

Mein Kampf

Hitler (Ford translation)

*All quotes from the book are in red.

VOLUME ONE: An Accounting

1. Childhood Home

1. Germans will only earn the right to acquire foreign soil when the Reich has expanded to include every German.
2. Local religious leaders as an ideal to aspire to
3. The great heroic battle (Franco-Prussian War) had become my greatest spiritual experience
4. History was favorite subject.
5. Who could possibly study German history under such a teacher without becoming an enemy of a State (Austria) whose ruling house had such a catastrophic influence on the nation?
6. In the north and south (Austria), foreign people came in and poisoned the body of our nation.
7. Viewed Hapsburg Monarchy as hypocritical – appears German on the outside but not on the inside
8. As a boy, he determined that: **the safety of German culture in Austria first required the destruction of Austria, and that feelings of nationalism have nothing to do with patriotism to an Imperial dynasty.**
9. Was captivated by Wagner (surprise, surprise)

2. Years of Learning and Suffering in Vienna

1. References Fate
2. One's own painful struggle for existence destroys his feeling for the misery of those left behind.
3. "Studied" social situation and human condition in Vienna
4. It is not a matter of distributing favors, but of retribution and justice.
5. Asserts that he understood social struggle by experiencing it
6. He (poor laborer) has so frequently switched between working and non-working through no fault of his own that he no longer notices whether the strike in which he takes part will secure him any economic rights or whether it is an attempt to destroy the State, the whole social order, and even civilization itself. He may not like the idea of going on strike, but he is completely indifferent when he is handed strike papers.
 - a. Does this excuse German complicity in the Holocaust?
7. I saw all this going on in hundreds of cases (ref. to watching poor laborers squander their wages in their lack of self-control)... I later came to realize the tragedy of this suffering and to understand its deeper causes.
 - a. Omniscient?
 - b. Is he accepting these "sinners"?... Is there a parallel to Christ?
8. Fate will move toward retribution unless mankind placates destiny before time runs out.
 - a. Parallel to idea of state intervention in racial purification
9. I experienced a deep feeling of social responsibility to establish a better system for our development. I knew it would require brutal determination to destroy human outgrowth which had no chance of being preserved and corrected. Fate does not focus on preserving what exists; nature concentrates on breeding a new generation to perpetuate the species.
 - a. Ref. to some humans as lesser beings
 - b. Ref. to idea of state intervention
 - c. Is he taking responsibility for directing this movement?
 - d. What gives him the power to understand Fate?

10. I do not know what horrified me more – the economic misery of my neighbors, their moral weakness, or the low state of their intellectual development.
 - a. Considering the generalizations made about the Christian and Jewish populations in the late 1800s and early 1900s, does this description fit the Jews or the Christians? If not the Jews, how is this hypocritical given what we know occurs in Nazi Germany?
11. The ability to “nationalize” a people is primarily a question of creating healthy social conditions that can be used to educate the individual.
 - a. Movie trash, cheap journalism, and the like are ineffective
12. Pompously says that he has a superior definition of “reading” – i.e. the ability to categorize information he reads and immediately spot everything he believes he needs to remember
13. He was not ALWAYS anti-Semitic. When he first purchased anti-Semitic pamphlets, their “shallow and unscientific proofs” made him doubtful.
14. He grew anti-Semitic in response to the Zionist movement, as he said there was fictitious conflict between the Zionists and the Liberal Jews was false through and through and contradicted to the moral dignity and pure character their race had always prided itself upon.
15. Believes that Jews are both physically and morally unclean
16. When he realized the Jew was the manager of this immoral trade [secrecy, white slavery, Jews and WWI] among the scum of the city he could no longer ignore the Jewish question.

3. General Political Considerations of my Vienna Period

1. Associates democracy with weakness: This new invention of democracy has a quality which recently has grown to a real scandal. The cowardice of our so-called “leadership” is obvious. How lucky for them that when it comes to any decisions of importance, they can hide behind the skirts of the majority.
2. Believes that the press takes care of the “work of enlightenment.”
3. Believes that the Triple Entente would never have formed if Austria had not been an irresistibly tempting prize.
 - a. Believes that the forces behind International Jewish World Finance needed this bait [Austria] in order to carry out its long-cherished plan of destroying Germany.
4. Says that “the state” does not have any particular economic purpose – its only purpose and meaning is to be a collection of physically and spiritually similar people who, together, make the preservation of their species possible, as well as the accomplishment of the goal which Providence has set for their existence.
 - a. The state is a race oriented organization and not an economic organization.
 - b. The people must be willing to back it [the state] up by whatever means are necessary.
5. Says that the Jewish State has never been limited by space; the ability of the Jewish State to sail under the colors of “religion” is one of the most brilliant tricks ever.

11. People and Race

1. The consequence of this instinct for race purity, which is found universally throughout Nature, is not only the sharp outward difference between the separate races, but their uniform nature within themselves of their character that is unique to each species.
2. The will to sacrifice, to devote personal labor and, if necessary, life itself to others, is most highly developed in the Aryan. The Aryan’s greatest power is not his mental qualities necessarily, but in the extent of his readiness to devote all his abilities to the service of the community.

3. Believes that once “Protocols of the Elders of Zion” is understood by all that the Jewish threat can be destroyed.
4. A movement made up of laborers was thereby created [by Marxism] but under Jewish leadership. It gives the impression that it aims to improve the conditions of the worker lives under, but its true intent is to enslave him and thus totally destroy all non-Jewish people.
5. Freemasonry spread their [the intellectuals’] teaching which paralyzed the instinct for national self-preservation.

Volume Two: The National-Socialist Movement

1. World-Concept and Party

1. The movement’s only hope to achieve strength and power was to impress upon audiences the party’s vision for a new World-Concept.
2. Party can begin the struggle for “reshaping” the Reich, as it is called.
 - a. Is it significant that he wrote “The party” instead of “I”?
3. Party aimed to frighten off the petty and weak minds of [their] present party politicians.
4. International Marxism itself is just the transformation, by the Jew Karl Marx, of a long existing World-Concept into a definite political profession of faith.
 - a. Marxism works day and night to deliver the world into the hands of the Jews.
5. Believes that the survival of the Aryan people is essential to the survival of modern society: His extinction or downfall would bring the barbaric uncivilized ages on the globe once more.
 - a. He who dares to harm the highest likeness of the Lord on this Earth offends God, the Creator of this miracle, and is the cause of our expulsion from this Paradise.
 - b. Therefore, the race-based World-Concept agrees with this profound will of Nature. It restores the free play of natural forces which lead, stage by stage, level by level, to a continuous improvement of the race by natural selection until the best of humanity acquires its rightful possession of this earth and finally wins a free hand to rule which will extend throughout the world.
 - c. The party’s ability to embrace and integrate the racialist idea into its own organization is indispensable for the victory of the race-based World-Concept.
 - d. I took it upon myself to sort out the extensive and unformed substance of a general World-Concept and to remodel those central ideas into a rigid dogmatic form.
 - i. Note the use of “I”

2. The State

1. Note Hitler’s explanation for why the political preparations and military equipment for the First World War were inadequate:
 - a. This was not because those who governed our people were insufficiently educated, but because they were over-educated, stuffed with knowledge and intelligence, but they had no sound instinct and lacked energy and boldness.
2. Because the army of [Catholic] priests is constantly recruited from the lowest classes of the peoples, the Church not only remains instinctively close to the emotional world of the

people, but assures itself to the energy that is always available from the broad masses of the people.

4. Personality and the Idea of the People's State

1. Just as I must assess nations differently based on the races that fill them, I must assess the individual person within that national community race.
 - a. Note, again, the use of "I."
2. The new race-based state can best care for the welfare of its citizens by recognizing the importance of the individual's value in anything and everything relating to the operation and leadership of the community.

5. World-Concept and Organization

1. If current events are allowed to develop unhindered, the final result will be the realization of the Pan-Jewish prophecy, and the Jew would devour the peoples of the earth and become their master.
 - a. Slippery slope
 - b. Idea of "devouring" something as in hunger/greed
2. The creation of a new race-based state first requires the elimination of the present Jewish concept of a state.

6. The Struggle of the Early Days – The Importance of Speeches

1. Implies that the fascist Italian government of Mussolini is a ray of light.
 - a. Goes on to say: While the international-world Jew slowly but surely strangles us, our so-called patriots lash out against the man and the system that have dared to withdraw from the Jewish-Freemason embrace and to resist this spreading poison.
 - i. The man is Mussolini
 - ii. The system is Mussolini's government, which took control of the Italian press.
2. Believes it is important to use explanation and propaganda to recruit those who were on the enemy's side of the fence as a result of their training and opinions

8. The Strong Man is Mightiest When Alone

1. The proof of a people's strength and of its being fated to survive is the fact that one day, Fate grants it the brilliant man who can fulfill their long held desire. It may be the release from some great oppression, elimination of bitter distress, or contentment of the people's soul which has become restless from their insecurity.
 - a. Hitler is the Messiah... The egotism only gets worse...
 - b. The strongest man who is selected by forces of natural order finds himself fated to carry out the great mission, but the knowledge that he alone is called remain unknown to others until much later... They regard themselves as equally entitled to and equally chosen to accomplish this task, and these contemporaries are unable to distinguish the one man among them who is supremely gifted and deserves their sole support, until the very end.

9. Basic Thoughts on the Meaning and Organization of the Storm Troops

1. Says that privileged-class parties are not capable of developing a “great idea” to cause a movement, as in the French Revolution and Fascism.
2. Says about the SA: Its training must not be military style, but must focus on the aims of a Party. In promoting physical health of the members, the chief emphasis was not to be on military drills, but more on sports.

10. The Mask of Federalism

1. Believes that sovereign state units are frail.
2. Makes the following statement regarding the National Socialist perspective: A powerful national Empire that takes care of and protects its citizens, in the widest sense, through good use of its foreign policy and is able to offer liberty at home without worrying about the stability of the Reich. On the other hand, a powerful national government may intrude on the liberty of individuals and the rights of individual states as long as it can assume the responsibility for these actions without weakening the idea of the Empire. This is possible if every citizen sees that these actions are necessary to make his nation great.

11. Propaganda and Organization

1. As leader of the party propaganda, I carefully prepared the way for the future greatness of the movement and through these radical concepts presented in our propaganda, I have worked to recruit only the best quality people as members of the organization.
 - a. I, I, I
2. He is appointed to the office of first chairman and says: The first chairman is responsible for the entire leadership of the movement.

12. Trade Unions

1. Believes that trade unions are necessary

13. German Alliance Policies After the War

1. The chance of regaining independence for a people does not depend on unifying a territory or region, but it depends more on the existence of at least a small part of those people, and they must have the necessary freedom and capability to take over the leadership of the spiritual union of their people and to make the necessary preparations for a military battle to win their freedom.
2. Says that Germany should have focused on a sound European territorial expansion policy instead of (as they had) on expanding colonies and making trade agreements with other countries.
3. Opposes alliance with France.
4. The fight waged by Fascist Italy against the three main arms of Jewry is the best indication that, indirectly at least, the venomous fangs of this Jewish super-state are being pulled out. Some may believe this was unconscious on the part of Italy, but I do not.

14. Eastward Orientation vs. Eastern Politics

1. Believes that Germany should not act as policemen for the well-known “poor, small nations,” but instead... act as soldiers guarding the interest of our own people.

- a. Note from the translator/historian: This may be an argument against colonization, but it is more likely that it is a reference to the idea of joining the League of Nations).
2. **The formation of a new alliance with Russia would lead in the direction of a new war and the result would be the end of Germany**
 - a. Says that Russian rulers have no intention of honoring an alliance and that Bolshevism is not dead.

15. Self-Defense as a Right

1. **The invasion of the Ruhr territory by the French opened up great possibilities for Germany's future in terms of our foreign and domestic policies.**
 - a. Says that it cured [Germans] of the delusion that France was the champion of progress and liberty.
 - b. Says that French occupation of the Ruhr broke the Treaty of Versailles, placing France in opposition to the nations that had guaranteed the treaty, esp. England and Italy.
2. Says that **negotiation that is not backed up by force is ridiculous and the result would be worthless**