

An insightful journal entry

Ted Kaczynski

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Feb. 14. Yesterday I hunted here in the Florence Canyon. Found a hare and hit it with an arrow from a distance of maybe six feet. The arrow entered the hare where I aimed — through the body and just behind the shoulders. However, the hare ran. I followed footprints from one part to another. I was in the thicket for several hours, but I could not catch the hare. After a while I would come several times so close to the hare that I could see it; but she still ran surprisingly well despite the arrow that was still in her body. Once I could have killed her with the rifle, but I tried to get a chance with the bow and arrow, and the hare ran again. I finally lost the tracks and I couldn't find them again even though I searched for them for a long time. The search was very difficult because I have a short temper ...

Feb 21: ... It has been maybe three years that my parents have customarily given me 500 dollars as a gift every Christmas and every birthday. This is 1,000 dollars a year. I am a little ashamed to accept this. It is true that a life of poverty gives more satisfaction than a life based on money. It was even more of a greater satisfaction to hunt and gather roots, berries, and herbs, and make clothes, etc., during the three years when I had very little money (sometimes less than twenty-five dollars) than now when the money I have is much more than what would be enough for the physical needs, and hunting etc. is good savings but not an absolute necessity. In reality, I would tell my parents to shove their money up their ass, if it were not that I want this money for two purposes. And these purposes are not related to the luxury that can be bought with money, since I still carry a life as frugal as before. One of the purposes is to provide something in case I get ill. For example, I have a little bit of rheumatism. It is minor and it is no problem now, but – in five or ten years? Maybe I'll turn into a cripple. Because life would not be worth much to me if I was not healthy enough to be physically active, and it would be more agreeable with my opinions and my attitude towards life that I would go without this certainty and accepted an early death if it would come. But I have another motive (much more important) for accepting this money.

And this is that my projects for revenge on the technological society are expensive and I need money to carry them out. For instance, last fall I attempted a bombing and spent nearly three hundred bucks just for travel expenses, motel, clothing for disguise, etc. Aside from cost of materials for bomb. And then the thing failed to explode. Damn, this was the firebomb found in University of Utah business school outside door of room containing some computer stuff. ...

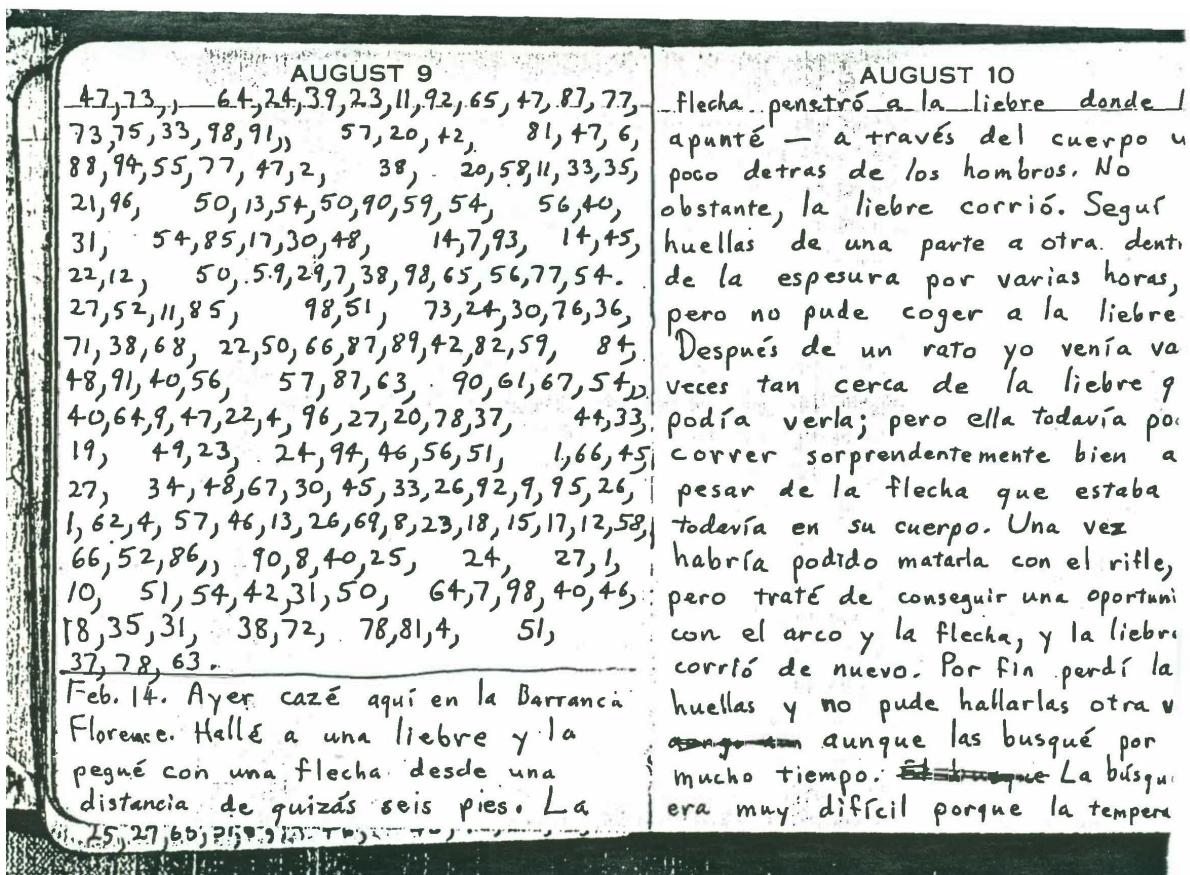
Original Spanish

Ayer caze aqui en la Barranca Florence. Halle a una liebre y la pegue con una fleche desde una distancia de quizas seis pies. La fleche penetro a la liebre donde I a punte – a traves del cuerpo y poco detras de los hombros. No obstante, la liebre corrio.

Segui huellas de una parte a otra. Dente de la espesura por varias horas, pero no pude coger a la liebre Despues de un rato yo venia va veces tan cerca de la liebre que podia verla; pero ella todavia poco corer sorprendentemente bien a pesar de la fleche que estaba todavia en su cuerpo. Una vez habria podido matarla con el rifle, pero trate de conseguir una oporuni con el arco y la fleche, y la liebra corrio de Nuevo. Por fin perdi la huellas y no pude hallarlas otra v aunque las busque por mucho tiempo. La busque era muy difcil porque la tempera ...

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April 2 [1982]...I am now middle aged and I cannot expect anymore to be as healthy as when I was young.

May 25 [1982]. The older I get, the more disgust I feel for the human race.

June 19 [1982]. "Love only comes within us when reasoning, the guardian of the spirit, falls asleep." -- Javier de Viana, Leña Seca, "Facundo Imperial", I.

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[July 30, 1982]

Dear Dave:

I remember that when we were kids I sometimes would take advantage of my greater size and strength to dominate you physically. Also I sometimes harassed you verbally. I've thought about this sometimes and I now regret that I behaved that way. So I now offer you an apology for it; though I suppose this apology very likely is a matter of indifference to you anyway...

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[1983 - ?] [letter to parents]

to your last letter, in which you said you were "truly sorry to have such failures as parents"; Its a satisfaction to me to have you admit your faults for once, instead of trying to make excuses for them. The

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FOR INSTANCE, LAST FALL I
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BUCKS JUST FOR TRAVEL EX-
PENSES, MOTEL, CLOTHING
FOR DISGUISE, ETC. ASIDE
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DAMN, THIS WAS THE FIREBOMB
FOUND IN U. OF UTAH BUSINESS
SCHOOL OUTSIDE DOOR OF ROOM
CONTAINING SOME COMPUTER
STUFF.

March 6. [Spanish]

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The Ted K Archive

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Notebook X (Journal Series V, #1). <archive.org> & A Review and Compilation of the Writings of Ted Kaczynski.

Ted explains he's having a frustrating time trying to hunt with a bow and arrow, then later writes about how; if it wasn't for his desire to get revenge on society, he'd prefer to die young due to natural causes, I think mainly because he's relating to himself as this broken creature in comparison to hunter-gatherers born into living a wilderness life. It feels like a clear, sad window into his emotional turmoil and worldview, but there are pages missing in between, which it'd be cool to see one day.

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