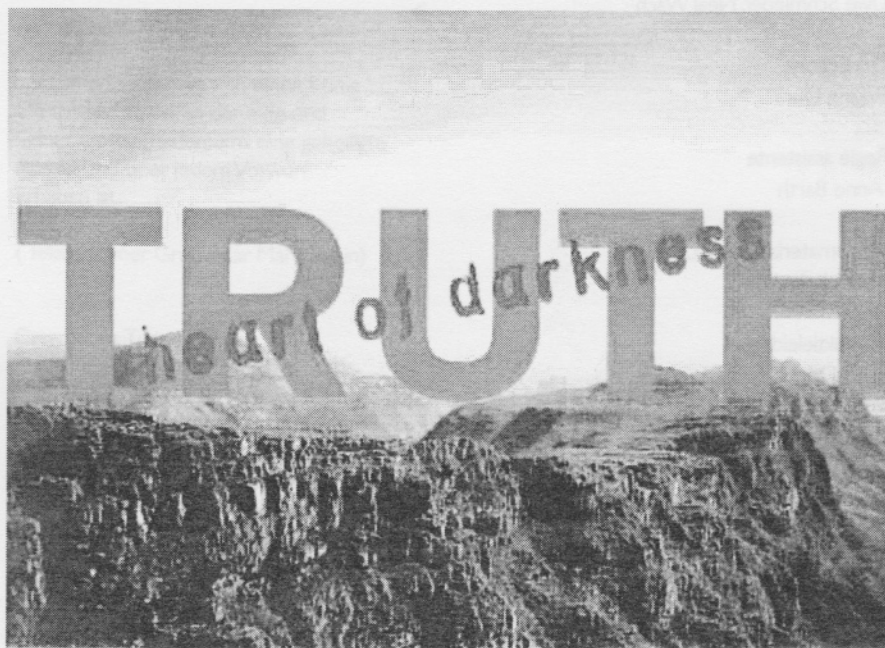


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Logbuch

... So geh ich nicht zurück nicht suchen
Finden heißt mein auftrag den ich
Einmal angenommen auch vollende
Und verlier ich meine Hände notier
Ich den Bericht in meinem Schädel...

(Tekst : Reiner Groß, naar Joseph Conrad)

Der gesalbte König Leopold

...Schämen sollten sie sich einen König
Derart bloßzustellen der aufgrund
Seines Gottesgnadentums eine geheiligte
Person und über jedem Vorwurf
Erhaben ist.

(Tekst : Reiner Groß, naar Mark Twain)

Casement's Trip

"... Men, he said, still came to him whose hands had been cut off by the Government soldiers during those evil days, and he said there were still many victims of this species of mutilation in the surrounding country. Two cases of the kind came to my actual notice while I was on the lake. One, a young man, both of whose hands had been beaten off with the butt-ends of rifles against a tree, the other a young lad of eleven or twelve years of age, whose right hand was cut off at the wrist. This boy described the circumstances of his mutilation, and, in answer to my inquiry, said that although wounded at the time he was perfectly sensible of the severing of his wrist, but lay still fearing that if he moved he would be killed. In both these cases the Government soldiers had been accompanied by white officers whose names were given to me.'
(uit : Roger Casement 'the Congo Report' 1904)

Truth and reconciliation Commission Papers

-Let us try and establish this rule. I ask you questions and you answer them. Have you read the text and understood it? Is the answer "yes" ?
-Mr. Chairperson, may I just say the following? You do not impress me with what you say, you do not impress me at all. I answer, I am free, I have my own right in answering how I choose to.
-But I think if you just please bear in mind that we are now questioning you. If you could answer the question, it's a fairly simple question and if you just could listen and answer. Have you read it and understood it?
- Mr: Chairperson I have the right to say what I wish to say. Before I answer, I would like to say, what I want to say: I was a professional soldier from the South African Defence Forces ...
(Transcriptie 14 maart 2000, Kaapstad , CCB-Amnesty-hoorzitting)

