

The background of the image is an aerial view of a city, likely Seattle, during a golden sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow glow over the city and the surrounding mountains. A large body of water, possibly a bay or river, is visible in the middle ground. The city's buildings and streets are visible in the foreground, with some lights beginning to glow as dusk falls. The overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

RONALD PAUL SPEAKES' PALE SAINT JUDAS

“WHILE I WAS IN THIS CAMP – IT DID NOT EVEN HAVE A NAME, ALTHOUGH THE MEN CALLED IT MANY THINGS – WE OFTEN TALKED WITH OUR CAPTORS. THE AMERICANS GAVE ME NEWS OF THE WORLD, TOLD ME ABOUT THEIR HOMES BACK IN THE STATES AND THEIR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. THEY WERE IDEALISTIC. THEIR COUNTRY WAS THE PROMISED LAND. BASEBALL WAS THE SPORT OF GODS. AS NAIVE AS CHILDREN. YET, I LIKED THEM. HOWEVER, IT WAS THAT NIGHT IN THE CAMP ON THE RHINE THAT CERTAIN IDEAS BECAME FOREVER UNITED IN MY MIND -- BARBED WIRE, THE ODIIOUS STENCH OF HUMAN WASTE . . . AND CULTURE.”