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Surrendering to Death

by Gavin McInnes 🔊 May 14, 2016



Eagles of Death Metal recently finished a Canadian tour and I got to sit down with vocalist Jesse Hughes and discuss the Bataclan attack in Paris that killed 89 of his fans.

You'd think he'd want to avoid the topic, but he was actually eager to get into it. He sees it as a catharsis.

Hughes is not happy with the way the media has treated the story. Details are randomly pulled from his interviews and entire angles are edited in later that are diametrically opposed to his beliefs. Jesse Hughes is an ordained Catholic minister. He's pro-gun, pro-Trump, and pro-life. He recognizes that Islam is the problem and political correctness is literally killing us.

Takimag: It's hard to talk about the attack without sounding like you're blaming the victims, but it's impossible to deny fear of Islamophobia and fear of guns led to a lot of deaths that night.

Jesse Hughes: I saw fear fall like a blanket on the whole crowd and they fell like wheat in the wind-the way you would before a god. I was totally alert from the very beginning. The first thing I needed to do was find my girl. Fear took a backseat and "where's my girl?" took over. I could smell gunpowder in the backstage area and I knew someone fired a round back there. I saw a guy with an FAL and when he turned to face me his eyes looked like marbles. He was stoned out of his mind, and we now know they were on Xanax and cocaine. I recognized him. I'd seen him earlier in the day and noticed him staring at us.

They were in the venue early. That implies some staff were in on it.

I got in a lot of trouble for saying that. I know for sure that they were in there early. I remember them staring at my

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mean? When a Muslim sees a cocky American dude with tattoos, he stares at him. I realized later it was **Abdeslam** and he was staring at my buddy because they thought he was a threat. There's no denying the terrorists were already inside, and they had to get in somehow. During the shooting I went outside and the backstage door was propped open. How did that happen?

Do you think political correctness is killing our natural instincts and making us vulnerable?

Definitely. There were two girls who were involved. They were at the venue and vanished before the shooting, and these women were in traditional Muslim garb. They knew people wouldn't check them because of the way they were dressed. They got caught a few days later.

The fear of offending Muslims is a terrorist's greatest weapon.

Look at the guys who bombed Brussels. They were wearing black gloves on one hand. Their luggage was too heavy to lift, but they didn't want anyone helping them with it. Nobody brought any of this up until after the bombs went off. "When the cops went in after the attack, they shut down, what, 450 mosques? They found recruitment material in every single one of them."

We'd rather die than be called a bigot.

How is a faith being associated with racism? Just take out the word "Islam" and replace it with "communism." It's an ideology. The same way the Rosenbergs could sell nuclear secrets from within

America is the same way Muslim terrorists can attack us from within. It's okay to be discerning when it comes to Muslims in this day and age.

Where is this push coming from? Is it all our fault?

Of course not. When you're at a soccer game in Europe and you see the words "United Arab Emirates," you know there is a lot of Arab money floating around and influencing the dialogue. The conversation is constantly being steered away from scrutiny. They think we're fools.

Arab money is a pollutant. So many movies are made with Arab money. George Clooney doesn't kiss the ass of the Arabs for no reason. American movies are the best way to influence the hearts and minds of the world.

You never see bad guys in movies who are Arab terrorists. It's always Germans or French...

Or conservative Christian rednecks. They're apparently what's wrong with everything in the world now, including

global warming. What about the other ice age we went through? There were no Christian Republicans back then. What caused *that* meltdown?

The other problem with that is, when you get rid of these Christian rednecks, you create a vacuum and it gets filled with people way worse. It gets filled with Islam. You end up replacing evangelism with sharia law.

Politicians behave better when they know people are watching. We behave better when we believe Jesus is watching us.

These atheists tell us we don't need religion, yet everyone seems to be creating flimsy substitutes to replace it. Rehab is just Lent. Meditation is just Latin Mass. Seeing a therapist is just talking to your priest.

And the thing about the Bible is it's written down. A therapist can change his diagnosis just like that and there's no way of calling him out on it.

Let's get back to the attack. Why didn't the cops come in earlier? It seemed like the killing went on forever.

The press heard some kids were locked away in rooms so they reported it as a hostage situation. Those kids were hiding. This misinformation meant the cops set up outside for a negotiation while inside dozens of people were dying.

The terrorists would go up to bodies and stick them with the gun. If they budged, they'd shoot them again. One girl got up and said she was scared. The guy said, "Don't be scared, you'll be dead in two minutes," and then he shot her, BOOM.

The French are so concerned with racism, they're letting Muslims get away with murder.

A day after, at the stadium, Muslims booed the moment of silence and we barely heard about it in the press. I saw Muslims celebrating in the street during the attack. I saw it with my own eyes. In real time! How did they know what was going on? There must have been coordination.

I've heard you say you credit your childhood with your survival. You had a real dad who stuck around and taught you about guns.

I knew what gunfire was. I was able to think through it. I was also able to remember practical lessons of my life because I had to be in fights as a kid. My mom didn't go sue anyone. I didn't have playdates. I had some practical upbringing growing up in the desert where you got to get yourself out of your problems.

Also, the reason I've done well with this healing process is everything I was raised to believe was affirmed that night. In a way, that's a blessing of God. When the first bullets started being fired, people looked at me. I remember that. It pissed me off because I knew right then and there it was going to be bad. I knew these kids had no idea what was coming. None. They'd never heard a gunshot in real life and it hit them so hard.

Political correctness kills.

Davey [bassist Dave Catching] was in the middle of the stage and when the lights went on, he saw shit he'd never seen before in his life, **awful stuff**. It has no parallel. It's not just death. It's the most unsuspecting, innocent victims you can imagine—people who are gripped in terror and can't move as a result of it.

It's like a metaphor for all of Western civilization.

I watched about seven people die. A couple of them were three feet from the barrier. They could have fallen backwards and been alive but they were too scared to even turn around. I remember a woman just standing with her hands up in a surrender pose. The terrorist finally saw her and all she did was go, "No no no." She surrendered to death in front of my very eyes. I was yelling at her, "HEY!" and I don't think she could hear me. She was so terrified, I think she'd already given up.

Is it fair to say the liberal mentality created this need to surrender?

I will lay the blame right in its lap. When you tell people they can't help themselves and that they're children, you weaken them to a point where three feet away is life and they can't see it because they're too scared.

In a way we're unarmed twofold. We're literally unarmed and we're also mentally unarmed.

It's like the bleating sheep from *Animal Farm*. You suggest anything that strays from the narrative and this chorus of bleats comes to drown you out. This attack didn't happen by accident.

I went to Paris after the attacks and was disgusted by the lack of rage. They didn't blame Islam. In fact, many blamed the Jews. They seemed more concerned with us promoting xenophobia than laying blame on the terrorists.

I hung out with plenty of Parisians who were fucking pissed off, but it was mostly cops and military. During the attack, one cop finally realized it wasn't a hostage situation and yelled out, "It's a turkey shoot" as he charged in, holding his gun. He got shot right through the hand and into the neck and kept going. He took a terrorist out, chased another one into the hallway, who then blew himself up, and did it to another guy, who blew himself up on stage. Our amplifiers were a gory mess.

Did that cop live?

Yes, I met him in triage. I hung out with him. Great guy.

You went to the hospital?

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I had pieces of teeth and human bone

pulled out of my face. A girl got shot right next to me by the shooter at the top of the stairs who I had met earlier. She stepped one step in front of me and her head just exploded. It blew pieces of her teeth and skull into my face.

Why don't we hear about this?

The media wants to summarize it, and important details get lost. The most important detail being when they started shooting, they were already inside. If they were hanging out enough to let three people go, then they knew security dudes. They knew bouncers. They knew doormen.

Do you think a percentage of the security staff was Muslim?

I know they were. Look, security guards backstage are notorious for being dicks. They check your ID every few minutes and nobody goes back and forth without being checked, even if you're in the band. This guy didn't care what we did. He didn't even look at me.

The only time he seemed remotely interested in us was when he said to my girlfriend, "Do you speak French?" and "Where are you from?" She said she was from Texas and he was getting frustrated because that's not what he meant. Then she said, "I'm American" and he lost interest. I honestly think he was trying to determine if she was Arab or not. She's Mexican and she could easily pass for Lebanese and I think he was going to warn her if she was Muslim.

I kept opening up the back door to smoke and that's usually a big no-no because of the sound ordinances. I've played there before and opening up that door to smoke got you in big trouble. This time, the security guy walks right past me and anxiously looks down the alleyway in either direction.

Maybe one of the reasons the cops are so much more pragmatic about this threat is that they are the ones who have to go into Les Banlieues and confront these people. Naïveté is a luxury they can't afford.

When the cops went in after the attack, they shut down, what, 450 mosques? They found recruitment material in every single one of them. What the fuck is wrong with us that we don't know about that?

Parisians think everyone is innocent, but the cops don't. They even investigated you.

I was a person of interest, yes. They interrogated me for four days. I ended up helping them a lot by getting cellphone footage. It was the cops and the FBI who asked me about the promoter and the security. This isn't something I brought up to them.

We had eight police officers in our audience that night. They all had the same conversation with their wives, which was "Should I bring my gun or not?" All of them said no. When we went back and played Paris again they stood in the same places they stood at the original show and they opened their jackets and showed me their guns as if to say, "Not tonight, motherfucker." It was beautiful.

Islam is crying wolf about Islamophobia in order to anesthetize us and make us easier prey.

They know there's a whole group of white kids out there who are stupid and blind. You have these affluent white kids who have grown up in a liberal curriculum from the time they were in kindergarten, inundated with these lofty notions that are just hot air. Look at where it's getting them.



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event was organized. Yes. Top drawer material indeed. Thanks Taki Mag. 18 ^ | ~ · Reply · Share ·

BTT → Hugo · 3 days ago

Hugo, it's a well know fact that Hughes is pro Israel, with neo conservative leanings. However putting that aside, he makes some salient points in the article. Particularly, when he states that political correctness is killing us.

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A. wyatt mann → BTT

isreal worshiping neoconservative texas fags is why this is happening. they opened the door to islam in europe and america

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A. wyatt mann → SNAKESRULE • a day ago

im more conservative than you are by a wide margin. Here is the reality. The united states is the private military of isreal. And we went into iraq because aipac told congress to vote on it. They want the middle east in a constant state of war so the muslims dont decide one day to team up and wipe them out. Its not our job to prevent this from happening. Its isreals diplomatic duty to make freinds in that region

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jacknyc → A. wyatt mann • 17 hours ago

tin hat a little tight around the temples I'd say $4 \land | \lor \cdot \text{Reply} \cdot \text{Share}$

Dajjal → jacknyc · 11 hours ago No difference; its brain is not there. 1 ∧ | ∨ · Reply · Share,

The → jacknyc · 9 hours ago It's hillarious how you belittle what he said as "tin hat" yet everything he said is true. That's what all ideologue-losers do who can't refute facts. They call names and make accusations.

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Ad hominem. Learn logic. $\land | \lor \cdot \text{Reply} \cdot \text{Share} \rangle$

Aldous Huxley A jacknyc

Dajjal → SNAKESRULE · 11 hours ago Its an analencephalopath. :(∧ | ∨ · Reply · Share ›



• 4 hours ago

true, but he is on the path of the red pill. As i said elsewhere, trump is red pilling a nation. Soon most white people will be shit lords. $1 \land | \checkmark \cdot \text{Reply} \cdot \text{Share}$

ConradCA → BTT · a day ago

being against Isreal is proof that your an evil racist fascist without a brain. $5 \land | \checkmark \cdot \text{Reply} \cdot \text{Share}$

Jay Igaboo → ConradCA • 9 hours ago

I'm a little confused as to whether you really believe your idiot-level post or are satirising the mentality of those who pull out the race card every time someone makes a point that doesn't gybe with their worldview.

Either ways up it's pathetic. 1 \land \lor \cdot Reply \cdot Share \cdot

Aldous Huxley A ConradCA

Do you read what you write? How can you not see yourself as brainwashed if you instinctively put the welfare of a foreign country before the citizens of your own country?

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Ginko → HardDaysKnight • a day ago

Yes- very interesting article! I'd love to see Taki do a story on how the CIA funded and armed and trained the Syrian Islamic 'rebels' that have destroyed much of Syria and created the migrate catastrophe now engulfing Europe. Also on how the CIA funded and trained and created the Taliban in order to counter Soviet influence in Afghanistan, which had a democratically elected government that was challenging the mullahs. That would be very interesting also.

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Philadelphiensis A Ginko 🔸 a day ago

With you. They don't understand yet how our own government is encouraging political Islam and supporting Islamic terrorists in order to roll back our freedoms. They see it as leftist thinking, and letting Islam off the hook.

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Joseph D. · 3 days ago

Interesting how no major media outlet could conduct this interview and present this chilling firsthand account. Good work, Gavin.

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NakedJusticeLeague → Joseph D. · 3 days ago I think you know why. For all we know, Jesse Hughes was interviewed by another media outlet, said the same stuff, and caused the interviewer to wet his/her panties. Even if a copy of said interview made it to the editor, it would have been spiked. 60 ∧ | ∨ · Reply · Share >

Joseph D. A NakedJusticeLeague

• J days ago

I became suspicious during the Ferguson/ Baltimore riots and logged onto the internet police scanner. Sure enough, the media was full of sh!t and did not report all of the gunfire aimed at police, innocent shop owners or civilians. Heck, one would think they ignored it on purpose... http://www.broadcastify.com/li...

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Dr. Rieux → Joseph D. · 3 days ago

In the former Soviet Union, the Russians were fortunate enough to recognize the "news" they were given was crap.

But, although it has taken more digging to reveal the exact same thing here in the west, with the internet more people are catching on to the fact that our free press are, in fact, little more than semi-official organs of propaganda.

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propagandaoftruth A Dr. Rieux

Every journalism major, upon the brainwashing indoctrination intro to "journalism", is made to understand they are the "4th estate" and charged with shaping public opinion to agree with and passively accept Marxismprogressivism.

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Dr. Rieux A propagandaoftruth

Look at what sort of student goes into journalism. How many times have we heard some bubbly co-ed or pimply SJW say they want to go into journalism to change the world, axiomatically assuming that they know more than everyone else what the world needs to make it better and believing that they are the ones capable of doing it.

Would that they adhered to the old maxim: First do no harm.

I hate graduations, where some clown invariably gets up and exhorts the members of the graduating class to go out and make the world a better

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propagandaoftruth 🖈 Dr. Rieux

I think the best way to improve the world is to work hard and be a basically honest person.

Also an appreciation of limits, ironically, helps more than pretending there are none.

The world is perfectly imperfect, imperfect and imperfectable. Fine

with me.

Not a fan of Star Trek. 4 \land \lor \lor Reply \cdot Share \Rightarrow

Laughs Like a Crow → propagandaoftruth · 2 days ago

People are scared of their limitations. True freedom is knowing you have them. Knowing where the walls are, you can navigate the maze of life and find your pot of gold.

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Laughs Like a Crow Dr. Rieux

There are a few things my professors said in college that have stuck with me and proven true. Most else was crap.

I had a professor tell me our media and movies are just propaganda, as in the USSR. The only difference was "We are better at it."

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melamine → NakedJusticeLeague · 3 days ago

"Hughes is not happy with the way the media has treated the story. Details are randomly pulled from his interviews and entire angles are edited in later that are diametrically opposed to his beliefs." $13 \land | \lor \land \text{Reply} \land \text{Share}$

Thought Police A melamine

Hughes has my deepest sympathies. Not only did he have to deal with being shot at and having to witness his friends and fans die in front of him, but he also had to contend with the type of cultural vapidity that has led to a certain belief that--insert liberal up-speak here-- "Hughes is part of the problem and not the solution, just like, uhmm, how Facebook profile pics in solidarity with those who died are also the problem".

It's also this very same cultural vapidity that enables Muslim extremism.

Again, my deepest sympathies.

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Half_Centurian → NakedJusticeLeague · 2 days ago The truth is inconvenient...

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Alicia McHugh → Joseph D. • 6 hours ago I sent it to Drudge. Hope he puts it up. 1 ∧ | ∨ • Reply • Share >

GOvSx · 3 days ago

This interview blew my mind. First of all - all the information that are totally new to me - the other: with which clarity and honesty Jess Hughes speaks. A rare piece of journalism. 57 A V · Reply · Share >

WhereAreTheVikings → GOvSx ・ 3 days ago

I think we have found an excellent running mate for Trump. 16 ^ | ~ · Reply · Share ·

John Jeremiah Smith ≯ WhereAreTheVikings ・ 3 days ago

My daughter (the Aryan Nation daughter) believes that Trump's purpose is to throw the election to Hillary, who he has supported for more than a dozen years. So, you may be correct in your assessment of Hughes the Right Wing Rock Star as Trump's VP pick. That would ice the election for Hillary quite nicely.

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WhereAreTheVikings → John Jeremiah Smith · 3 days ago

You either take things too literally, or for some reason you comment as though you take things too literally, I guess as part of your shtick. $15 \land | \lor \cdot \text{Reply} \cdot \text{Share}$

mike2000917 🖈

Where Are The Vikings \cdot 3 days ago I am actually on board with him on this. Adelson is a vile piece of dung. His endorsement of Trump is a negative from my perspective. $10 \land | \checkmark \cdot$ Reply \cdot Share \cdot



WhereAreTheVikings → mike2000917 · 3 days ago

Well, the endorsement certainly didn't make my day, but I'm going to try not letting the perfect be the enemy of the good and see what happens. I'm fully prepared to be pulling my hair out over some of the things President Trump does, but I'm all in because of the trade deals and immigration.

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melamine WhereAreTheVikings

I heard second-hand that Trump said he is seeking small donations now. If true, one can hope that it's intended to balance his class of creditors.

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Best → mike2000917 · 3 days ago Yeah, what the heck was that all about? Another bad sign. 3 ∧ | ∨ · Reply · Share ›



CelestiaQuesta A mike2000917

John Jeremiah Smith 🖈

WhereAreTheVikings • 3 days ago WATV, ever heard the expression "hoist with her own petard"?

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i nave every right to every interai protection you might claim. You say silly shit like "Hughes would make a great VP pick by Trump", and fer gawd's sake, what do you expect in response? Ralph Waldo Emerson? ∧ | ∨ · Reply · Share →

WhereAreTheVikings -> John Jeremiah Smith · 3 davs ago

That's a Titan booster rocket full of non-responsiveness, as per your usual m.o. when cornered. 9 A V · Reply · Share

John Jeremiah Smith AreTheVikings • 3 days ago

Do you have any concept of what "responsive" means? You said Trump should pick Hughes for VP. I said (responsively) "That's stupid."

Where's the "cornered" part, genius? Would you like to defend your assertion that Gitarzan Hughes should be the VP nominee? That would be "responsive". Or, do you feel cornered, now that you think about Hughes being nominated?

Do you really enjoy these dictionarybased whuppings? Usetabe, you showed a bit of intelligence, and now you've gone all Cappish on us, with girly squeals for Trump and all. Earthquakes getting to you? Reply • Share

LibertyWarrior A John Jeremiah 3 days ago

JJS is an idiot troll that hid behind various disqus pseudonyms before coming back to his current incarnation. Don't feed the troll, that is all he is. He tries to come off intelligent and smarmy, all he comes off as is a buffoon who tries to sound smart, Fail.

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John Jeremiah Smith A 3 days ago

You might want to put in some work on "sounding smart" yourself, whiner.

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WhereAreTheVikings A John

davs ado Well, we've come full circle. You're back to your original fretting over a wise-ass comment making a point about the man's political leanings, which every single person here other than you would recognize as such, and thus:

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John Jeremiah Smith A



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