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## **Bolshevism**

Today there is much talk about **Bolshevism**, and most of them think that this Bolshevism is a phenomenon that appears only in our modern times. Some even believe that this Bolshevism, this struggle of the subhuman organized and led by the Jew, has become a problem for the first time and completely new in the world history.

We think it is right to state that as long as there are human beings on earth, the struggle between human beings and subhuman beings is a historical rule, that this war against the peoples led by the Jew belongs to the natural course of life on our planet as long as we can look back. One can calmly come to the conviction that this struggle for life and death is probably just as much a law of nature as the struggle of man against some plague, as the struggle of the plague bacillus against the healthy body.

It is therefore necessary to study the methods of this struggle in the past up to our present time by means of a few clearly visible examples, in order to become clear to us about the tactics of the Jewish-Bolshevik opponent.

### **Purim's feast.**

One of these historical examples of radical destruction of an Aryan people by Bolshevik-Jewish methods brings us the Bible. Read once with seeing eyes this part of Jewish history, in which is told how the Jews sit distributed among the Persian people, in all cities and in all villages and in the capital Susa, how in this Persian, Aryan people the realization of the danger of these Jews is present and how the will to solve this Jewish question in Persia - embodied by the minister Haman - comes to light, how furthermore the monarch, who is called Ahasuerus in the Bible and was Xerxes, separates from his Persian wife Basthi through outrageously cleverly spun intrigues of his court Jews, how the Jew in many forms, in this case through Jewish girls and here again especially through the Jewish harlot Esther, ensnares the king.

We then hear how, against the will of the people- and race-conscious minister Haman, the game of intrigue is played with all possible Jewish subtlety, which ends in such a way that the minister Haman, loyal to his people and king, is delivered to the gallows by his senseless and blinded monarch to the Jew Mardochei - a shameful process, which we cannot observe here for the last time in the history of the nations - and how this Jew Mardochei is made viceroy and now, with the cold-blooded, sober and merciless calculation peculiar to every Bolshevism, gives his orders, on the basis of which in all cities and villages the noblest of the Persians, all enemies of the Jews are murdered on a day previously fixed in writing by the Jew protected by royal decree. The Bible states that 75,000 Persians were slaughtered at that time. To crown it all, by a decree of this Aryan king, the 14th and 15th of the month of Adar are made a legal holiday and celebrated year after year as the great victory feast day of the Jews, the Feast of Purim, to this day.

It is self-evident that the ancient Persian people could never recover from this blow. And you may see the whole tragedy of this people, hit in the core and destroyed by Jewish Bolshevism, from the fact that this Aryan people was deprived not only of its high, pure divine teachings of Zarathustra, but also of its mother tongue through oblivion. Only after more than two millennia German scholars were able to translate the books of Zarathustra from the old Persian language into German in most laborious work.

For this is how the path of Bolshevism always goes: the leaders and heads of a people are bloodily cut off, and then it comes into state slavery, into economic slavery, into scientific slavery, into cultural slavery, into spiritual slavery, into mental slavery and into physical slavery. The rest of the people, deprived of its own value by countless bloody mixtures, degenerates, and in the historically short course of centuries one knows at the most that such a people once existed.

### **Other examples.**

How many of such tragedies - completed or unfinished - have taken place on this earth, we cannot clarify flawlessly. In many cases we can only guess that here our all eternal enemy, the Jew, in some cloak or through some of his organizations had his bloody hand in the game. We see flashing in the course of time the relentless executioner's sword of Canstatt and of Verden. We see the pyres going up, on which, after uncounted tens of thousands, the bruised and torn bodies of the mothers and girls of our people burned to ashes in the witch trials. We see in our mind's eye the judges' chairs of the Inquisition that made Spain deserted, just as the war of 30 years that in one human age left the half-starved remnant of four million from our flourishing German people of 24 million.

### **French Masonic Revolution.**

Now I pass over to more recent times and touch here, only for the sake of a certain European completeness, the methods of the reign of terror of the French Revolution, which in Jacobinism and in the time of the law "for the elimination of suspects" represents the consummate Bolshevism, the system of slaughtering the blond and blue-eyed, the best sons of the French people. For the sake of truth, let it be mentioned here: the French Revolution and its reign of terror was solely a revolution of the Order of Freemasons, that excellent Jewish organization. Freemasonry has not only conceded its "glorious" revolution, but has praised it as its victory and its act of liberation of mankind in every lodge on earth down to the most harmless German lodges.

### **Russian Revolution.**

I now come to the Russian Revolution. It is not my task to repeat often enumerated data again, but I see the most important thing in this context in the reference to the method.

First, the discontent of the socially impoverished people of Russia is systematically exploited and used for revolutionary propaganda. A number of Russian leaders who wanted to abolish serfdom, especially the minister Stolypin, are - before they could have carried out their reforms for the benefit of Russia - killed by the Jewish-anarchist side. With all means that can somehow be brought into play, Russia is rushed into war against Germany. Here, too, only one word is needed to remind us of the Jewish-Masonic activity in bringing about the world war.

Then in Russia comes the next chapter of the Bolshevik Revolution. Freemasonry calls this the change from the "yellow flag system" to the "red flag system". In parliamentary parlance it means: the rule passes from the democratic-bourgeois parties to the moderate socialist, here social-democratic, over there Menshevik party. At its head is the Jew Kerensky, a man whose treatment is a school example of Aryan good nature. His Jewish

Mother - I may insert here this instructive episode - was sentenced to death for participation in anarchist attacks and was pardoned to life by the father of the last Tsar because she was about to become the mother of this Kerensky.

And this Kerensky, of all people, who came to life through Aryan goodness, deposes the last tsar and is the forerunner of Bolshevism.

But there are still too many forces of resistance in Russia. Cold-bloodedly this people is now once more rushed into the offensive, once more the Aryan Russianness has to go to the slaughter. The last dissolution is made possible. Now, to speak again in the Freemason language, the "system of the red flag" alternates with the last system, the "Black flag system"; to take parliamentary expressions: the rule passes from the moderate socialist party into the hands of the radical socialist party, the Bolsheviks. Nothing stands in the way any longer. With all the violence of the state, the Jews carry out the radical slaughter of all good blood opposed to them, and all others bow down in fear. One could also use in this case the sentence from the Book of Esther, in which it says: and many Persians became Jews for fear of the Jews. In this black flag system, all the gentiles who are of weak character then run over to the Jew and become executioners' servants and servant spirits, braggarts and informers against their own peoples.

How fully developed this method of extermination is, you may see from the tactics of the GPU., which organizes planned again and again even uprisings with decoys against the own regime, in order to find again and again the heads, which would still cooperate in such an uprising and in order to be able to seize again and again, so that every head of the resistance, so that everyone, who would still be capable in this tormented Aryan people, even to think or even to be leader against the Bolshevik and Jew, would fall.

If you look at the Russian revolution, you can draw innumerable parallels to the German revolution of 1918. There is only one difference, that a benevolent Lord God, a benevolent fate set a dam against Judaism here and awakened forces of resistance and called Adolf Hitler to work at the right time, in 1919.

All in all, you may complete the picture for yourself on the basis of these examples, often only hinted at, and you will probably be able to gather innumerable small and large proofs of this blood painting of Bolshevism in the history of the peoples.

I hardly think that you can prove me wrong, and I ask you not to see details in exaggerated Aryan and German objectivity, but to see the overall line and to take from it that in the Jew, in the sub-human, and in his auxiliaries clever, in the organization capable of destruction, in the use of every opportunity and every possibility, on the parquet of the salon, in the anteroom of the ministers of state and monarchs, in assassination, in the mixing of poison, in the consciously directed murder ray, in the starvation of whole undesirable tribes of people, in intriguing, in defaming individual heads, in playing off leading personalities - who ought to be friends in life and death - in fighting in the streets just as in the dodges of the bureaucracy, in uprooting the peasant as in abusing the confession and the yearning for God - we are confronted by adroit opponents who have recognized better than we that in **these struggles there are no peace settlements, but only victors or vanquished, and that being defeated in this struggle means being dead for a people.**

You may also note that this opponent could write on his bloody flag of destruction a not inconsiderable number of victories not to be denied to him, the names of destroyed and exterminated peoples.

As far as some reflections on **Bolshevism of the past, present** and, all of you may never forget them, **even in the future.**

## **Our people**

How great our people were, what a high way of thinking they had, how accomplished their law was, is always apparent to me from the following fact:

### **Germanic Law.**

Ancient Germanic law prevented any individual, unappointed person, from destroying anything in nature, which was sacred to all people and created by God. Until relatively late times, it was forbidden in Germanic settlement areas to cut down an oak tree in the area of a village without the consent of the other farmers of the village. If it was allowed to be cut down, the obligation to plant three new ones was tied to it.

### **The divine order.**

In this legal image belongs the holy conviction of our ancestors that everything that existed and exists of life on this earth was created by God and animated by God. Foolish, malicious and stupid people have made of it the fable, the abomination fairy tale, as if our ancestors had worshipped gods and trees. No, they were convinced of the divine order of this whole earth, the whole plant and the whole animal world according to ancient knowledge and ancient teachings.

### **The right of the animal.**

Only an Aryan, a Teuton was capable to include the animal, which is lawless in uncounted other countries of this earth, into his legal order. Here, too, we find remnants until relatively late in the Middle Ages. Even in cases where the damage caused by animals was obvious, as in the case of a plague of rats or mice, we know traditions that the city council could not easily order the destruction of these mice and rats on its own initiative, because even these small animals, harmful to mankind but in this case, were anchored in the divine order, they too were and are created by God. So they were brought to court, and the decent German provided the small rodent with a defender in his court, and only after the legal proceedings, when it was proven that really rat or mouse had disturbed the order and harmony of this piece of earth, it could be decided to start a campaign of destruction against them.

Today we may laugh at the ancient, in our opinion childish views. It would be better if we impious people of the new and newest times would bow our heads before the depth and greatness of this world view, this deeply rooted faith in God and this order founded in the Lord God.

### **Culture Finds.**

I may show you other pictures. If we dig in the German earth, we find here and there in the crumb of the field we cultivate today, a few hand spans below our surface, precious copper, silver and gold pieces, which in the goodness of their forging and classical beauty are hardly or no longer attainable for us modern, technically so highly gifted people.

### **Ancestor worship.**

Or when we stand in front of the giant stone graves and here once the thought awakens in us like a people before most distant millennia, not miserably like us, built cemeteries, which are cleared after few human generations, from which the bones come into a box and which are then leveled, but how here our ancestors built a monument for millennia, in front of which we still stand in awe, in front of which today, perhaps, the thought dawns on some of us again that the veneration of the ancestors is the source of life for a people, since everyone who honors his ancestors measures his own greatness and his own importance with the right yardstick.

### **Bravery and strength.**

Or may I present to you once more a picture, the description which the Roman writers give us of the first tribes to appear historically in the Roman world, of the Cimbrians and Teutons, how unheard-of was their greatness, how irrepressible was their onslaught, which in indestructible strength broke up and overthrew one Roman army after another, until, indeed, these tribes also fell a victim to the errors of our ancestors, and were defeated and annihilated by Roman discipline and army order.

### **Astronomical knowledge.**

Let me show you a peaceful picture. If we look at the map today and draw on it ancient sites as we find them, and find that beyond the sight of the human eye they are astronomically located exactly place to place in a harmony, set up by an unheard of knowledge of the universe, not yet surpassed today, founded by men who must have lived in deepest reverence of that divine being who created many stars and also our star.

### **The oldest plow.**

I would like to give you another peaceful example, the plow, which is the oldest weapon of our people, the plow, which already 5000 years ago today historically provable was pulled through our soil in an outrageously meaningful order of cultivation for a beneficial change of the fruit.

We may remind you, and we want to say this here in accordance with the truth, that we did not get the plow from other peoples, but that the Romans took over the improved wheeled plow from our Germanic ancestors.

### **Scripture.**

As a last picture I may show you the runic writing, the mother of all characters probably of most peoples, which the earliest ancestors of the Aryan German people have knowingly conceived, created and invented. We still have a few examples from ancient times, of which one already believed that nature had overgrown them, the rock inscriptions, while of other uncounted script monuments we can only state that Charles the Frank collected them and that his Judaized son Louis the Pious burned them almost without exception in association with an uncomprehending church.

### **Our people's sorrowful history.**

That was, again only drawn in strokes, our people.

But if we look at the history of this people, it is the most sorrowful history in the last 2000 years that a people blessed with all the gifts of the spirit and the body could ever have and has had.

We ask the big question of why?

Here, too, I would like to limit myself to giving a few examples, which can only be a very few from the large series, in order to then try to give an answer.

### **Hermann the Cheruscan.**

The liberator of Germania from the rule of the Roman Empire was, as is known, Hermann the Cheruscan. He fell, killed by people of his own clan, of his blood, after his father-in-law had played his own daughter, the wife of the liberator, into the hands of the Romans.

### **The Germanic Secretary.**

I remind you of all the last centuries of the Roman Empire, whose rule and greatness were underpinned because, beginning with Caesar, whose closest collaborator and secretary was a Teuton, who organized Gaul for Rome, up to the times of the migration of the peoples, Germanic creative power, Germanic leadership genius, Germanic leadership skill and Germanic soldiering served again and again the corrupt Roman state, which was already racially condemned to death, against its own blood.

### **Widukind's desperate struggle.**

I remember the desperate fight of Widukind, which had to be lost, because the nobles of his own tribe and his own people, people of the same blood, who could not submit before, fell into the back of his own duke.

### **Battle of the Alemanni.**

I remind you of the oft-mentioned Alemanni battle, which was lost because their own so free Teutons did not tolerate their dukes of the same blood as they were, to overlook the battle, sitting on the horses, because otherwise they would have been half a human length taller than they were.

### **Peasants' War.**

I recall, last of all, the Peasants' Wars, in which a death-defying struggle was confronted with just as great disorder, fragmentation and indiscipline, in which a pure will and the wisely conceived ideal of the best minds of the peasantry for a German state sank into the pit after a lost battle together with the bloody corpses of incorrigibly foolish Teutons, and at the end of which only the tragic and discerning wish could be set that the grandchildren might fight it out better.

### **Our virtues and faults.**

Surely one of our best virtues is our irrepressible will for freedom. Surely the best hereditary property, which has been preserved up to our present time, is selection



of our blood, the goodness of our race. Both of these, however, alone, as they were developed in our freedom-loving people, were not only the incentive and impetus for cultural greatness and heroic struggle, but just as much the obstacles to the formation of a great state of all Germans and also the cause of all the defeats which we have had to accept century after century throughout our history.

It was not possible by the exaggerated estimation of the value of the I proud by equal good blood that one nobleman obeyed the other, that one duke kept loyalty to the other, that one subordinated himself to the other. Own leaders and own creators of the state, which undoubtedly often existed - starting from a Widukind up to a Florian Geyer - were never given the possibility by the Teutons of the same blood to create the German state. And in the end, because of these mistakes, empire after empire went to ruins, be it the empires of the Goths, the Vandals, the Burgundians, the Alemanni and many others.

Now that in the German area a state formation created by Germans and filled with German spirit did not come into being, the rule and consolidation into an empire dictated by other Germans, but with foreign spirit in blood and tears and misery, had to be accepted under the hardest fist.

Each time we see the same picture: the disobedience, the non-submission, the underestimation of the opponent and an unrealistic wishing of conditions, of political situations and of realities that were just not there. And again and again we were confronted with an opponent in some form or other, who, soberly, calculating with the real realities of the political struggle of this earth, advanced step by step and, despite the inferior quality and despite the inferior blood and despite the inferior culture, won over us again and again.

### **By their own fault.**

Thus our people - we want to state it for us as Germans - has gone the difficult way of the last 2000 years by own fault. Do not reproach any opponent for having won and demanded our blood; for the law of the wide world of God, the law of this earth and the law of the nations does not count the one who means better in his overflowing heart, but counts the one who wins.

Some will now quietly, reproachfully raise the question: why the terrible statements of guilt and error despite all virtues? Can we have faith for the future?

We want to say here freely and openly that nothing strengthens us in the belief in the future of our people and our blood so much as the fact that our people and our race, in spite of all mistakes and in spite of all suffering, are still alive today and have risen again to greatness today. We believe in the destiny and task of our blood and see in the history of the last two millennia not only defeat and misfortune, but a path of learning necessary for our own preservation.

## **The path to obedience**

### **Service of the church and knightly orders.**

At the beginning of our millennium, according to the commandment of the Church, almost all the sons of the best German families entered the service of the Church as its priests and princes. A great number took up the cross and walked the way of the cross of German blood in the far East, in desert and sand. A part of these crusading

Ritter arranged himself as a chivalrous priest in the various orders of knighthood, brought with him German bravery, German leadership, German incorruptibility, and went to the school of obedience, submission, and state authority in the order of the Roman Church, in the school that was already older than the Church itself.

### **The State of Frederick II in Sicily.**

And so this order of knights was involved in the creation of the first modern state of Frederick II in Sicily, built on the principles of state administration and authoritarian obedience. Filled with this knowledge, the Order was transplanted to the German East by the statesmanlike wisdom of the priestly nobleman Hermann of Salza in the first half of the 13th century and established here the German state of the Order in the Eastern region, which is well known to you.

It was easy to introduce obedience for the first time in the German area; for besides the absolute rule of the Christian religion, the circumstance contributed here that a knighthood of the noblest families, racially selected from the best German blood by struggle, pushed itself as a leading class over peoples and blood mixtures, which racially did not equal our people in value, so that besides the ecclesiastical obedience the value differential of performance and personality arose.

### **The Prussian Army.**

From this East Prussia, which the Electors of Brandenburg took over as kings in Prussia, the principles of organization of administration, cleanliness and, above all, unconditional obedience were adopted to Prussia. The Prussian army with its mercenaries became the first great school of absolute discipline in the inner Germany. This discipline was then only not based on the noblest motives of the human soul, but truly in many cases on the power of the stronger, of the state, on the pay and livelihood and on the fear of the sergeant's thumb.

### **The Prussia of Old Fritz.**

This lasted for some time until a heroic spirit, the greatest Prussian king, Old Fritz, himself led this disciplined army in three major wars. It is probably true that even in the last battles of the third Silesian war, behind the musketeer stood the Prussian officer with his esponent, who had been educated just as relentlessly to obedience in the cadet corps. And yet this obedience was already ennobled by the love for this leader, by the love for the nascent fatherland Prussia, by the honor of being able to be not only a mercenary, but a hero of this heroic Prussian army. And for the first time in this unconditional obedience the melody resounds: let us be good children of the country.

### **Wars of Liberation.**

The next step leads over a terrible defeat to the people's army of the liberation wars of 1812 to 1815, in which the burgher's son and student already feel it as honor to be able to be in voluntary obedience Landwehrmänner and soldiers of the Prussian people's army. And further the history goes in faster steps. More and more the concepts of freedom and honor as well as obedience have begun to approach the people.

## **1864, 1866.**

With the army of such a spirit Prussia can in the years 1864 and 1866 not only conquer and defeat the freedom-loving Schleswig-Holsteiners, Bavarians, Württembergers, and the other South Germans, who had in some respects followed related but not so straight paths, but also win them inwardly and incorporate them into the order and obedience of the German Empire out of inner conviction.

## **The World War.**

And once again, history moves forward half a century to our time, to the World War. Honor, freedom and obedience had moved even closer to each other. And two million of the best Germans enlist not only to fight for freedom, but just as willingly to enlist in the order of the best organization, the German army.

4½ years we are annealed through and once again the fate shows us that we had not yet finished learning. Fate showed it to those who must command and who in some places forgot that the last obedience in the time of the last, hardest test, when everything of crowns, symbols and outer insignia of state authority is obliterated in distress, mud and misery, is rendered by the people of the same blood only to leaders and only when honor, freedom and obedience resonate as one unclouded unison; it showed those who must obey that every disobedience, even if it once seemed to be justified out of supposedly injured honor and supposedly offended freedom, always strikes its own master and, as a violation of loyalty, as an original sin of the fathers, plunges its own people and thus every disobedient person himself into the depths.

## **The Führer and National Socialism.**

And now, as we hope, the last school of our way to obedience began for the German people, who had fallen apart at the seams. Fate sent us the Führer. Himself an obedient soldier of the great German army, he carried within him all the knowledge of freedom, honor and blood value of our people and took us into his school. In now 15 years of struggle and victory he educated first a few, then more and more of the most freedom-loving minds, the selection of the most militant German blood into National Socialists. Let me define this term today as follows: people who are conscious bearers of the value of our race and our blood, knowing that blood is the most necessary prerequisite for culture and greatness. At the same time he incited the will to freedom and honor of even the most fanatical to even stronger energy, to even more unbending will, and thirdly he subdued these forces of equal blood value, of the most irrepressible will to freedom and of the most sharply felt concept of honor in a voluntary and all the more obligatory obedience springing from blood, honor and the will to freedom.

I believe that German history and the self-inflicted suffering of our people can also be looked at with these eyes and I believe that it thereby reveals a meaning according to the eternal, benevolent law of this world and thus becomes at the same time an indication and an obligation that our people is not at the end but at the beginning of its mission and task given to it within the framework of the peoples of this earth.

## **The Schutzstaffel**

I may come to **the Schutzstaffel** itself, which is a part of this National Socialist German Workers' Party created and raised by Adolf Hitler and which, within the framework of the movement, has been given its special task by the Führer of securing the Reich internally.

### **Formation of the Schutzstaffel.**

When the order for the establishment of the Schutzstaffel was given by the Führer years ago, in 1925, and then in January 1929 the order for the larger organization of this unit was given, it was clear to us in 1929 that this Schutzstaffel could fulfill its task only if it was established to the highest degree according to the knowledge and the guidelines established by the Führer of the movement and the virtues instilled in it.

### **Realization of the value of blood and selection.**

The first guideline for us was and is the realization of the value of blood and selection. This premise was valid in 1929 and will be valid as long as there will be a Schutzstaffel.

Just as the seed breeder, who has to breed an old, good variety, which is mixed and degraded, first goes over the field for the so-called selection of perennials, we first tried to sift out the people we thought we could not use for the establishment of the Schutzstaffel.

The type of selection focused on the selection of those who physically most closely resembled the desired image, the Nordic-determined man. External characteristics such as height and racially corresponding appearance played and still play a role.

I do not need to assure you that this principle has become better and sharper over the years as we have gained more experience. I would also ask you to be convinced that we are fully aware that there can never be a standstill in this selection. Year after year our demands are becoming sharper in the same measure as the rise of German mankind is rising through the effect of the German Race Laws and the ever more awakening understanding of blood and breeding.

It must be the case that the conditions that will be imposed by our successors in a hundred years or more will demand many times more of the individual than can be the case today.

We also know that the first selection according to external aspects - today completed according to pedigrees and multiple examinations - can only be the first, but also only the very first selection principle, that a selection process going through all years of life in the Schutzstaffel must be the continuation and that the selection of those who are not suitable for us in terms of character, will, heart and thus blood must follow.

By laws, which we give ourselves, we want to make sure for all future that not every son of an SS family registered in the clan book of the SS has the eligibility or even the right to become an SS man again, but we want to make sure that only a part of the sons of these families are always accepted and recognized by us as SS men and we will be further concerned that the selection and the blood stream of the best German blood of the entire people may constantly enter the Schutzstaffel. - First of all, this about the principle of selection.

### **Will to freedom and fighting spirit.**

The second guideline and virtue that we tried to instill in the Schutzstaffel and give it as an inherent, indelible quality for all future is the will for freedom and the fighting spirit.

### **Performance testing.**

We have always had the ambition to be the best in every fight and in every place. And we are happy about every person and every association that equals or surpasses us in performance and fighting spirit, because everyone who equals us is a gain for Germany and would be proof for us that we ourselves had too little strength in us and that we should redouble our efforts, still purify our will to fight and still steel our toughness against ourselves.

By means of the hardest schooling, through which each of us must pass throughout his life, by means of performance examinations to be taken year after year, we will ensure that the courage and fighting spirit of each individual, but above all of the Führer Corps, will be put to the test again and again. At the same time, through these annually required performances, we will put a stop to the coziness that has so often become a deadly danger to the German people ever entering our ranks. Furthermore, a community from which physical and volitional achievements are demanded at equal intervals until old age will remain simple and in the long run will reject things which may be nice for a sedate life, but which could weaken our strength for Germany and bring the fighting spirit to a standstill.

### **Loyalty and honor.**

The third guideline and virtue necessary for the construction and essence of this protective squadron are the concepts of loyalty and honor. Both are inseparable from each other. They are laid down in two sentences, in the sentence that the Führer gave us: "My honor means loyalty" and in the sentence of the old German law: "All honor comes from faithfulness."

Many things, we teach the SS man, can be forgiven on this earth, but one thing never can, infidelity. Whoever violates fidelity excludes himself from our society. For faithfulness is a matter of the heart, never of the mind. The mind may stumble. It is sometimes harmful, but never incorrigible. The heart, however, always has the same pulse to beat, and if it stops, the person dies just as a nation dies if it breaks fidelity. By this we mean loyalty of every kind, loyalty to the Führer and thus to the Germanic people, its will and its kind, loyalty to the blood, to our ancestors and grandchildren, loyalty to our clan, loyalty to our comrade and loyalty to the immutable laws of decency, cleanliness and chivalry. One sins against loyalty and honor not only when he idly lets his or the Schutzstaffel's honor be violated, but especially when he does not respect the honor of others, when he mocks things that are sacred to others, or when he does not stand up for the absent, the weak, and the defenseless in a manly and decent manner.

### **Obedience.**

The fourth guideline and virtue that applies to us is that of obedience; obedience that comes unconditionally from the highest voluntariness, from service to our worldview, willing to make any, but also every sacrifice of pride, of external honors, and of all that is dear and valuable to us personally; obedience that is not a

The obedience, which is also silent in the time of political struggle, when the will for freedom believes it must be outraged, which does not lift a finger against the enemy when it is forbidden, which obeys just as unconditionally and goes on the attack, even if it should once believe that it cannot overcome it in its heart.

We are honest enough not to claim that all these laws have already been grasped to the last man and to the last, deepest understanding. However, we believe we can claim that in six years now the Schutzstaffel has started, has been built up and lives according to these guidelines. We know that we are absorbing more and more of these virtues year by year and that they are becoming more and more a natural part of every SS man's life. We are convinced that if, years from now, sooner or later, when fate decides, we are no longer the first generation of this Schutzstaffel, we will be able to hand down these virtues as a full inheritance, as the best tradition, to those who will be SS men after us.

### **Marriage Act.**

According to these guidelines and virtues, we gave ourselves laws and established the life of our community and set the path for a distant future. - The first law issued was the SS order in 1931, which required marriage and engagement permission for every SS man. We have drawn the conclusion from the realization of the value of blood. We realized that it would be nonsensical to attempt to gather men of racial selection and not to think of the clan. We do not want to make the mistake of the soldiers' and men's unions of the past, which may well exist for centuries and then sink into nothingness because the bloodstream of breeding and the tradition of the clan are missing. We know from the deepest, innermost conviction that a community will only be able to go the way into the future if it lives in reverence for the ancestors of the most distant and grayest past, convinced of the eternal origin of its people. We know that only when the knowledge of whole blood is understood as an obligation, as a sacred legacy to be passed on in a pure clan, a race and a people will have eternal life. We are imbued with the conviction that only the generation embedded between ancestors and grandchildren absorbs the correct measure of the greatness of its task and obligation, and of the minuteness of its own and transient significance.

### **The victory of the child.**

We have learned that only the man of this conviction learns to be modest even in times of success and to avoid the mistake of overconfidence, of arrogance, that likewise only such men endure the times of heaviest burden with the same iron calm as they survive the times of happiness modestly and spartanly simple. We therefore teach our SS men, beyond the law of the marriage order, beyond the education to choose the right kind of woman, that all our struggle, the death of the two million of the World War, the political struggle of our last 15 years, the building up of our Wehrmacht for the protection of our borders would be in vain and futile, if the victory of the German spirit would not be followed by the victory of the German child.

We have made it one of our tasks to lead the way here, too, not by word and speech, but by deed and example in our own ranks. We will

Today and in the future, impress upon our men once again that the holiest and most precious person of our people is every mother of our blood who is conscious of the holiness of her duty, and that the most precious possession is the German child.

### **Honor Law of the SS Man.**

As a further law, on this November 9, 1935, it was established by order that every SS man had the right and the duty to defend his honor with arms. At the same time it was stipulated in the order that SS man in the sense of the Order of the SS is every member of the SS who, after serving a period of 1½ years as an aspirant, after taking his SS oath to the Führer, after honorably completing his labor service and military service at the age of 21, is awarded the SS dagger, the weapon, and is thus accepted into the Order of the SS as a fully valid SS man. SS man is every one of us, whether man by rank or Reichsführer. We have given ourselves this honorary law because we are convinced that only the man who knows that he will be called to account at some point for every one of his deeds and words will grasp the ultimate meaning of our community and learn again to serve his people as an irreproachably clean soldier of life. For this law of honor obliges him as much to preserve his own honor as respect for others requires of him, and as, with all the rigor of principle, kindness and magnanimity toward his comrades, his fellowmen, and his fellow human beings, it imposes upon us as a duty.

I would now like to comment on a few problems. To the first. In a booklet entitled "50 Questions and Answers for the SS Man" the first question is: "What is your oath?"

**The answer is: "We swear allegiance and bravery to you, Adolf Hitler, as leader and chancellor of the German Reich. We pledge obedience to you and to the superiors you designate until death. So help us God!"**

The second question is, "So you believe in a God?" The answer is, "Yes, I believe in a Lord God."

The third question is, "What do you think of a person who believes in no God?"

The answer is: "I think he is arrogant, megalomaniac and stupid; he is not suitable for us."

I have shared these three questions and answers with you in order to clearly state our position on religion. Be convinced, we would not be able to be this sworn corps if we did not have the conviction and faith in a Lord God who is above us, who created us and our fatherland, our people and this earth, and sent us our leader.

We are sacredly convinced that according to the eternal laws of this world we have to answer for every deed, for every word and for every thought, that everything what our mind conceives, what our tongue speaks, and what our hand performs, is not finished with the event, but is a cause which will have its effect, which in the incessant, inescapable cycle will fall back on ourselves and on our people for blessing or for blessing. Believe, people with this conviction are anything but atheists. We forbid ourselves, however, because as a community we do not commit ourselves to this or that denomination, to any dogma, or even demand this of any of our men,

to be called atheists by misusing the word heathen. However, we take the right and the freedom to draw a sharp and clean line between ecclesiastical, denominational activity and political, ideological soldiering and will repel any encroachment in the strongest possible way, Just as we educate our men, in spite of many justified grievances and the worst experiences that our people have had in this area in the past, to respect everything that is sacred to any member of the people - out of his upbringing and conviction - without any offence by word or deed.

### **Blood and soil.**

The second statement I would like to make here before you, German peasants, as Reichsführer SS, who I myself am by descent, blood and nature, peasant: The idea of blood, which has been advocated in the Schutzstaffel from the very beginning, would be condemned to death if it were not inextricably linked with the conviction of the value and sanctity of the soil. From the very beginning, the Race and Settlement Main Office has set down in its name the concept of "blood and soil" in other words, but in the same sense. Let me assure you that it is no coincidence that the Reichsbauernführer of the German Reich has for years belonged to the SS as a leader and is the head of this Rasse- und Siedlungs- Hauptamt as Obergruppenführer, just as it is no coincidence that I am a farmer and belong to the Reichsbauernrat. Farmers and SS-men both do not belong to the kind of people who superfluously say many kind and friendly words. However, let it be clearly and audibly stated here, as it has been up to now, it shall be according to our will also for the future. Where Adolf Hitler's peasants stand, they will always have the Schutzstaffel by their side as their most loyal friend, just as we know that where Adolf Hitler's Schutzstaffel stands, the German peasant stands by his side as his best comrade and friend. That is how it is today and that is how it will be for all the future.

### **Security Service and Secret State Police.**

I know that there are some people in Germany who feel sick when they see this black skirt; we understand this and do not expect to be loved by too many. We will and should be respected by all those who care about Germany; we should be feared by those who somehow and sometime have to have a bad conscience towards the Führer and the nation. For these people we have built up an organization called the Security Service, and likewise we, the SS, provide the men for service in the Secret State Police. We will ceaselessly fulfill our task of being the guarantors of Germany's security at home, just as the German Wehrmacht guarantees the safeguarding of the Reich's honor and greatness and peace to the outside world. We will see to it that never again in Germany, the heart of Europe, from within or through emissaries from without, the Jewish-Bolshevik revolution of the subhuman sparked can be ignited. Mercilessly we will be a needleless executioner for all these forces, whose existence and doings we know, on the day of even the slightest attempt, be it today, be it in decades or in centuries.

### **Bolshevism not a daily phenomenon.**

Returning to the beginning, I would like to emphasize once again that we do not see in Bolshevism a phenomenon of the day that can be easily debated out of the world or thought away according to our wishes. We know him, the Jew, the



A people which is composed of the waste products of all peoples and nations of this globe and which has put the stamp of its Jewish blood on all of them, whose desire is world domination, whose lust is destruction, whose will is extermination, whose religion is godlessness, whose idea is Bolshevism. We do not underestimate him because we have known him for millennia, we do not overestimate him because we believe in a divine mission of our people and our power resurrected through Adolf Hitler's leadership and work.

### **The Schutzstaffel.**

We, the Schutzstaffel, have now been founded and grown in this newly risen people according to the Fuehrer's order. If I tried to describe to you today what the organization, the structure and the task of the SS is, still nobody will be able to understand us who does not try to grasp us inwardly with his blood and his heart. It cannot be explained why we, so few in number, within the framework of the German people about two hundred thousand men, have this power within us. It cannot be explained logically why today every one of us who wears the black skirt, no matter where he is, is carried by the strength of this community of ours, whether he is sitting in the saddle of the racing horse, fencing on the sports field, whether he is serving as a civil servant, whether he is carrying stones as a worker on the building site, or whether he is governing in the highest office of the state, whether he is serving as a soldier, whether he has to stand his ground somewhere - perhaps unseen - as a human being. Each of us knows that he does not stand alone, but that this unheard-of force of two hundred thousand people sworn together gives him immeasurable strength, just as he knows that as a representative of this black corps he has to do honor to this community of his by best performance in his place. Thus we have started and are marching according to unalterable laws as a national socialist order of Nordic determined men and as a sworn community of their clans, the way to a distant future and wish and believe that we would like to be not only the grandchildren who fought it out better, but moreover the ancestors of latest generations necessary for the eternal life of the Germanic people.