

## ***Hatred – You’ve Got to be Taught***

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*(Family therapist SaraKay Smullens took poetic license with the insightful poetry of South Pacific.)*

### *You’ve got to be taught to be afraid*

Last week: A family sits in my office: A father is screaming at his 13 year old: “How dare you bring that no good for nothing nigger to our home!!” The father picks up his hand to slap his child – his wife begins to scream, then cry – his daughter runs from the room ---

### *Of people whose eyes are differently made*

1941: following Pearl Harbor – Japanese-American **citizens** are interred in camps, where they remain throughout WWII.

### *And people whose skin is a different shade*

1962: James Meredith is escorted under National Guard to become the first African American to integrate the University of Mississippi.

2001: His son Joseph earns a doctorate in business administration from his father’s alma mater and graduates at the top of his class.

### *You’ve got to be carefully taught*

1925: Adolf Hitler’s **Mein Kampf**: “On this planet of ours human culture and civilization are indissolubly bound up the presence of the Aryan. If he should be exterminated or subjugated, then the dark shroud of a new barbarian era would enfold the earth.” “Jewish youth wait for hours on end satanically glaring at and spying on the unconscious girl whom he plans to seduce, adulterating her blood with the ultimate idea of bastardizing the white race which they hate and thus lowering its cultural and political level so that the Jew might dominate.”

1947: George C. Marshall describes a plan that offers hope to 270 million devastated Europeans following World War II: “Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine, but against hunger, poverty, desperation, and chaos.”

### *You’ve got to be taught*

Hate Groups: Many are proudly, openly racist. Others are “revisionist” about the Holocaust, attempting to dismiss and diminish all horrors of genocide and mass murder. Many are extremely homophobic. The Westboro Church in Topeka, Kansas carries signs to funerals of those they perceive to be gay with signs which read: “God hates fags.”

### *Before it’s too late*

The Taliban: the invisibility of women: A woman may not laugh loudly and must not wear shoes that produce any sound as they walk. Women must remain

uneducated, may be stoned if raped, whipped for showing their ankles in public, and have their fingers cut off for using nail polish.

Quote from the Holy Koran 4:135: "... and among His signs is this, that He created for you mates from among yourselves that you may dwell in tranquillity, and he has put love and mercy between you..."

*Before you are 6, or 7, or 8*

The textbook **Islamic Education**: "Beware of the fratricidal war the Jews are trying to start and also beware of their evil plans against the Muslims." "The Moslem sacrifices himself for this faith and fights a Jihad for Allah. He does not know cowardice because he understands that the time of this death is already ordained that his dying as a Martyr on the field of battle is preferable to dying in bed."

*To hate all the people your relatives hate*

William Shakespeare's prophetic **Romeo and Juliet**: An ancient family feud poisons and murders innocence, destining two young lovers to become helpless victims: "For never was a story of more woe, than this of Juliet and her Romeo."

*You've got to be carefully taught*

NBC News Analysis by Jim Maceda: " Security sources tell NBC News that it's no coincidence that two suicide blasts occurred after more than a month of relative calm...(These bombings) coincide with high level talks between Israelis and Palestinians who are taking small steps toward an agreement...the spoilers of peace...(are sending) a signal to Israel and moderate Palestinians that they won't play ball – even in times of peace."

O yes, *You've got to be carefully taught* and learn to see truth --

"On an individual level, people can get along. The problems are in the political arena." said Faud Abu Rumeileh, father of 7 year old Arab Yasmin, who received a kidney transplant from a Jewish student Yoni Jesner, killed in a suicide bombing. "There is no difference between us, between Arab and Jew," said Yasmin's mother. "God willing, there will be peace between us."

Family therapist SaraKay Smullens ([www.sarakaysmullens.com](http://www.sarakaysmullens.com)) took poetic license with the insightful poetry of **South Pacific**. The themes of how ones learns to love and hate are explored in her recent book, **Setting Yourself Free: Breaking the Cycle of Emotional Abuse in Family, Friendships, Work, and Love** (New Horizon Press).