

“These very different activities and disciplines all involve systematic and unbiased observations; the due examination of the records of these by trained minds leads to classification; from such classifications general rules or “laws” are deduced; these laws may be applied to further observations; failures in correspondence between new observations and accepted laws may result in alterations of the laws; and these alterations lead yet to further observations; and so on.” (Enc. Brit.)

“I think that we shall have to get accustomed to the idea that we must not look upon science as a ‘body of knowledge’, but rather as a system of hypotheses, or as a system of guesses or anticipations that in principle cannot be justified, but with which we work as long as they stand up to tests, and of which we are never justified in saying that we know they are “true” (Popper)

“If we do discover a complete theory, it should in time be understandable in broad principle by everyone, not just a few scientists. Then we shall all, philosophers, scientists, and just ordinary people, be able to take part in the discussion of the question of why it is that we and the universe exist. If we find the answer to that, it would be the ultimate triumph of human reason — for then we would know the mind of God.”

(Stephen Hawking)

Oruzgān, Sar-e, Ghaznī, Kabul:
Afghanistan.
We all have it.
The B.
Unjust.
Unjust and unwise.
Finland has never been an attractive
country for refugees.

When they interview they point out flaws
and they make their decisions but they
don't bother ask you again
or allow you to come and appear
before the judge in the court
to explain why those flaws exist you have reasons for
them
sometimes there isn't any contradiction, but they think
there is.

In the interviews
we
only answer the questions asked.
Most of them not really important.
Not relevant.
Most of the time silly questions
“Why you came to Finland?
What if we send you back?”
Questions that are in their interest.
Being as a police, or being as an official.
Try to show off – being efficient, doing their job well.

Under the Taliban regime, well
(silence)
It was, yeah...
Chopping off someone's hands
Stoning someone until death
Blow his brains off,

with stones
Mujahedin were even worse.
The same, now in power
slaughtered in the district of Afshar,
south-west of Kabul
8.000 men, women and children.
Cut off their breasts,
cut off their heads,
and yeah,
so babies...

[Nausea. Chills.
I don't want to know.
Afraid of what might come next.]

“We should work to remove the dictators,
to remove the threat.”
In theory it sounds really good.
Really fancy,
and yeah.
(silence)
Why are you not doing what you say? So,
this is the irony. [A very harsh irony.]
Yeah, bitter.

[Can I understand what you tell me?]
I just don't know I can't say
I would say no
things seem or sound really
unbelievable or unimaginable I don't want to
talk about those very gruesome things
because it's,
yeah, really nasty.

[Are you comfortable talking about this?]
They involve your family.
Persecute and punish
the whole family. And you know
that there are, these families

close, big families, living together:
brothers, uncles, aunts.
Everyone suffers.
This is a problem for everyone
who gets into some kind of problems.
So,
we should not go into personal things.

[Remembered the note
taped on his chest:
“Better to die suddenly,
than to die
little by little.”
It all happened not too long ago.]

[This, I'm not comfortable asking.]
Many people have died
after they have survived in their own country.
Could not survive on the way to a safe place.
Died on their way.
To some safe place.
People have,
yeah, drowned.
In rivers, in oceans. People have
come with those
balloon-boats, yeah?
People have crossed the sea with those boats,
Balloon-boats
Almost... many.
From Turkey to Italy or Greece.
Just imagine.
And they would pump it with their own mouth.
From Turkey to Italy on those boats.
Very few reach safely.

[On the shelf, yellow narcissuses, made of
plastic;
and a statue of a naked white woman.
Toothbrush and toothpaste.
A big, white box of medicine.]

They said the district I came from,
it is safe
and you can return.
And, I wondered.
I don't care if it's safe or unsafe it is not
safe for me I have problems there.
I have talked to you about
my problems and you
are telling me it is
safe who the hell cares!?
Where ever they would return me,
once you are there in Afghanistan, yeah.
You're dead.

They don't even think
for a second that
they could be wrong. Incorrect.
Or that we could also be right.
We could also be
telling the truth.

Family.
The most important thing.
Your safety. Their safety.
And that you have a, yeah,
a normal life a peaceful life
a career.
All of us have one thing in common,
we all strive to live a normal life.
And I guess we have
a right to have a normal life. Just like
any other person.

Being a refugee or
having been born and raised in war,
these two things
can't be explained in words. I'm trying my best,

but I can't.
So many, so many things.
This stress, mental stress.
You are away from your family.
Uncertain about your future.
Your safety.
And yeah, that people
look at you with a different kind of, you know.
(silence)
This feeling of powerlessness.
That someone else
has your destiny in his hands.
And he can do whatever he wants to.
He can... If he wanted,
he could give you that opportunity.
Give you that life,
normal life. Give you your only dream.
And if he wanted,
he could destroy and finish everything.

[A sleepless night]

Now it is far from obvious, from a logical point of view, that we are justified in inferring universal statements from singular ones, no matter how numerous; for any conclusions drawn in this way may always turn out to be false: no matter how many instances of white swans we may have observed, this does not justify the conclusion that *all swans* are white.

(Karl Popper)