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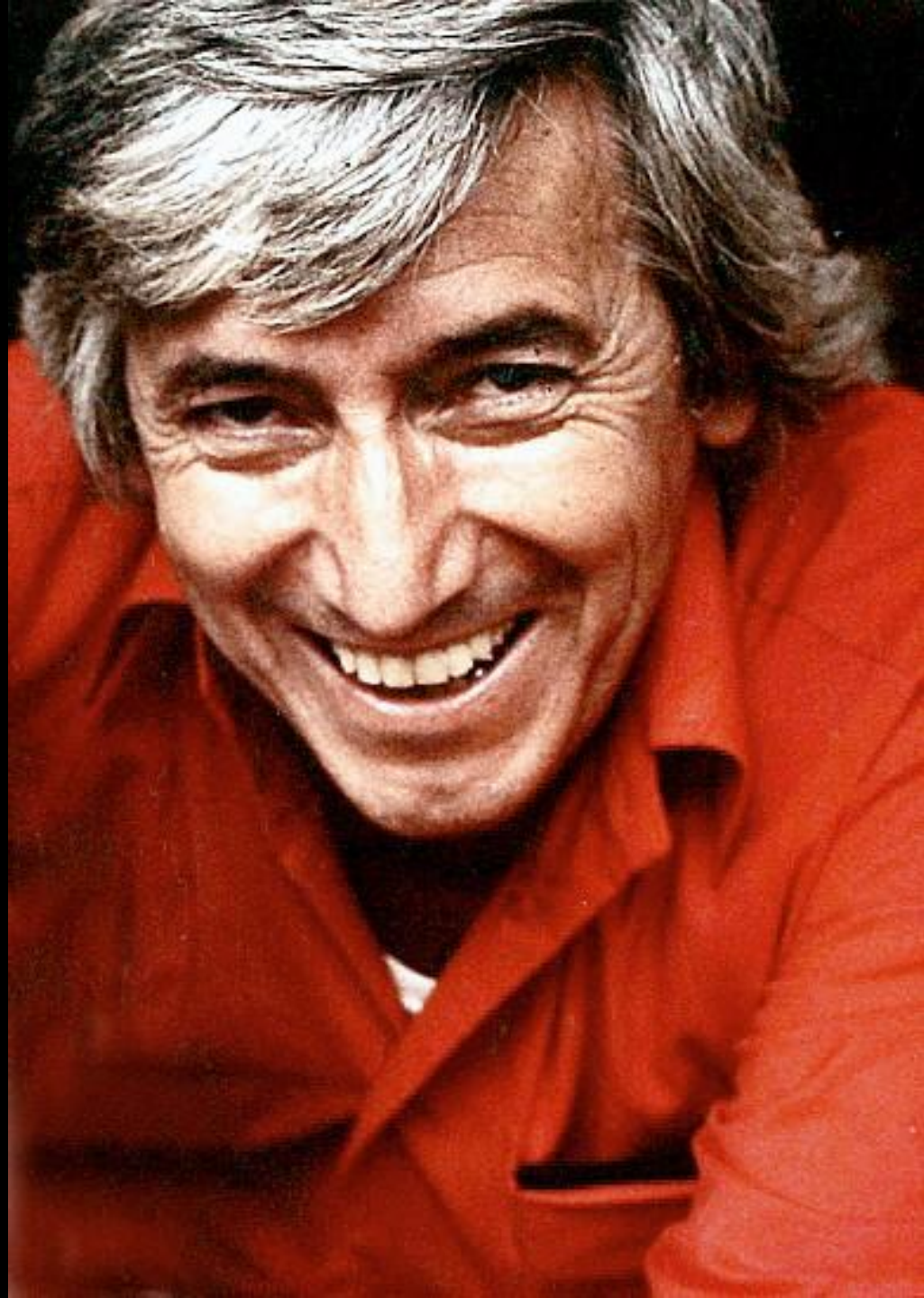
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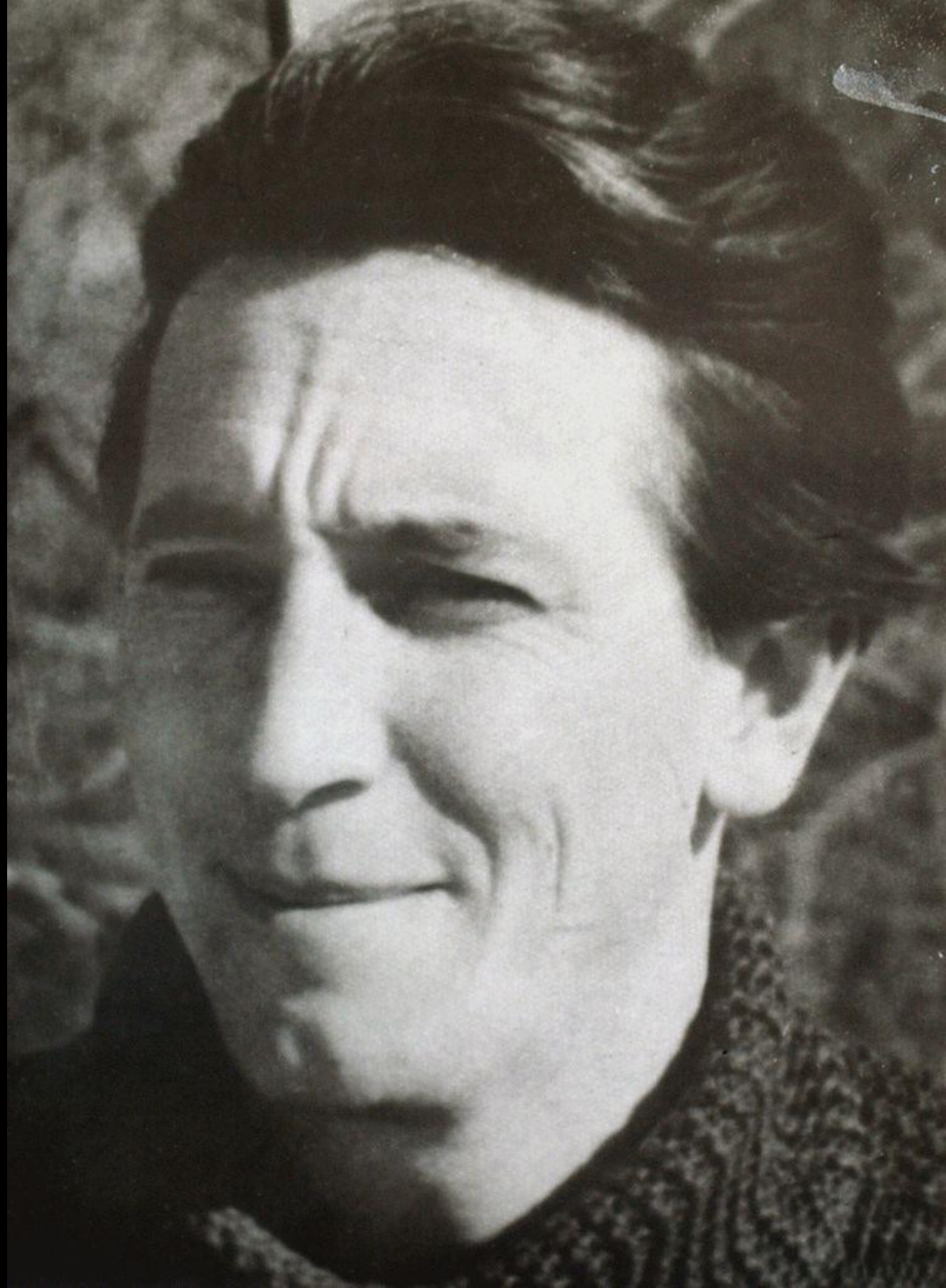














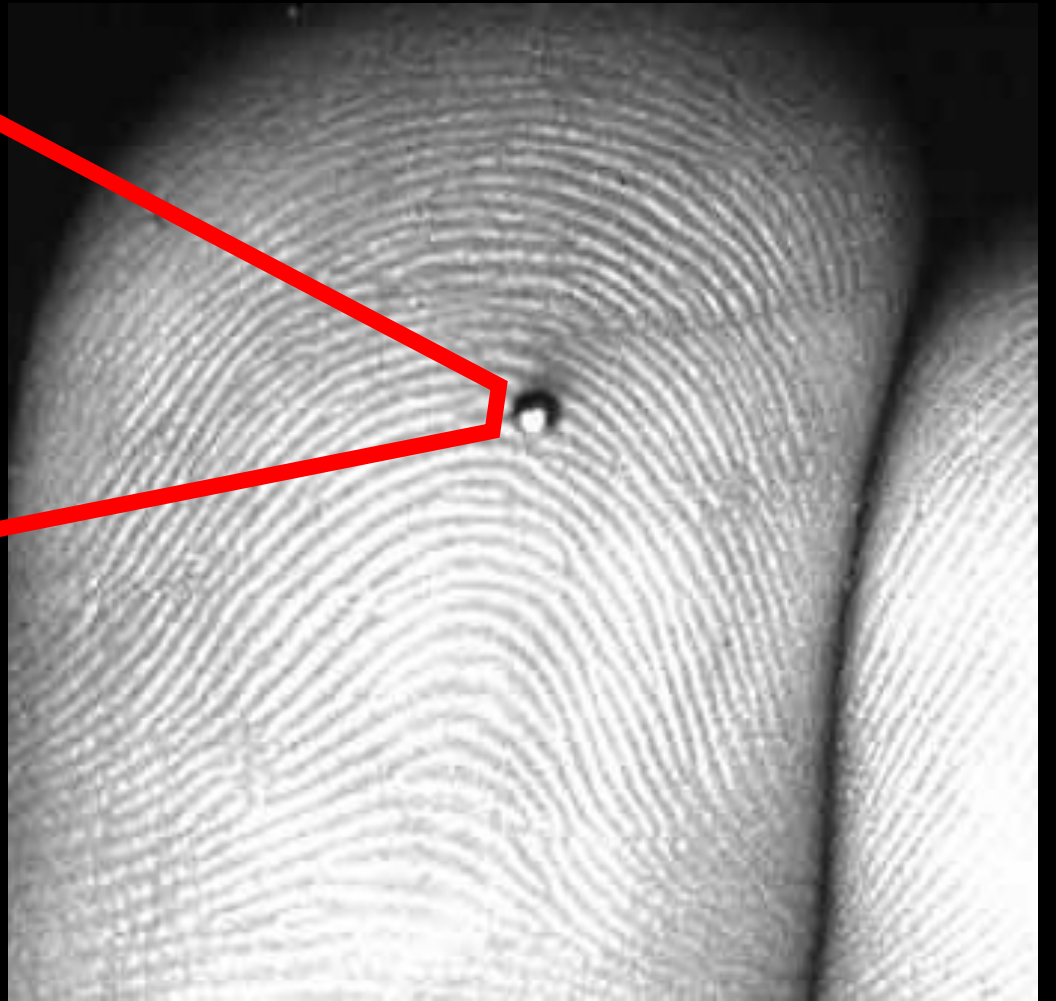
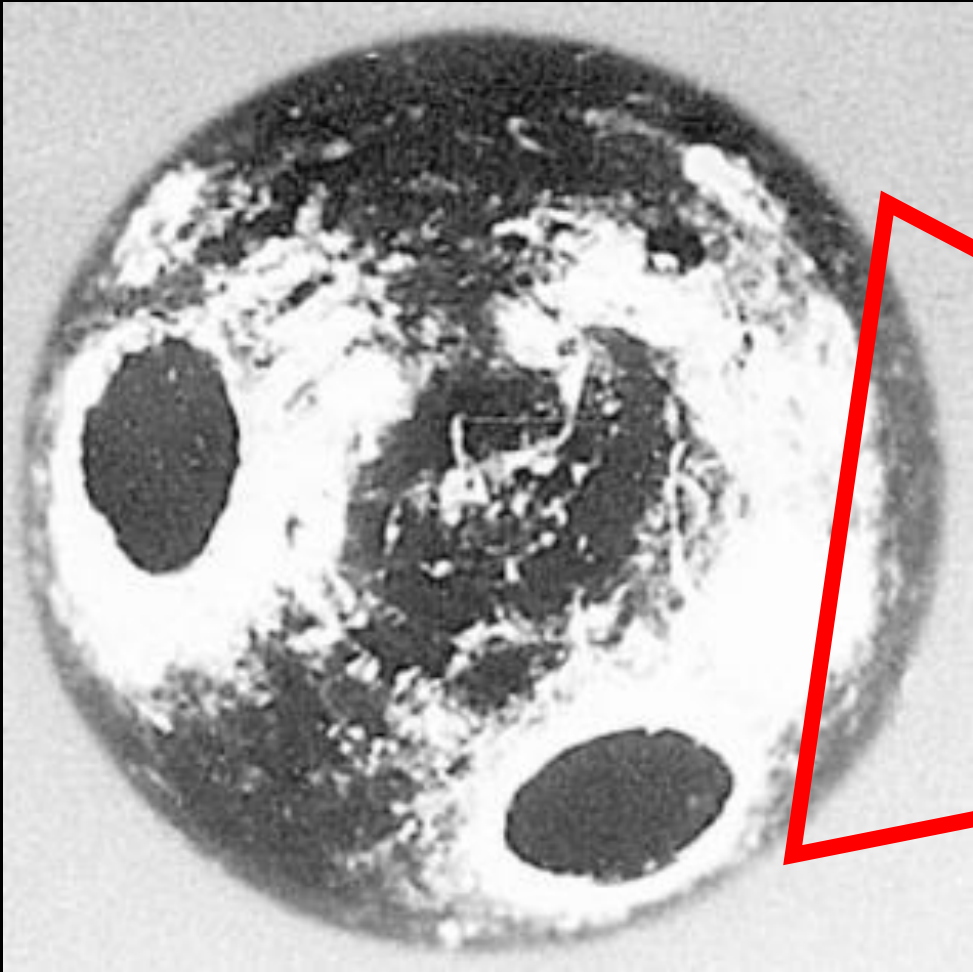
“Today, we Bulgarians present a fine example of what it is to exist under a lid which we cannot lift and which we no longer believe someone else can lift....And the unending slogan which millions of loudspeakers blare out is that everyone is fighting for the happiness of others. Every word spoken under the lid constantly changes its meaning. Lies and truths swap their values with the frequency of an alternating current....We have seen how personality vanishes, how individuality is destroyed, how the spiritual life of a whole people is corrupted to turn them into a listless flock of sheep. We have seen so many of those demonstrations which humiliate human dignity, where normal people are expected to applaud some paltry mediocrity who has proclaimed himself a demi-god and condescendingly waves to them from the heights of his police inviolability.” (Excerpt from Georgi Markov’s *The Truth that Killed*)





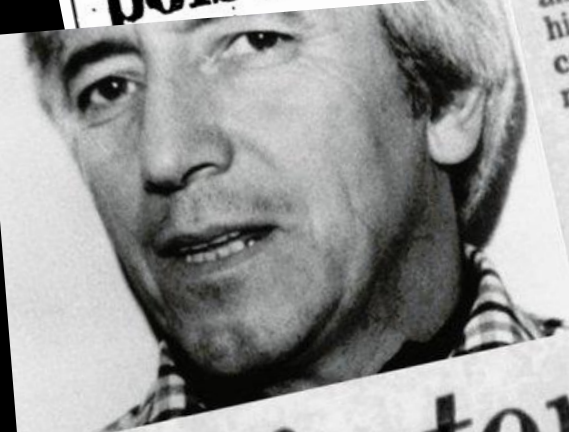








Markov blood poison



any of his past in Europe came to the United States many in 1949. Later, however, trembling and sweating, he said he never "saw Treblinka or Travniki." Treblinka and Travniki were

bishops in red caps and stoles.

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Defector's Umbrella

mystery death: assassination?

London Sunday Times

LONDON—Georgi Markov would have been an easy man to kill. When the defector from Bulgaria died recently, many high-ranking police officers suspected he may have been murdered.

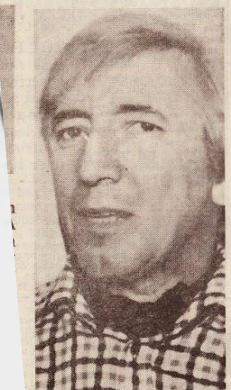
carrying what appeared to be a plain umbrella. No one would notice two men bumping into each other, and a taxi would provide the getaway. The original account of what happened to Markov came from Teo Lirkoff, a fellow Bulgarian exile who does occasional secretarial work for the External Service. Lirkoff was in Bush House when Markov returned from the routine

fact that the police have so far failed to find a single credible witness to it.

HOWEVER, THERE is increasing reason to believe that something nasty did happen to Georgi Markov. And last Friday, Scotland Yard started treating the death as murder. When Markov died, Cmdr. Jim Neville, head of the anti-terrorist unit, announced he would attend Markov's autopsy personally. That could be called routine in what at first appears to be a suspicious death.

Yard confirms it: Poison broly story was true

Sinister micro-ball that killed Markov



GEORGI MARKOV



ANNABEL MARKOV



VLADIMIR KOSTOV

Government faces a diplomatic dilemma as Bulgarian envoy is summoned to Whitehall

Government is facing a dilemma over the affair. Foreign Office and Home Office are outraged that a London street in such a fashionable area should be the scene of an assassination. Intelligence services are in no doubt that the man who was hired to kill the Bulgarian broadcaster who had worked for the BBC since his defection. Nevertheless, the Bulgarian Ambassador, Mr Vladimir Valchev, was called to the Foreign Office yesterday and told by a senior official about the police findings. It was said afterwards that the meeting was arranged as a matter of courtesy because Mr Valchev has already lodged protests at the way the British media have drawn conclusions about Markov's murder. There is little doubt, though, that at the 30-minute meeting the Ambassador was told that the deepest suspicion is held about the political motives for the killing.

But this is fairly easy to detect whereas so far all tests on Mr Markov for commonly known poisons and microbes have proved negative. Mr Markov's death three weeks ago followed a high fever and coma. The symptoms were those of someone who had an overwhelming infection, a pathologist said. Scotland Yard detectives, worried about the possible fate of any other Bulgarian defectors in Britain, believe a large number of the micro-balls have been made. Commander Jim Neville, head of the Yard's anti-terrorist squad, said: 'We have never come across anything like this before. We are very anxious to know from anybody at all what these objects might be.' A London metallurgist said he believed he could make an identical micro-ball in a few hours. The alloy of platinum and iridium is used in the medical field—in heart pacemakers, for example. He said: 'It would be possible to drill the ball either with a laser or a conventional drill, the sort used by precision jewelers.' And the umbrella gun? That, too, the metallurgist believed, could be easily manufactured. A small bottle of high-pressure gas could be used to propel the ball down a tube inside the umbrella into the victim. Mr Markov's wife, Annabel, 36, said at her home in Clapham yesterday that her husband and the Paris broly victim, Mr Kostov, were close friends. English-born Mrs Markov, who has a two-year-old daughter, said her husband always believed he was a target for assassination.

at became chilling fact

British and American intelligence agencies have been aware for some time that many deaths have been falsely attributed to suicide or natural causes because of the undoubted Russian superiority in the refinements of murder methods. As long ago as 1957 Captain Nikolai Khokhlov suffered a mysterious illness while attending an anti-Communist rally in Frankfurt. Experts investigating the incident believe—but never proved—that a pneumatically operated ice atomiser, which inflicts no wound, was used to poison him. There can be no doubt that the Bulgarian Government has been becoming increasingly fearful that the use of radio by dissidents abroad could be mobilising a latent but numerically powerful anti-Communist movement within its own frontiers. And there can be no doubt either that Georgi Markov, a playmaker of international reputation, was a persuasive exponent of the medium. If the Soviet bloc in general, and Bulgaria in particular, has now finally lost its nerve in the propaganda war, then the Markov murder could be a pointer to future tactics.

The poisoned umbrella, suspected as being the murder weapon that silenced a persistent dissident voice, yesterday stepped out of fantasy and into fact. What kind of mentality will track down and execute someone who is merely saying uncomfortable words and voicing politically embarrassing thoughts?

WILLIAM GREAVES

'Now there must be a very good case for the removal of the Bulgarian Embassy from this country until we have a guarantee that there will be no more acts of terrorism like this.' The confirmation that Markov was murdered, coupled with a similar attempt on the life of another Bulgarian defector, Vladimir Kostov, in Paris, is certain to rekindle suspicion of all 'natural' or 'accidental' deaths of defectors in Britain in recent years.



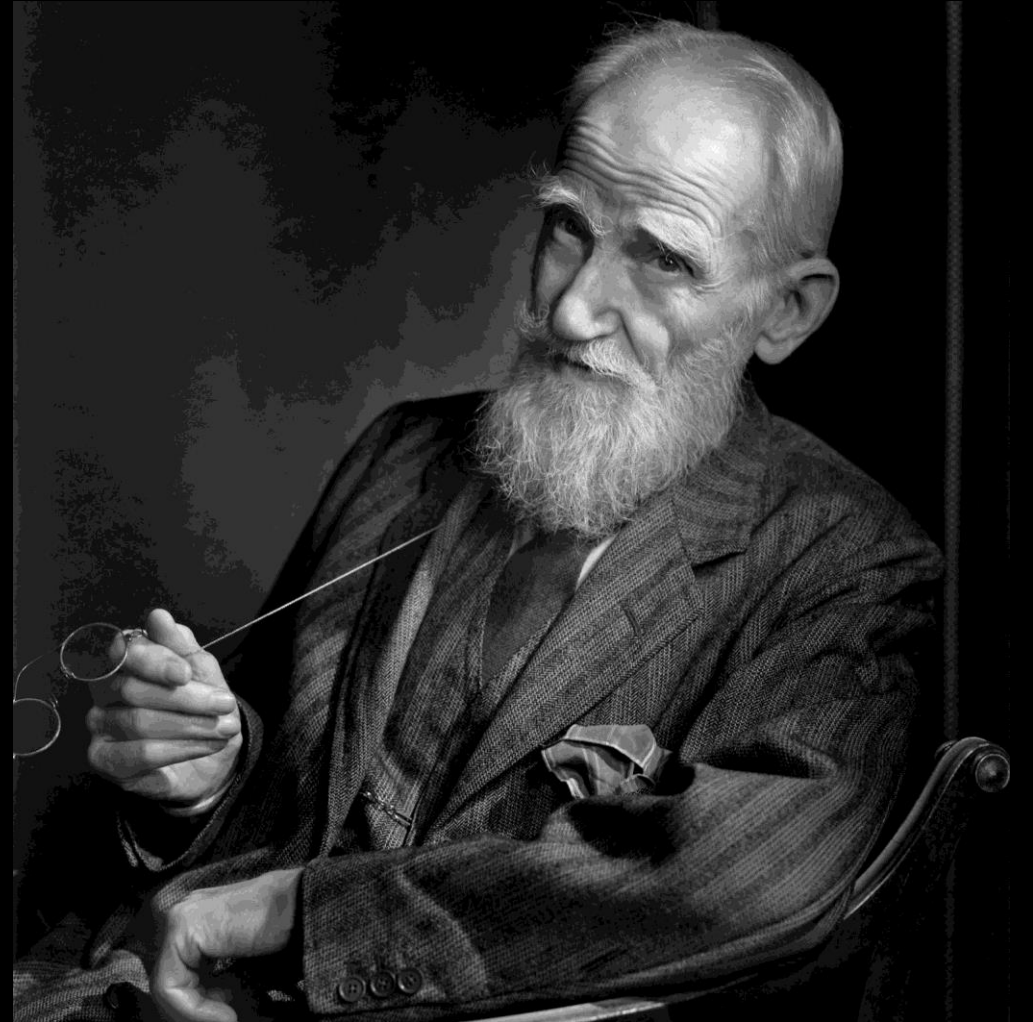


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МАРКОВ
1929 - 1978

Живите затварят очите на мъртвите,
мъртвите отварят очите на живите.

“Think of the fierce energy concentrated in an acorn! You bury it in the ground, and it explodes into an oak!”

(George Bernard Shaw)



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MARK 4:1-34**

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Mark 4:1-12 (ESV): “Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.

2 And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: 3 ‘Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it....”

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“...5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. 6 And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. 8 And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.’...”

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“...9 And he said, ‘He who has ears to hear, let him hear.’ 10 And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. 11 And he said to them, ‘To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, 12 so that “they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven.”””





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John 6:40 (ESV): “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”



Mark 4:13-25 (ESV): “And he said to them, ‘Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? 14 The sower sows the word. 15 And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. 16 And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy....”

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“...17 And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. 18 And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, 19 but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 20 But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.’...”

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“...21 And he said to them, ‘Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? 22 For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.’ 24 And he said to them, ‘Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. 25 For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.’”





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Mark 4:26-29 (ESV): “And he said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. 28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.’”

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Luke 17:5-6 (ESV): “The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ 6 And the Lord said, ‘If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it would obey you.””

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Colossians 2:4-7 (ESV): “I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. 6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught.”

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**Matthew 5:3 (ESV): “Blessed are the poor
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heaven.”**

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Matthew 19:14 (ESV): “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

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Luke 6:20 (ESV): “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.”

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**Luke 12:32 (ESV): “Fear not, little flock,
for it is your Father’s good pleasure to
give you the kingdom.”**

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Romans 14:16-18 (ESV): “So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.”

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Mark 4:30-34 (ESV): “And he said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’ 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. 34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.”



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Galatians 4:18 (NIV): “It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good.”

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Next Week: Luke 6:20-38