

IN MEMORY OF THE ORLANDO SOULS

Only a few days ago a man walked into an Orlando, Florida, LGBT dance club and opened fire on defenseless innocent people. Most of those shot and killed were Latino's.

One day before this shooting I had finished reading "Open Veins of Latin America: Five Centuries of the Pillage of a Continent", by Eduardo Galeano.

Galeano was an Uruguayan journalist, writer and novelist. Open Veins of Latin America is a powerful "must read" written from a Latino perspective exposing a pattern of five centuries of exploitation of Latin America. So powerful is the prose between those covers that former Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez presented a copy to President Barack Obama on his first diplomatic visit to the region.

I went two months without any batteries for my radio. When I finished this book I was able to buy a pack. I felt detoxed from all the political circus side show playing out daily on the airwaves.

When I finally tuned back in the circus was still in full swing, but the news of all those killed in Orlando reached my ears.

I could not help but think of the last line of Open Veins of Latin America:

"[I]n the history of humankind every act of destruction meets its response, sooner or later, in an act of creation."

To the Orlando souls: May the Gods wrap you in their warmth. Peace brothers and sisters....