



Rwanda: Land of a Thousand Hills and a Million Smiles

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van een totale kwetsbaarheid en de onmogelijkheid voor de slachtoffers om zich te verdedigen.

The collective murder of a large number of humans, outside a military action against soldiers of a declared enemy with in the circumstances of total vulnerability and the impossibility for the victims to defend themselves.



Genocide Memorial, Kigali



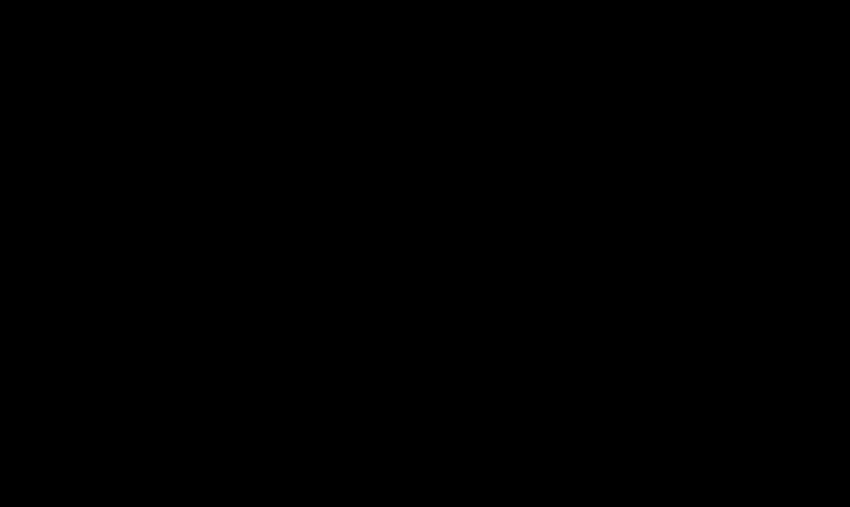
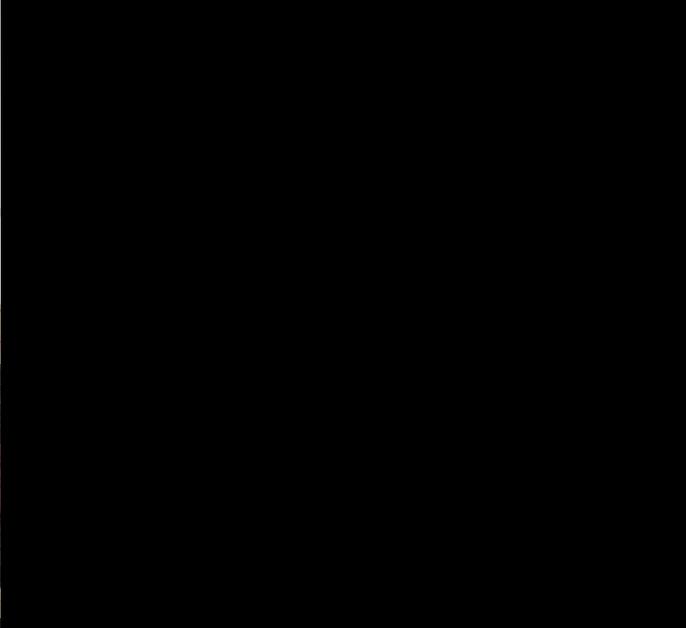




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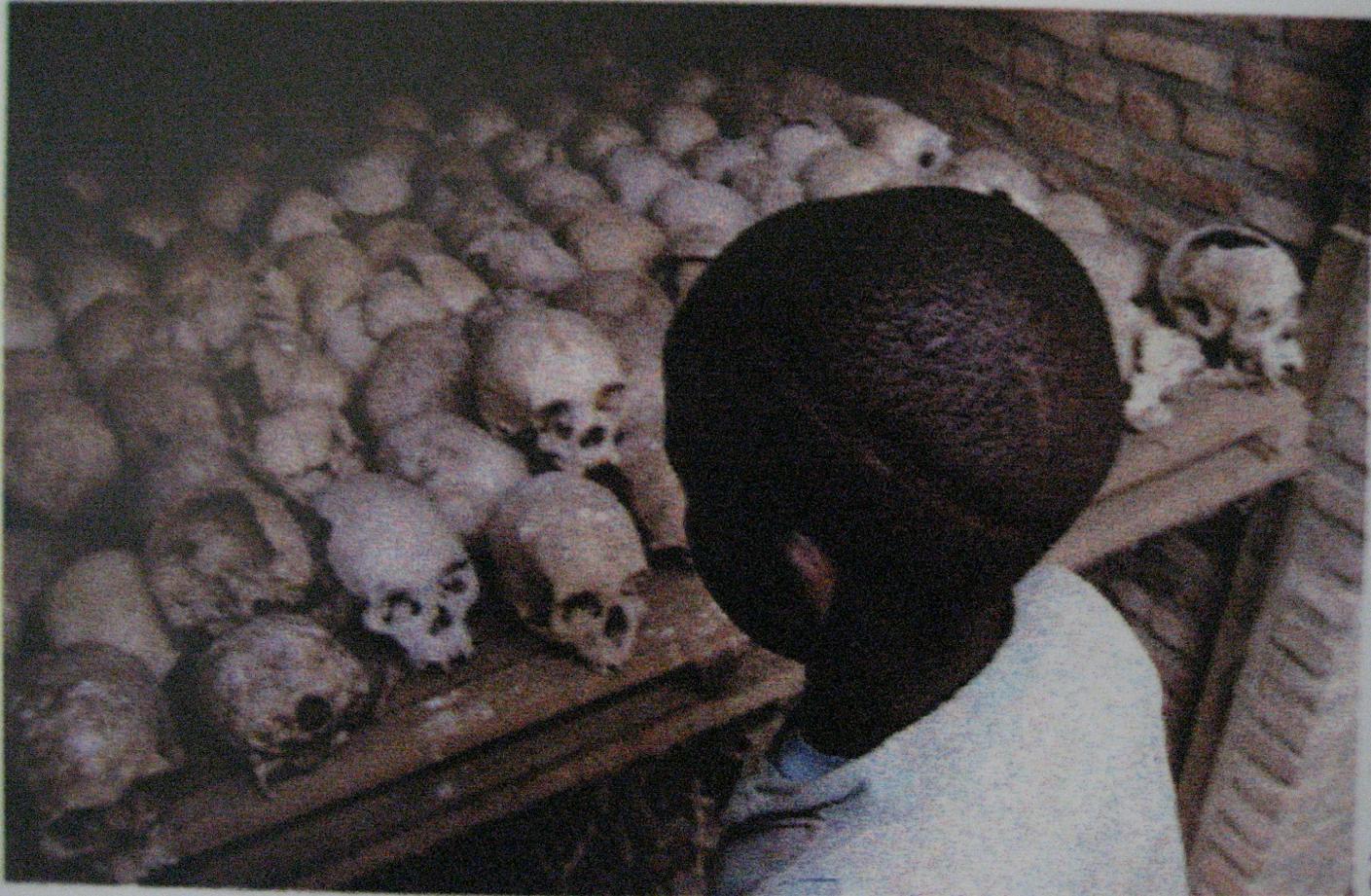






Rwanda 1994 Genocide

- 1.5 million people / 100 days



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Dr. Jean Baptiste Habyalimana
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"We had a lot of trouble with western mental health workers who came here immediately after the genocide and we had to ask some of them to leave.

They came and their practice did not involve being outside in the sun where you begin to feel better. There was no music or drumming to get your blood flowing again. There was no sense that everyone had taken the day off so that the entire community could come together to try to lift you up and bring you back to joy. There was no acknowledgement of the depression as something invasive and external that could actually be cast out again.

Instead they would take people one at a time into these dingy little rooms and have them sit around for an hour or so and talk about bad things that had happened to them. We had to ask them to leave."

~A Rwandan talking to a western writer, Andrew Solomon, about his experience with western mental health and depression.

Les Enfants de Dieu, Kigali, Rwanda



Les enfants drumming



Les enfants dancing



Les enfants signing





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Millennium Village Project

- Gacaca “courts” - 100 people on a lawn
- Adjunct to judicial system
- Integrity = “those who hate evil”



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