

HOMELESS IN PARADISE

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Hear Our Voice - Part 11



The anguish of the angels was shared around the world.

Italian Renaissance Prophecy Fulfilled

(A Prose Poem)

And, lo, it came to pass in the Republic of Florence between 1460 and 1510 an artist known as Botticelli painted twin angels; and they became the most -beloved cherubs in history; and their names were revealed during April--National Poetry Month in America-- as Ahmad and Aya al-Yousef after they died of asphyxiation at age 9 months from foaming at their mouths in an attack of chemical gas sarin in Idlib Province in Northern Syria on April 4, 2017; and their photo by Alaa al-Yousef with their 29-year old father, farmer Abdel Hameed al-Yousef, went viral via Associated Press. Then there came much weeping, shouting and gnashing of teeth, and a disciplinary attack by the United States came on April 6, while the world prepared to celebrate one of the most-holy weeks in civilization: Passover, celebrating homeless Jews' exodus from slavery in Egypt, and Easter, meaning resurrection and new life.

Then God was rumored to have said it was Good, but a lot of folks claim such news is fake. wsp

THE ANGUISH OF THE ANGELS THAT WAS FELT AROUND THE WORLD

By Wanda Sue Parrott

VOTING is the sixth Action suggested by the Pink Pussyhat Movement.

If you practice the "Hear Our Vote!" techniques recommended during the Trump administration's first 100 days, you'll learn to encourage people to register to vote.

You'll inspire disillusioned voters to reactivate voting privilege.

You might even run for office yourself.

The Hear Our Vote! campaign lets elected representatives know you have the power to fire them by voting them out of office in 2018, thus weakening the Trump administration if you still feel so inclined.

Sounds simple? Well, it isn't. That's because two huge questions loom:

1. To further bomb or not to bomb Syria?

During the 6-year Syrian civil war, the world has watched waves of refugees flee to Turkey and other nations, thus increasing the global population of homeless men, women, and children.

The United Nations recently estimated that 13.5 million people need assistance, including 4.7 million in besieged or barely accessible areas.

Back in August 2013, hundreds were killed in a chemical attack near Damascus in which deadly sarin gas was used. President Barack Obama declared a “red line” the US would not cross and, thus, opted to let the Syrians solve their own internal problems.

The unresolved issue of whether to admit Syrian refugees was complicated by last week’s chemical attack on Khan Sheikhoun’s main medical clinic.

According to media reports, President Trump was deeply moved by the photo of 29-year-old Abdel Hameed al-Yousef holding the bodies of his nine-year old twins, who died in the chemical attack.

Al-Yousef had been trying to help others while his wife and babies sought safety. The air had a strange smell. When he returned, they were foaming at the mouth. His wife Tallulah and babies died and were later buried in a mass grave into which at least 20 family members were thrown.

He told ABC News, “I said, ‘Hello, darlings. I took too long. I rescued everyone else, but I couldn’t rescue you.’”



The photo, left, went viral at:

<https://www.google.com/search?q=photo+babies+syria+gas>.

The image of al-Yousef and the babies galvanized Trump to order an airstrike that allegedly killed eight and wounded others on April 6. Fifty-nine Tomahawk missiles were fired from a US warship in the Mediterranean on Shayrat Air Base in Homs Province from which aircraft carrying deadly gas reputedly took off.

Thus remains the second unanswered question:

2. To admit or not admit Syrian refugees into the US?

A Turkish health minister has now confirmed last week’s victims were, indeed, exposed to sarin, a banned nerve agent that President Bashar al-Assad declared Syria no longer possesses.

According to the Britain-based Syrian Observer for Human Rights, at least 87 civilians, including 31 children and 20 women, were killed in the chemical attack on April 4, the fourth day of National Poetry Month in the US and the 72nd day of Trump’s “immigration crackdown” administration.

Just when Trump appeared to be bombing as the country’s 45th president, his stand might mark a turning point in his honeymoon history.

What To Do Next?

While scientists were planning Science Day marches combined with Earth Day activities in protest of Trump’s anti-environmental/ecological policies on Sat., April 19, this anonymously penned haiku hit Facebook:

*Syria’s been struck
our new president just bombed
what next... fuck or luck*

See Earth Day/Science Day at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_Day.

You may send postcards to your elected representatives stating how you want him or her to vote on the two looming questions. For details about “Hear Our Vote!” please contact <https://www.womensmarch.com/vote/>.

Follow your own heart and hope or pray for the best outcome.

Remember, this is a week known for miracles.

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