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A MESSAGE I WISH TO SHARE.

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> *Subject:*

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> *The Editor:*

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> *I too was curious to see first hand what the controversy over the "Passion" was about. I made up my mind that I would apply one criteria only and that is quality - is it convincing? Will it touch my soul and convey the essential message of a man who claimed to be the Son of God.*

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> *The unspeakable brutality depicted on the screen against Jesus who committed no crime other than to preach love and brotherhood is driven into every fiber of our being. The indescribable violence is historical fact and is the very essence of the movie. Without it, its message would dissipate. It would be merely another story we might watch instead of a regular football game.*

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> *Unlike Hollywood's incessant gratuitous violence, badgering our senses for no reason other than appealing to the beast within us in exchange for cash, the brutality against the carpenter from Nazareth raises our awareness - it jars our consciousness and penetrates to the very depth of our soul. It raises a hope in our minds that we could be more than beasts. The "Passion" makes sense.*

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