

## David Hicks and 'Freedom'

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David Hicks walked 'free' from Yatala high security prison yesterday but freedom is a very ambiguous term and an extremely elusive state. Hicks is discovering, after his release, that prison walls are not necessarily physical. After suffering five years of the most insidious, horrendous, psychological and physical TORTURE at the Guantanamo Bay torture facility, David Hicks could in no way be described as 'free.' He will carry the scars left by Guantanamo for the rest of his life - psychologically Hicks remains incarcerated. However, he need not remain a mental cripple, many have survived torture to live and 'fight' again.

[The author writes with the authority of one who has experienced torture at the hands of the state but has emerged from the experience to regain his self-respect, self-worth and to become a stronger and more effective human being. After a period of psychological re-construction a new (awesome) being emerged from the VICTIM he once was! Ed.]

The Freedom to which I refer is NOT the 'freedom' experienced by the Iraqi population since America began violently exporting its version of freedom to the world - we have seen Rice's callous efforts in South Lebanon and the one million civilian deaths in Iraq. We are all too familiar with the 'freedom, liberty and democracy' the U.S. wishes to impose on the world.

I refer to another aspect of American 'freedom' - the gag order! Have any of you mindless morons thought for a second that imposing a gag order on a person is the height of medieval repression? Who is it that fears a person's right to SPEAK, what is it THEY have to fear?

Unlike your torturers Mr Hicks, take heart from the FACT that you have not spilled a drop of human blood in anger or harmed a human soul. The illegal military commission that sentenced you, with the FULL SUPPORT of the HOWARD LIBERAL GOVERNMENT, will be seen in the historical context for the despicable inhuman criminals they really are. Fear not Mr Hicks, JUST FIGHT! RAGE your way out of the darkness and horrors of your past and emerge a fighter for PEACE and REAL freedom from the oppression and slavery America wishes to impose on the world - you do not need religion to accomplish that end! You actually have a head start on most; you are internationally known and YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD; choose your words well, David Hicks. Turn every disaster to advantage!

THIS IS AUSTRALIA! I emphasise because it seems the U.S. poison is seeping into our FREE EGALITARIAN culture - WHO IS IT THAT DEMANDS AN APOLOGY FROM A VICTIM OF TORTURE, has the man not suffered enough? Who is it that would psychologically harass a VICTIM of the most criminal regime since the Nazis? Please list your names and addresses so we may all know the traitors in our midst!

Do YOU think it appropriate that John Howard apologise for his complicity in the deaths of over one million people, you mindless fucks? Or perhaps we should honour these GUTLESS COWARDS and criminals with medals - give us a break! NO! Is it not time NOW to place the real criminals on trial for their obvious crimes against humanity and the lies that sent us to a war that resulted in a

HOLOCAUST!

In an act of ventriloquy, allow all freedom-loving Australians to circumvent your gag order Mr Hicks and voice their sentiments on the whole unjust affair. To the local cringers and foreign torturers, GO AND GET YOURSELVES WELL AND TRULY FUCKED!

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