In a Tight Corner

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Discrimination occurs when one gets wrong perception on somebody. Imagine there are men who were educated that pagans were the demons and gets wrong recognition on people they've first met thinking that they were the devils.¹

¹ This story is not related to this earth.
“The people who are different from us are the devils,” based on their misperception, they started killing these people.

This misperception will be corrected when they become aware of their mistake.
When they become aware of their mistake,
it will be corrected.

What?
Were these goods gifts to us?

The ones we killed were just ordinary people.
Thus recognition is automatically corrected in one’s heart. When his/her perception is changed, his/her emotion towards the people who are different from them also changes.
As seen above, once the recognition is modified, people starts to act on the new perception been corrected and no discrimination will occur afterward. However, a recognition revised is not sometimes accepted for various reasons. There would be someone who wants to escape from the reality, closing his/her eyes like below.

![Cartoon of a person saying, “Because they are not humans, but just animals, monkeys!”]
This is nothing but the declaration that he will change his recognition towards the different race killed by him.

This means that he gets wrong recognition on purpose. Needless to say, this change does not happen automatically. This only happens artificially, in another word, forcibly.
Now could you imagine this?

If it was you, how would you make yourself believe that these people were monkeys?

It is never easy to get wrong perception on purpose. One cannot see a human being as a monkey without extraordinary attempts and efforts, unless he/she goes insane...
However on this planet, some people have successfully started to see a human as a monkey!

Now what kind of attempts and efforts made him possible to see her as a monkey? I repeat; One cannot see a human being as a monkey without extraordinary attempts and efforts, unless he/she goes insane... What happened in his heart? What forced him to do such a hard task?
I don't want to go hell.
I am not evil!

The one I killed was a monkey, monkey, monkey!!
Afterword - picture book “In a tight corner”

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