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In my quest to find healing, explore my father's
Coriell / Curiel / da Costa lineage and attempt to find lost half
siblings that would be older than my mother, I came upon the
incredible yet tragic story of Uriel da Costa while researching
the Shephardic heritage and the da Costa family. I immediately
felt a connection to this ancestor if not a spirit guide as I
had walked a similar path of challenging the establishment
and all that comes with it years before I knew about him let
alone the history of the lineage. I can say with certainty,
it is highly improbable that Uriel took his own life, rather his
life was taken from him from the power structure of his time.

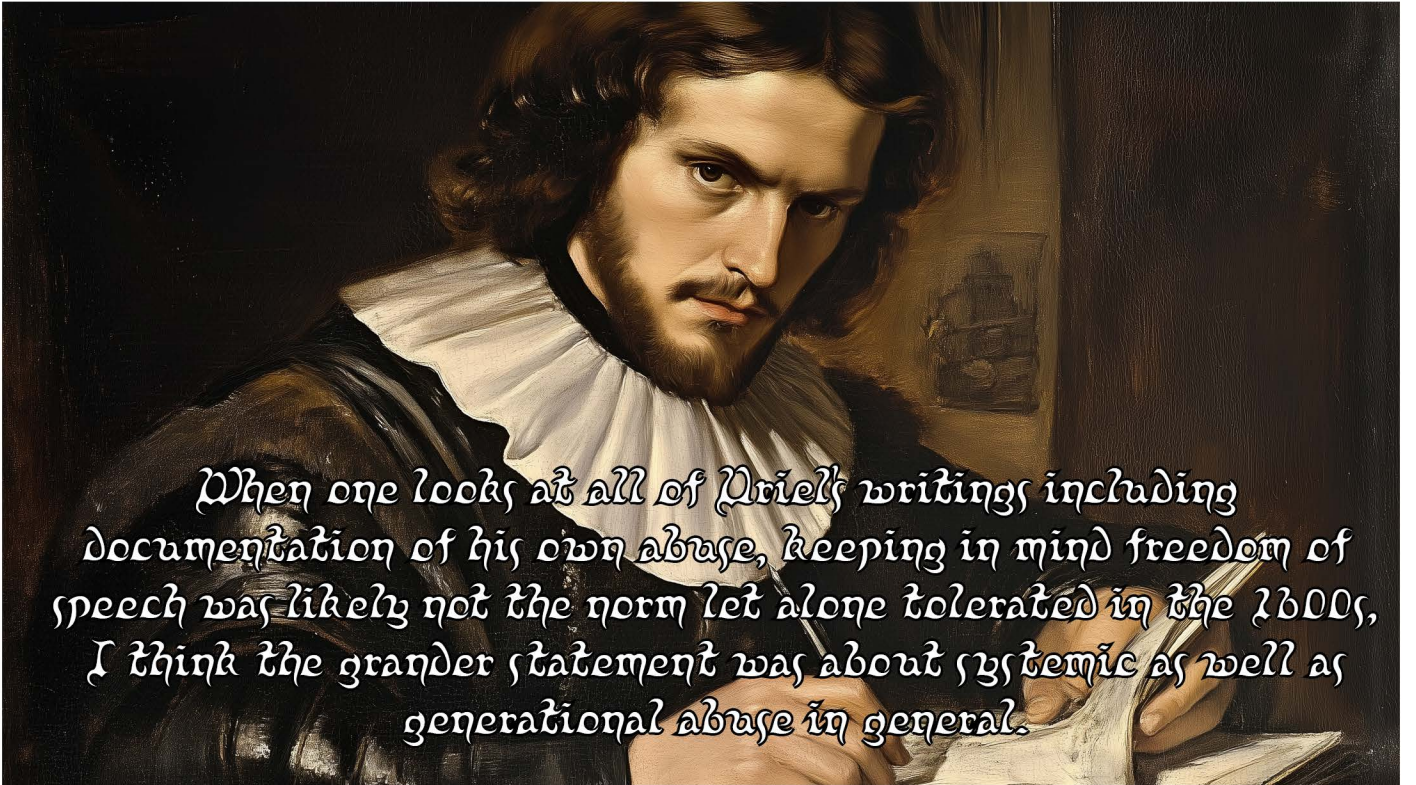


Ironically enough, a shocking event from my own community that prompted me to challenge the ideals of religion as it pertains to government abuse of power and a reflection of tyranny that likely happened to Uriel in the 1600s still happening in the modern day, but with more powerful tools of oppression. For example, in my community, on April 2007, four Green Bay police officers shot and killed an unarmed Ben Sonnenberg in a shower of 33 bullets. Eleven of the bullets struck and killed Ben and two hit and wounded a bystander inside of a nearby building. After the police investigated themselves, they determined that Ben had committed "suicide by cop" via pretending that his cell phone was a gun so officers Eric Allen, Gary Richgels, Matthew Cain and Scott Salzman apparently had no choice but to carelessly ejaculate bullets into the community they swore to protect and serve. Despite the police records being released to the public and many bullet holes being in Ben's back indicating he was running away from maniacs with badges along with conflicting testimony and no outside investigations, the District Attorney at the time, John Zakowski, made the determination that Ben pointed the cell phone at the police and made a motion to make it appear he was going to use his phone to shoot someone. The final determination that Ben was forcing the four officers to shoot him and hit bystanders in the process is not only illogical, but a complete fabrication of truth to avoid accountability.

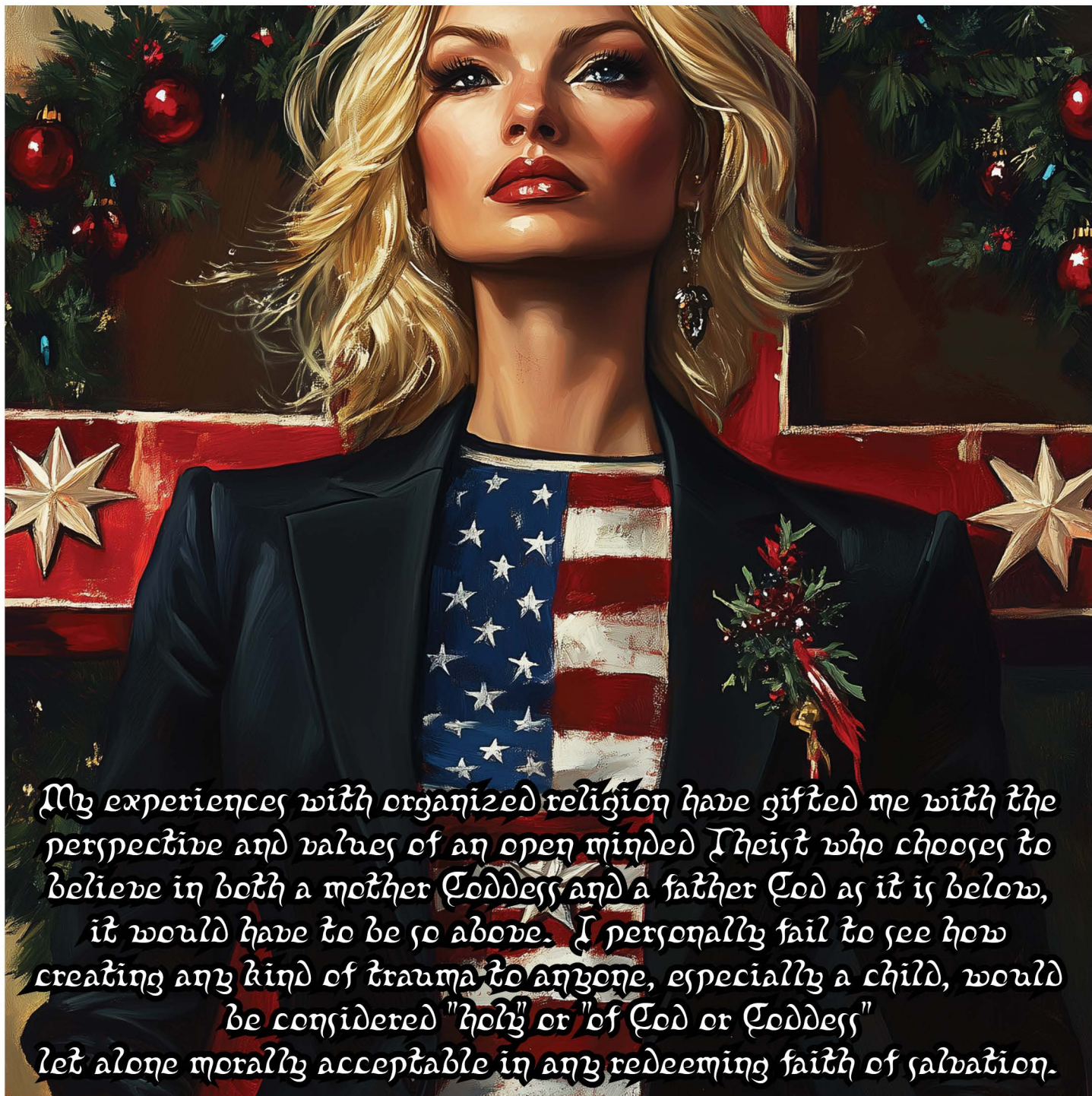


This blatant unapologetic abuse of power is very similar to the unfair excommunications, torture and abuse experienced by Uriel da Costa as historically documented and subsequent false claims of suicide after a failed murder attempt of the people, including a da Costa / Curiel relative. All because he dared question the oral tradition, which to be perfectly honest, everyone should.

It would stand to reason Uriel was onto something in his publication Eleven Theses when he wrote about the hypocrisy of the "sucking of the male privy member by mouth" and how it was a trespassing of written Holy Torah law.



When one looks at all of Uriel's writings including documentation of his own abuse, keeping in mind freedom of speech was likely not the norm let alone tolerated in the 1600s, I think the grander statement was about systemic as well as generational abuse in general.



My experiences with organized religion have gifted me with the perspective and values of an open minded Theist who chooses to believe in both a mother Goddess and a father God as it is below, it would have to be so above. I personally fail to see how creating any kind of trauma to anyone, especially a child, would be considered "holy" or "of God or Goddess" let alone morally acceptable in any redeeming faith of salvation.

I must ask why genital mutilation of babies and children was ever and still is considered acceptable human behavior to begin with. When one adds the "sucking of the male privy" (including sucking the blood) I cringe at the thought that the phrase "sweet baby Jesus" may have originated from the oral tradition that basically ensures memory and respectively programming of experienced trauma at the earliest stage of human life. Uriel was clever if not tongue in cheek cryptic in his title "A Specimen of Human Life".

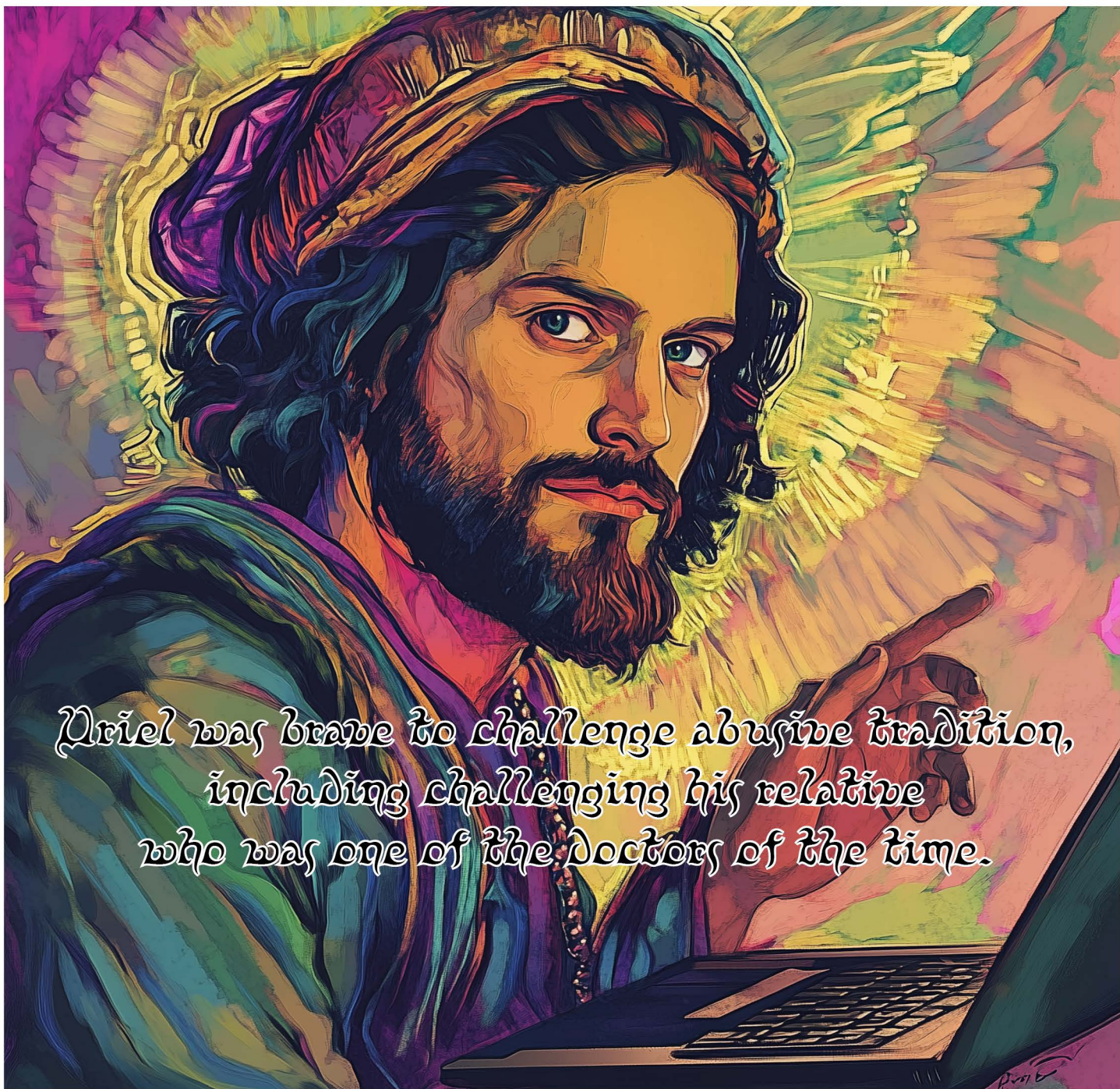
For centuries many authors, who seemingly want to protect the so called right to sexually abuse and mutilate humanity including children in the name of "religious freedom" have misused their authority to silence, slander, and gaslight Uriel da Costa and countless other over millennia.

One author even claimed that Uriel took his life because of a fragile ego overlooking decades of abuse including from his own family and Uriel's written account of "defending and avenging" himself in his autobiography. Both the "defending and avenging" was done with simply by the effort of his written works, not just for himself, but freethinkers, activists, and those brave enough to stand up to tyranny and oppression long after his passing.

There were two witnesses to Uriel's alleged failed murder attempt and subsequent alleged suicide were the very people abusing Uriel to begin with, historic records clearly prove this. It is my strong belief, that Uriel was murdered by his own family, the authorities and "police" of the time if you would. Much like in the case of Ben Sonnenberg and the modern day authorities, it was covered up with a disgusting fabrication.

This claim would be used against Uriel to further taint him as a heretic, disgracing human decency, compassion and common sense in an effort to push a narrative of a deserving "miserable" life if one does not follow God how mere mortals command. To me this is clearly a classic gaslighting tactic. Instead of admission so over time perhaps some of these traditions would evolve and reinvent, the cycle of abuse was instead perpetuated if not amplified.

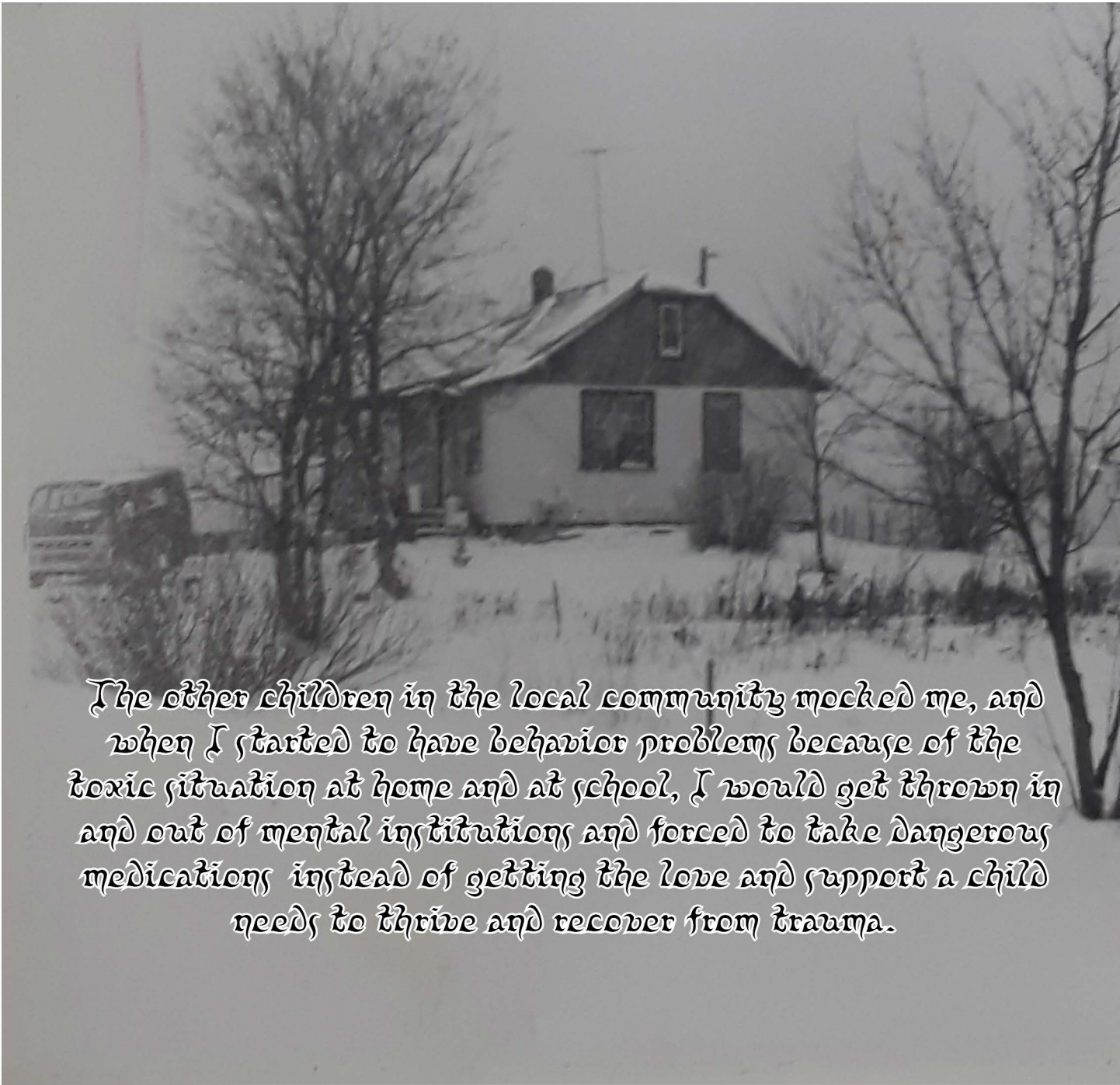




Uriel was brave to challenge abusive tradition,
including challenging his relative
who was one of the doctors of the time.

keeping in mind over time the da Costa or alias Coriell branched off into Coriell and Coryell families, I can say with certainty that abuse ran in the family tree, at least it did in my branch. I grew up in poverty on a poultry farm and survived a rather rough childhood. When I was eleven years old, I was sexually molested by my father, Carl Dale Coriell, Jr. My mother, who physically abused me, made me go to the police and file a report against him and the local paper printed the story of my abuse. While they could not print my name, they could print my dad's name. Considering I was the only daughter the local community was aware of, everyone knew it was me. The other Coriells, who lived in Kansas City, MO, not only paid for my dad's attorney, but according to my mother, wrote me out of the will and stopped contact with me.

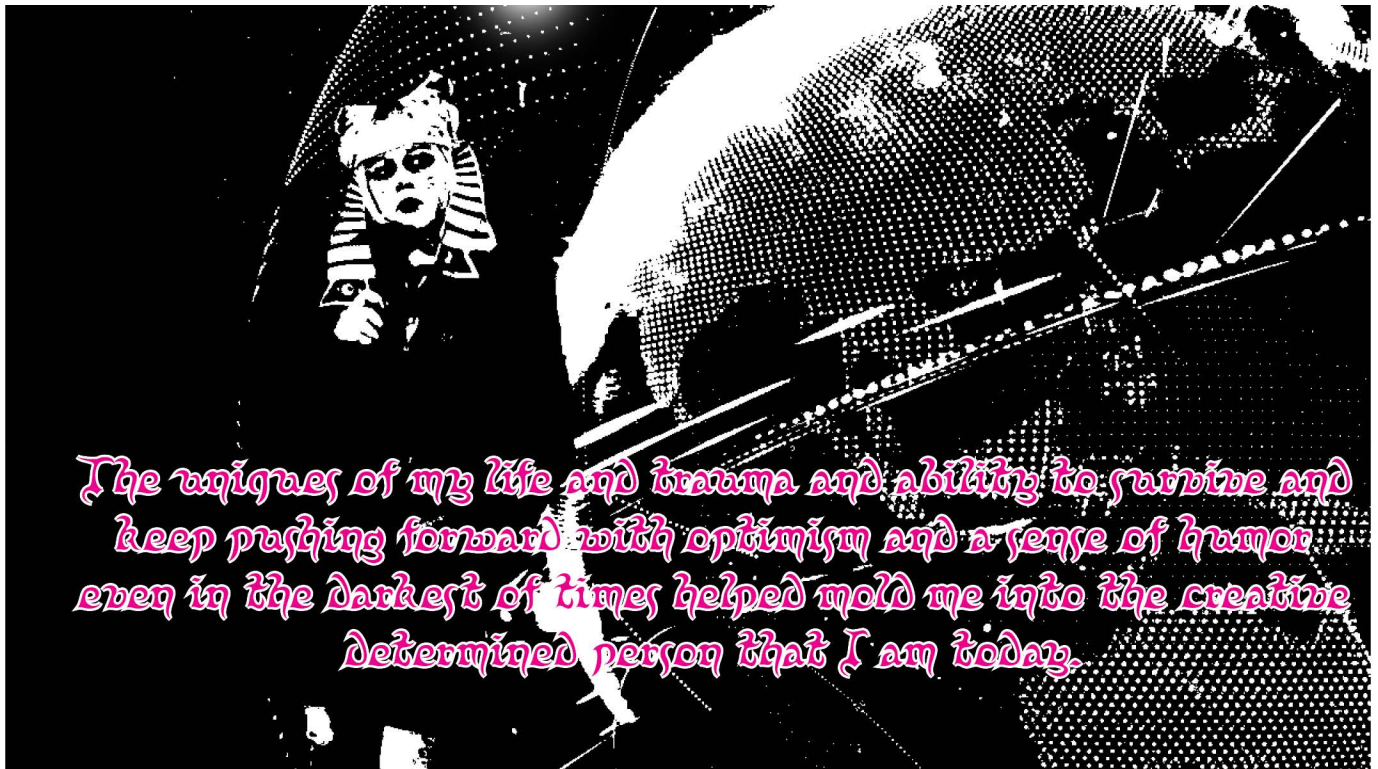
A daughter WENDY JEAN was born August 14 to Heather (Morrison) and Carl Coriell, Rt. 2, Oconto Falls, weighing 5 lb. 7 oz. and 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long. Grandmother Nancy Linde of Glendale, Cal. is helping with the infant and grandmother Imogene Coriell of Mobile, Alabama will arrive on August 26th.



The other children in the local community mocked me, and when I started to have behavior problems because of the toxic situation at home and at school, I would get thrown in and out of mental institutions and forced to take dangerous medications instead of getting the love and support a child needs to thrive and recover from trauma.

But all these years later, I'm still here. I've had epic adventures, made my mark on the world and I am still alive to create while in isolation due to aggressive multiple sclerosis that impacts my brain, spinal cord, and brainstem. While there are times I am angry, or cry, and think about "revenge" or God bringing karma for all I have been through and am still going through depending on the state of brain disease, I always come back to center and find reasons to be grateful even when it feels like there are none.

Even though I had suffered abuse, my parents also did good things and instilled some good morals.



The uniqueness of my life and trauma and ability to survive and keep pushing forward with optimism and a sense of humor even in the darkest of times helped mold me into the creative determined person that I am today.

My father Carl Jr. was 30 years older than my mom, a World War 2 U.S. Navy Veteran who filmed the testing of nukes at Bikini Atoll. I have a suspicion this might have caused or worsened his pedophilia as the military did not properly protect the troops in the early testing of this type of warfare.

His mom, my Grandma Imogene Snyder Coriell, was the first civilian employee of the Air Force. Even though she was generally not kind to me when we would visit Kansas City and I was told I was "excommunicated" from the family after I exposed my abuse, learning about her American Patriot history made me see part of myself in her, the protective mother inside the spirit of every woman. I had a family of flawed patriots on the Coriell side, a mix of positive and negative energies, and learning this helped me not only forgive and heal, but understand the hardness that "Gramma Jean" had.

I'm relatively certain Carl experienced some type of childhood abuse, as these things tend to be cyclical. I can also say that healing is possible and families can break the cycle over generations. While I cannot prove it, I have strong faith that my father and other passed on Coriells are assisting me in spirit to not only heal wounds from the pain I have endured, but also heal others and do my best to clear the name of Uriel da Costa. I choose to believe we are all earning our angel wings by healing wounds together in spirit.

Of course healing ones self is only part of the overall solution as surely honesty and love from all would truly break the cycles of abuse. These horrible things really happened to me as they happened to Uriel, as horrible things happened to Ben Sonnenberg as they happen to many far too often. The only thing obvious about it to me is that sometimes an official story is the biggest heap of smelly pig manure one could fathom just so serpents can stay in control. In order for that to change, people must become truth tellers, but society would need compassion and mercy for true growth.

The Sonnenberg story was but one highly publicised event in an ocean of hidden terrible truths from the shooting of Jonathan Tubby at Sally Port to the police involvement in the Tom Monfils murder. Even the bystander that was also shot the night Sonnenberg "committed suicide" by police misconduct told the press he "can't believe anyone would want to die like that". Probably because no one would.

With that in mind, take the accounting of Uriel da Costa's passing. Because of his lack of faith in manmade political documents also known as religion, he was said to be cursed and depressed, his systemic abusers failing the mention religious humiliation and banning of his books, excommunication and shunning and instead painting him as mentally ill.



After a horrible public humiliation, severe whip lashing, and trampling from adults and children alike, and subsequent isolation he clearly did not give up as he began to write his autobiography. This is when his relatives allegedly showed up, and according to their account Uriel grabbed one gun because he "felt offended" and tried to shoot the relative, had a misfire, so grabbed the second gun and took his own life. That makes about as much sense as someone trying to get police to take their life by holding a cellular telephone. Given the tone of the autobiography despite the torment he had just experienced, cynical yet peaceful, I would imagine that one of the witnesses took his life or were threatened to keep silent about who did.

For me personally, and likely for anyone who would fight the power so bravely like Uriel da Costa did, it makes little sense that when his relatives came to see him he would attempt to take lives including his own because he "felt offended."

Considering there were two men and two witnesses that made this claim, and the witnesses were part of the power structure, it would stand to reason there were no weapons in the presence of Uriel until the "witnesses" showed up.





Uriel was clearly passionate for truth, for the deeper meaning of existence. In some ways his story has similarities to the plight of Jesus the Christ who was said to be crucified for standing up to the same tyrannical religious ideologies with unconventional ideas.

Uriel's life not only speaks volumes to the uncomfortable truth of power within his words, but to humanity being it's own worst enemy by destroying its own innovators, prophets and messengers with the vision to help change our collective world for the better.

I suspect if Uriel da Costa were alive today, he would be fascinated with how the Torah as well as other written faiths could be tied with quantum or DNA code. It could be said that if you think of DNA and other functions as programs, the essence of ancestors would be part of our root code, our parent or even Abrahamic base code. It is most certainly possible that the Written Law or even Laws of Moses were written into our collective existence. As an outsider looking in, I can see the political control aspect of Torah, Bible, and even ancient Egypt as well as part of the code of life written within. Hebrew, in some ways, almost looks like marks of data or part of a chromosome. And while that might seem far out, whether one believes in an almighty God, Elohim, Allah, Goddess Sekhmet, Isis, or The Big Quantum Computer Simulation Lord we all have to admit that the Universe and even our own bodies and minds are far more complex and inconceivable than most humans would like to admit.

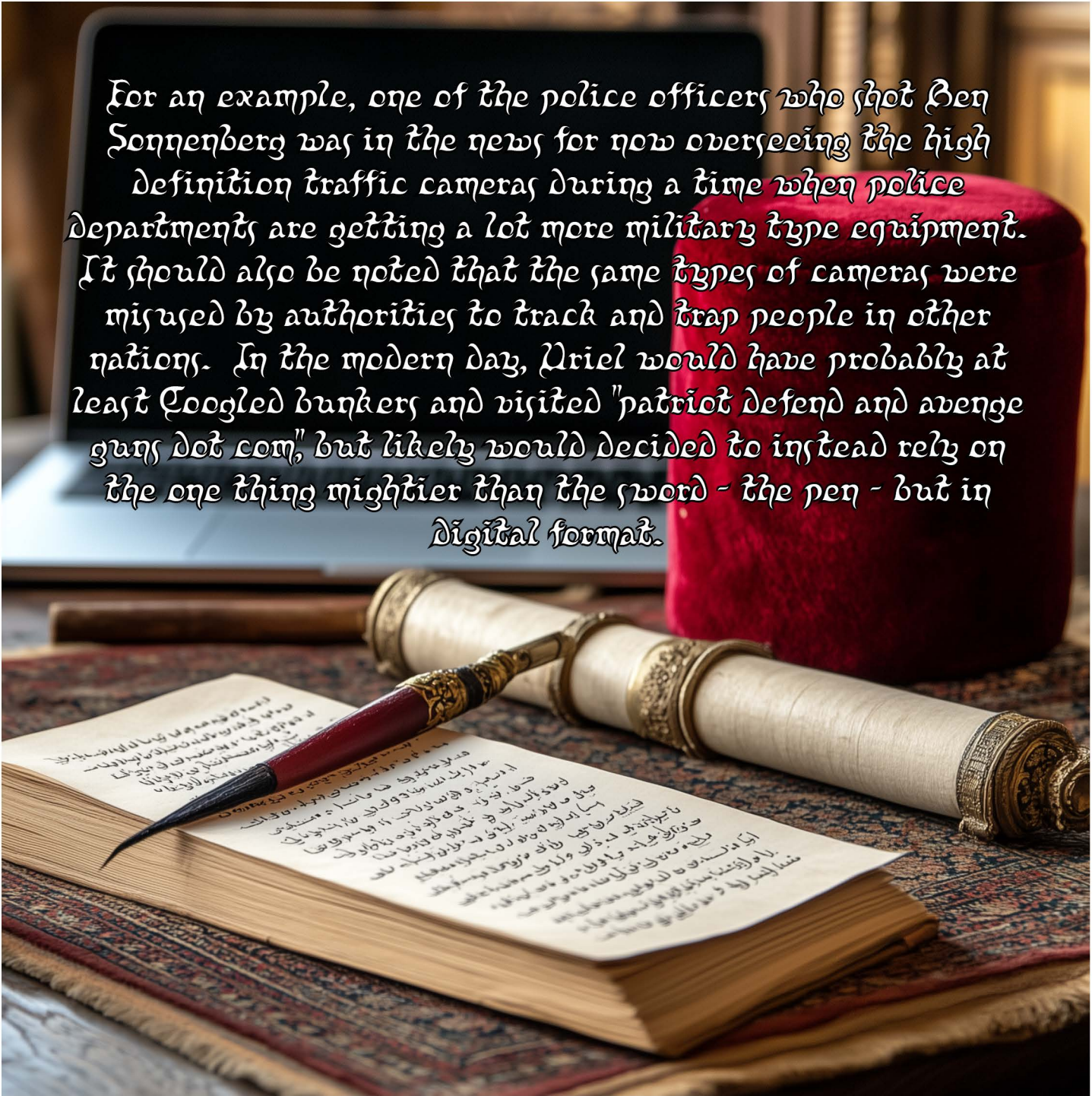


Uriel knew that the game of life as it was and still is was rigged against the masses much like the story of Jesus the Christ, MLK, and other rebellious but brave intellectual heroes of their time. But he and others who stood up for the greater good also believed it could be better, and they helped others believe things could be better, and over time with sacrifice and perseverance, things would improve.

Uriel would not have bothered to write his thoughts and put up with even a fraction of the shit he was put through if he didn't think he could help change the world for the better, to help make it a place with less abuse, more devotion to the goodness of whatever one calls the Creator or Creators, to help humanity be free to enjoy the pursuit of happiness.

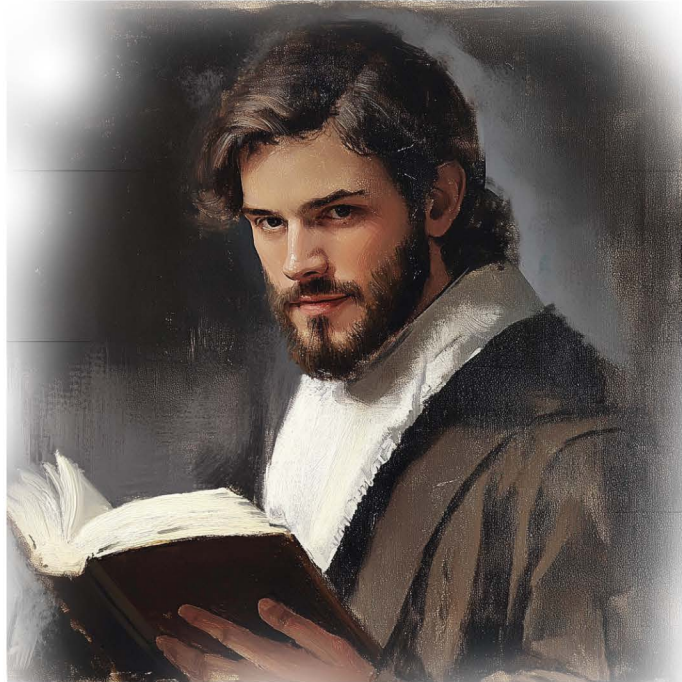
This is only accomplished if we are authentic about our own shortcomings, calling out injustices, and questioning authority lest we all fall to control, tyranny, darkness and evil.

This is especially urgent for those with the same flame as Uriel as we move into an era of quantum computing, digital currencies, neurotech, artificial intelligence, and advanced robotics. Much like some aspects of organized faith, these things can have beneficial and positive outcomes. But we cannot forget the plight of those who have historically abused by authority and realize the unprecedented horrors that modern technology could usher in if misused.



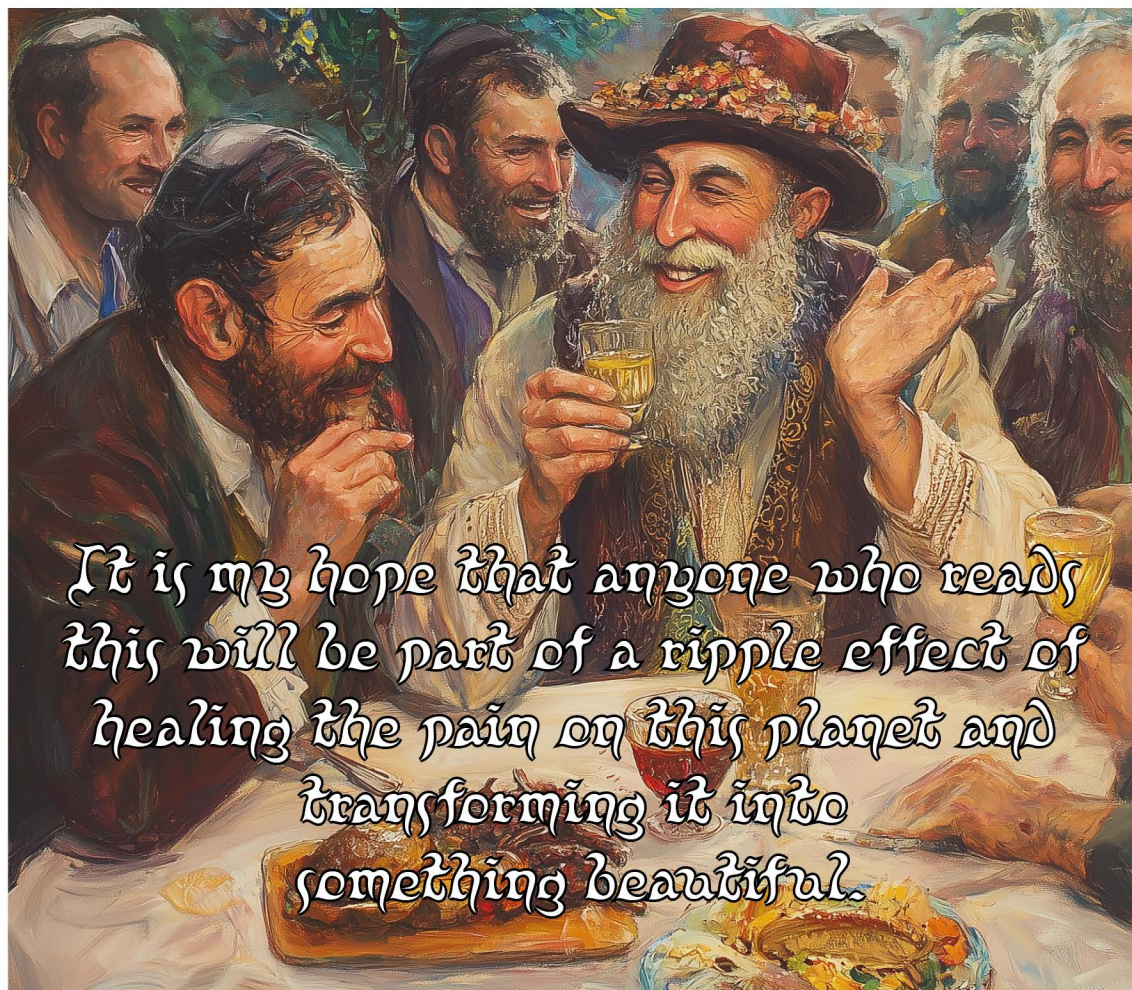
For an example, one of the police officers who shot Ben
Sonnenberg was in the news for now overseeing the high
definition traffic cameras during a time when police
departments are getting a lot more military type equipment.
It should also be noted that the same types of cameras were
misused by authorities to track and trap people in other
nations. In the modern day, Uriel would have probably at
least Googled bunkers and visited "patriot defend and avenge
guns dot com," but likely would decided to instead rely on
the one thing mightier than the sword - the pen - but in
digital format.

Uriel da Costa was ahead of his time, a compassionate soul that risked it all not only for his own self love and self worth, but for the sake of everyone.



Whether people realize it or not, he believed in humanity. He believed he could help heal the tradition, if he didn't believe in positive change he would not have wasted time penning a logical breakdown of ritual abuse and how it made us feel. He had the courage to question the oral tradition and other horrors in his theses to fight against powerful people doing abusive things. If you ask me, he is a great unsung hero akin to those like MLK and JFK, and it is my hope that he gets the historic accolades he deserves.

Of course, just about anything written about Uriel that was not from Uriel's own hand is educated speculation. But given what I have been through, if I could speak to him today, I would probably just hug him and tell him he is loved, he is important, he is enough and thank him for being a diamond in the rough. Perhaps that would be enough to help start to heal not only the bloodline, but everyone on the planet who has experienced or even caused abuse.



It is my hope that anyone who reads this will be part of a ripple effect of healing the pain on this planet and transforming it into something beautiful.

