

Evil sometimes appears banal, unrecognisable, simple. It casts a shadow on us and makes us accept it. The shadow can be pleasant on a hot summer day. Then, evil grows. It falls on our neighbours, individuals or groups. As long as it does not affect us, we are prepared to ignore it. Evil befriends us, allows us to mitigate it. It seeks justifications, transfers blame on to its victims.

visualised the human side of anti-LGBT rules, however, in the eyes of the right, he was a 'traitor' who 'blackened' the image of Poland abroad as his photos were published in the media around the world. For his critics, it is not the anti-LGBT rule which brings shame, but talking about it openly.

Evil reacts most strongly when it is being talked abo-

THOU SHALT NOT BE INDIFFERENT

The events in Białystok were not caused by 'defence of Christian values'. The stones thrown at the participants of Equality March, came in response to 'provocation and desecration of religious symbols'. The Eagle on the rainbow background is a terrible offence. What does it mean? A gay man or a lesbian want to call themselves Poles?

Some local governments imposed rules to ban LGBT, but of course, they meant no evil. They only wanted to protect families from 'ideology'. Then what about the families whose members are part of the LGBT community? Evict them?

Lublin LGBT activist, Bartosz Staszewski photographed signs of towns and villages, which adopted the anti-LGBT resolutions and added to these signs placards: 'zone free from LGBT'. He also put a person from this town or village in each of these photos. Bartosz simply



Photo: white and rainbow flag with the eagle on the backdrop of the rainbow at the 1 Equality March in Czestochowa, 8th July 2018. Source: Wikipedia, Author: Silar

ut. It defends itself aggressively, attacking the one who dared to look it bravely in the face. During the commemorations of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. Marian Turski, survivor of the camp and later one of the editors of 'Polityka' magazine, dared again to look evil in the face. He retold the fundamental truth, presently drowned in the cacophony of political quarrels: 'Democracy means the rule of the majority, but the essence of Democracy is respect for the rights of the minority'. 'If any minority is attacked, excluded, discriminated against for whatever reason, there is no Democracy. And if there is no Democracy, if evil can cast its long shadow on individuals and social groups, then sooner or later some 'Auschwitz will fall on us from the sky'.

Editor Turski did not say a word about the current situation in Poland. He didn't mention a name of any politician, nor any party or event. Nevertheless, everyone knew why now, in 2020 he was talking about it. This was perfectly illustrated by the facial expressions of the politicians from the ruling party who were present at the commemorations. With President Duda in the lead. And even more was said by the ferocious attacks from young right wing politicians who tried to take away from Turski his right to speak up, because of Turski's socialist past.

At the time of huge information influx, it is difficult to consciously and consistently stand against evil. It is easy to find doubt, interpret events, seek justifications. It is easy to be lazy - 'this doesn't affect me'. A true citizen virtue is, however, in what Turski said in the style of the XI commandment: 'Thou Shalt not be Indifferent'!

Do not be indifferent and another 'Auschwitz' will not fall on our children from the sky.

Maciej Pokrzywa