assure our humanity. We must each find our own path to becoming human.*

—David Krieger

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### *What Editorial Reviewers Said about the Encyclopedia*

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The Encyclopedia is designed in an innovative structure that combines four types of entries:

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- **Features**, which are similar to feature stories and reports of background information in newspapers, through which the reader will be exposed to more affective writing and information to accompany the basic traditional encyclopedic entry;
- **Source Documents**, which provide the verbatim texts of important and informative documents in the genesis of a genocide event—such as the verdict of the Turkish Military Court that at one point convicted the perpetrators of the Armenian Genocide; the Protocol of the infamous Wannsee Conference in which the Nazis took their final formal decision to implement the Final Solution of the Holocaust; and the text of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

The Encyclopedia also features throughout pertinent and meaningful photographs, works of art, maps, and tabular representations to enhance the reader's knowledge and facilitate the intellectual and emotional comprehension of the academic entries.

The purpose is to create for the reader an unfolding invitation to a broad intellectual, emotional, and even spiritual experience.

This basic reference work marks a further stage in the development of the field of genocide studies which is a subject of study which cuts across traditional disciplines and is being studied in many different college and university departments, so that the Encyclopedia will provide an easily recognizable access for students and researchers from many different fields of inquiry.

## TO LOCATE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

1. Search the alphabetical Table of Contents for the topic you wish to investigate.
2. Pay close attention to listings of *groups of entries* which include a sequence of entries under an inclusive grouping topic.
3. Note also the branching lists of *cross-references* that are provided after the names of many entries. These lists are printed in *italics*.



The Table of Contents is designed to continuously invite the reader to see the movement from one topic to related topics: from one event of genocide to another; from the narratives of various genocides to comparative analyses of the processes of different events; from the historical sequences of events to understanding triggers, causes, and structural dynamics; from events of genocide to means of intervention and prevention; all together creating a picture of genocide as a universal problem for mankind, past, present, and future.

4. Look up the topic, any other key words and associated topics, and names of people and places associated with this topic, in the detailed INDEX at the end of the Encyclopedia.

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