

“Jew-boy ... negroes ... mestizos ... tens of millions of mestizos in this country... Indians... Japanese ... Asians ... there are millions and jillions of them ... and they’ve gotta go ... extinction as a people ... it’s all over if we let ‘em stay ... White Aryan Resistance calling ...” —Tom Metzger, founder of the White Aryan Resistance.

“jüdischen Intellektuellismus (Jewish intellectualism)... der deutschen Weg die Gäste frei gemacht (the German way made free of the ‘guests’)” — Joseph Goebbels

“die größte Tat (the greatest act) ... für unser Volk (for our People) ... das eigene Volk (our own People) ... für dieses Volk (for this People) ... bei mir kämpfen (fighting along with me)” — Adolph Hitler

“We have some planes ... Don’t try to make any stupid moves ... just stay quiet ... nobody move” — Mohammed Atta

“We will stay here ... we’re not gonna back down ... ‘til doomsday ... we will never, never, never give in.” — a former U.S. congressman.

“Lay down the law.” — Ian Paisley

“What we saw on Tuesday, as terrible as it is, could be miniscule if in fact God continues to lift the curtain and allow the enemies of America to give us probably what we deserve.” —Jerry Falwell.

“Gee, that’s my feeling. I think we’ve just seen the antechamber to terror. We haven’t even begun to see what they can do to the major population.” — Pat Robertson

“I really believe that the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and the lesbians, who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People for the American Way—all of them, who have secularized America. I point the thing in their face and say ‘You helped this happen.’” —Jerry Falwell.

“will be no more ... an Aryan separatist state” —Tom Metzger

“niemals erlahmen (never slacken) ... niemals ermüden (never tire) ... niemals vertragen (never tolerate) ... niemals verzweifeln (never despair)” — Adolph Hitler

Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy.)  
Christe eleison (Christ have mercy.)  
Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy.)

September 11, 2001 was an exceptionally clear autumn day here in upstate New York. I recall that as I walked to my office early that morning I felt the warmth of the sun on my back, even as the air still seemed a bit crisp. I remember looking up and admiring the patterns forming in the contrails of a bright silver jetliner as it flew overhead. What a beautiful day, I thought.

The hatred that became manifest that day has not been unique, as we know. In this piece I have placed the voices of the hijackers along with the voices of others whose hatred has resulted in the destruction of many lives or continues to cause many to fear for their lives. Among others, you will hear the voices of a white supremacist (sampled from a telephone hotline), a Congressman, and three men who are called "reverend" and who presumably were ordained to share the Good News of God's love.

Poised against this cacophony of hatred the choir sings a prayer: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.