## Alex Hribal's Letter

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This is a transcript of Alex Hribal's four-page handwritten note, composed three days before his attack. "Ragnarök" refers to an apocalyptic event in Norse mythology. Crossed-out text in the original has been included below.

## RAGNAROK Written April 6th, 2014.

By now, my art has obviously been revealed to the world in its most beautiful fashion. However, to get one thing, another must be left behind. But am I honestly going to tell you I am a victim? I am no more a victim than you, the person reading this. In this cruel world full of misery and selfishness, we are all victims of something, even if we are all selfish. Leaving behind everything good about my life and trading it for heaven. That's enough bullshitting for now though, I don't need pity.

Time to get to the point, my reasoning for such a "monstrosity." This world would undoubtedly be better if we were all in heaven. It should be noted, though, I am not doing this for anyone alive in the world today. I realize people value their lives and am taking revenge on them for being so goddamn stupid. I would be nothing and this whole event would never occur if it weren't for Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold of Columbine High School. They worked hard to achieve freedom in heaven. I admire them greatly because they saw something wrong in the world and moved away the herd of sheep to do something about it. They also possess three crucial things a person needs in order to become a god: intelligence, ideology, and malice (or cruelty). This wasn't the only example of people becoming gods, either. Julius Caesar and Vladimir Lenin

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also became gods. I became a prophet because I spread the word of a god, Eric Harris. I do this because the world is bitter and painful. People often celebrate the good things in life, but that's only a lie. All good things must end, so why celebrate? So life can be more enjoyable. But you don't have to live. You don't have to endure this harsh and evil world. A world where most people can only find happiness or enjoyment in doing drugs, drinking alcohol, and making your fellow man suffer  $\rightarrow$  (not that that's bad, it's just when you preach that humans should be nice to each other, then are only concerned about yourself, makes you an exhibit of hypocrisy.)

That brings me to my next point: every person most people in the world are hypocrites because they only care about themselves, but when other people serve their interests, these people become important. Also, people usually exploit each other if they get enjoyment out of it. People kill, people steal, people stain the world with sins for fun and it's absolutely disgusting. In such a terrible state of affairs, it actually CAN get worse. The only way is for these evil people to accuse other people of being "evil" [illegible cross-out] when they do these things for a just cause, such as freedom.

Next, my topic will be moral nihilism. Evil does not exist. There are no such things like "universal evils" and immorality. Those are man made creations. It would be perfectly reasonable to say something is evil, so long as it opposes your point of view. People say what I did is evil. It opposes their hypocritical opinion of helping fellow human beings. I could say life is evil, because it blocks everyone in the world of heaven, where all is good. When people say "evil" I hear "obstructing my path to success."

I am not trying to justify my actions whatsoever here. I'm only explaining my ideology so people don't jump to conclusions and scapegoat a dozen different things. Or I would just rather say that a dozen different things will be speculated to be at fault. As I mention heaven, some will say religion. It's a violent action, so mental issues and video games will certainly make the news, (coincidentally?) right after this. I watch anime, but do not consider myself a fan, so people will blame that clique. As with any crime, family will be at the center of it all, something I wish was avoidable. Access to weapons, including guns, will be debated. There's no way to legislate Columbine or anyway to hide this or that, so it won't be blamed.

All this was caused by was dehumanization of public school. When I go there, it reminds me why I am doing this. All public school is is trash teaching trash. Laziness teaching ecstasy. Selfishness teaching addiction. Dozens of teachers teaching 1200 students and almost all just want drugs, alcohol, sex, and/or money. The Future of America? Absolutely Disgusting. I can't wait to see the priceless and helpless looks on the faces of the students of one of the "best schools in Pennsylvania" realize their precious lives are going to be taken by the only one among them that isn't a plebeian. If Eric Harris [is] a god, like the Buddha, then that makes me Siddhartha, a wandering student of many that can only find himself when he meets a god almost no one takes seriously. [In margin:] That also makes this a holy book, written by a prophet who would become a god when he died.

The only thing I wish didn't come out of this was the pain it would inevitably cause my closest friends and family. I love them all, even if we will never see eye to eye, even if I am incapable of loving them more than I admire Eric Harris, Dylan Klebold, and Vladimir Lenin. I noticed from an early age I am not like my family or friends at all. I don't belong with them. I belong with people that developed quickly, that changed the world when everyone else were just sheep in a herd.

And here's to the only essay or paper I've ever enjoyed writing and reading over and over,

[Signed:] Alex Hribal Alex Hribal SS.I