

## Another Question for You to Ponder

Suppose I told you  
that future generations  
will judge your civilization  
not by the wealth you accumulated,  
nor by the wars you won,  
not even by the technological marvels  
that you created. They will not  
take account of your art  
of your music, or of the great buildings  
you have constructed.

Suppose I told you  
that future generations  
will judge your civilization, instead,  
by the human beings  
you threw away.

Walk the streets of this city.  
It's one place to count them—  
well, some of them, anyway—  
with their signs that say  
“Hungry. Homeless.”  
or just their vacant stares.

What if I told you  
that future generations  
will judge your civilization  
by the human beings  
you threw away?

What would you do then?

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