

I don't have to tell you things are bad. Everybody knows things are bad. The dollar buys a nickel's worth. Banks are going bust. Shopkeepers keep a gun under the counter. Foreigners are running wild in the street, raping and murdering Americans and no one wants to do anything to stop them. There's nobody anywhere who seems to know what to do, and there's no end to it. We know the air is unfit to breathe and our food is unfit to eat.

We sit watching our TVs while some local newscaster tells us that today we had 15 homicides and 63 violent crimes as if that's the way it's supposed to be! We know things are bad. Worse than bad. They're crazy. It's like everything everywhere is going crazy, so we don't go out anymore. We sit in the house and slowly the world we're living in is getting smaller. And all we say is, "Please, at least leave us alone in our living rooms. Let me have my toaster and my TV, my steel-belted radials and I won't say anything. Just leave us alone."

Well I'm not gonna leave you alone. I want you to get mad! I don't want you to protest, I don't want you to riot. I don't want you to write to your congressman because I wouldn't know what to tell you to write. I don't know what to do about the depression and the inflation and the Muslims and the crime in the street. All I know is that first you've got to get mad! You've got to say, "I'm a human being, goddamn it! My life has value!"

What your government pays for it gets. When we understand that, then we look at government financed institutions of education and see the kind of student and the kind of education that is being turned out by these government financed schools, and logic will tell you that if what is being turned out in those school was not in accord with what the state and the federal government wanted, then it would change it. The government doesn't want well-adjusted, intelligent Americans; it wants dull-witted, obedient slaves who are satisfied with a bowl of beans and two tickets to the circus.

The bottom line is that the government is getting what they have ordered. They do not want your children to be educated. They do not want you to think too much. That is why our country and our world has become so proliferated with entertainments, mass media, television shows, amusement parks, drugs, alcohol and every kind of entertainment, to keep the human entertained, so that you don't get in the way of important people by doing too much thinking. You had better wake up and understand that there are people who are guiding your life and you don't even know it."

We are in a lot of trouble because you people and 100 million other Americans are listening to me right now. Because less than 3 percent of you people have ever read a book. Because less than 15 percent of you have ever read a newspaper. Because the only truth you know is what you get on television.

Right now there is an entire generation that never knew anything that didn't

come out of the tube or a hand-held computer tablet. The tube is the gospel, the ultimate revelation. The tube can make or break presidents, popes, prime ministers. The tube is the most awesome goddamn force in the whole godless world and woe to us, when it fell into the hands of the wrong people. And when the largest company in the world controls the most awesome goddamn propaganda force in the whole godless world, who knows what shit will be peddled for truth on the networks?

So you listen to me..listen to me: Television is not the truth. Television is a goddamned amusement park. Television is a circus, a carnival, a traveling troop of acrobats, story tellers, dancers, singers, jugglers, sideshow freaks, lion tamers and football players. They do not live to recite the real news of the world; they are in the boredom killing business.

But you people sit there day after day, night after night, all ages, colors, creeds, staring at the tube with your mouths hanging open. Talking heads on TV are all you know. You're beginning to believe the illusions they are spinning, you are beginning to think the tube is reality and your own lives are unreal. You do whatever the tube tells you. You dress like the tube, eat like the tube, raise your children like the tube, you even think like the tube.

This is mass madness you maniacs. In god's name you people are the real—think—TV is the illusion!

The last thing the men behind the curtain want is a conscious, informed public capable of critical thinking. Which is why a continually fraudulent zeitgeist is output via religion, the mass media, and the educational system. They seek to keep you in a distracted, naive bubble. And they are doing a goddamned good job of it.