

APOCALYPSIS TEXT

The text is taken from: THE BIBLE  
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## The Characters Speak:

Mary Magdeline ( Elizabeth ) = SONG OF SONGS  
 Lazarus ( Zbigniew Cynkuntis = BOOK OF JOB  
 Dark One ( Ryszard Cieslak = ASH WEDNESDAY  
 WASTELAND  
 GENERATION  
 Stanley Cierski = APOCALYPSIS  
 Judas ( Zygmund Molik ) = EVANGELISTS  
 Peter ( Antoni Jaholkowski = THE BROTHERS  
 KARAMAZOV

&  
 LITURGICAL TEXTS

Text- not exact because tranlation given  
 by Zbyszek was hurried and incomplete.

Elz & Stan : Verily, verily I say unto you that unless you---  
 ( St. John..Elzbieta speaks it in Spanish.  
 The bread scene- knife cutting- follows.)

Peter: Stand up, you are a child.

Lazarus: You are a lot of fatheads. How do you keep the fast?

Peter: Mary Magdeline, clean his legs.

Judas, identify him.

Lazarus: I'm thinking of giving up your bread, and going to  
 the woods to live on mushrooms and wild berries.

Peter: You were born in Nazareth

( laughter- after a pause)

You are a child.

( laughter)

For them you died on the cross.

( laughter)

You are God.

( laughter increases)

You died for them and they didnt recognize you.

( laughter)

And you are Judas. And you are Mary Magdeline.

( Stanley sings as Ryszard jumps on  
 Peter and is carried to spot where  
 bread lies on floor)

Stanley: ( singing) Wisi na krzyziu

The master creature of the sky

Must hang on the cross

Man must weep at his sins

Oh for my lawlessness

The man suffers and dies.

Peter ( From Dostojewskis KARAMAZOV=Grand Inquisitor Chp 5)

Fifteen centuries passed since the promise of his  
 coming. We wait. I tell you trust not heaven. Trust  
 your heart.

Christ ( From T.S. Eliots' ASH WEDNESDAY first 20-22 lines)

Peter: Man is born a rebel, and can rebels be happy ?  
 Why have you come to interfere with us?  
 ( Mock cross carrying to Calvary)

You are the spirit of self destruction. You were tempted and rejected the devil three times. The prodigious miracle was the rejection of the 3 questions. The miracle lay there.

Who was right- you- or he who questioned you then ?  
 You go into the world with nothing but freedom.

Man doesnt know what to do with freedom.  
 Turn stones into loaves of bread and mankind will follow you forever, fearing you will withdraw your hands and they will no longer have their loaves!

( Bounce of heads.)

The what keeps he what and nothing else. ( Lab actors line)

Stanley: Hey, grab at pecks- grab the pipes ( game of grabbing)  
 (erotic Game--they roll around near Christ)

Christ: Dont be afraid of the soul- isnt the soul more important than the flesh.

Peter: I saw the water coming out of the right side of the temple. Alleluja. And everyone who drinks this water shall be delivered Alleluja!

( They suck the blood from his side as he lefts his raincoat.)

Stanley: ( is the last to drink and adds this Lab Line)  
 Thats sour liquor in him not blood.

( They are on the floor now like drunken Babes. They sing about the wedding in cannon- Cana. In the middle of the Cana song Christ recites text from ASH WEDNESDAY)

Christ: Who walked between the violets and violets  
 -----taking in ----- things  
 Who moved among the others as they walked  
 Who made fresh the springs  
 If the last word is lost

unspoken  
 unlearned

The word without the word

Stanley: ( from the book of Psalms)

Let the angels bring us to eternal glory  
 So we may with poor Lazarus stand at the right side of the father.

(Now follow the excerpts from Solomon, Job, Song of Songs, Apocalypsis- spoken by several different people. These are said to Peter who is astonished! )

The Temptation Of St. Peter the Church!  
 Take me with you, we will run into your bed.  
 There I will give you me breast. I will say to the hole you are my father and to the worm, you are my mother. A sheath is plezsant to me- between my breasts.....

( several more are spoken)

(Christ rescues Peter. Rides  
Christ like a horse. Christ  
collapses- speaks with hoarse  
voice- walks hunched with cane.)

Christ: ( From ASH WEDNESDAY)  
I do not hope to turn again

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Suffer us not to mock ourselves with falsehoods.

( The death- mock death - of Lazarus)  
Lazarus: ( From JOB)  
I despair and I will not live anymore because I  
will lay myself down to ashes. And one morning  
even if one looked for me I will not be found-  
There will be nothing.  
( He is buried with song and moaning.)

Christ : Lazarus, I tell you stand.  
( He does - he laughs at the naive Christ)

Lazarus: ( From JOB)  
Who can make me clean when I was born from the  
dirty seed.

Christ: ( From WASTELAND)  
What are the roots that clutch  
What branches grow out of this----  
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and the dead trees give no shelter  
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-----only the shadow-----

Lazarus: Let the day die when I was born  
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Let the dark stars shine ← ( Bread throwing  
scene)  
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Why didnt I die, coming out of the womb.  
( Cynkutis kisses Cieslak. )

Christ: My nerves are bad tonight  
Stay with me ( he throws Cynkutis to the floor)  
I have heard the key turn in the door once-  
In my prison ----

Lazarus : (As he gathers the bread crumbs he had thrown  
at Cieslak he recites from the book of Job.)

Peter : ( Bringing Jesus to Mary Magdeline and sin.  
He recites from the LAST SUPPER.)  
And when they had eaten the dinner, Christ said to  
Peter, " Simon, do you love me more than the others?"  
he said " Yes Master"....."Simon do you love me ?"..  
" Yes, my master, you know I love you." and then he  
said to him- "Tend my sheep."

Stanley: ( As he throws his coat toward the window)  
Come, I will show you the condemnation of a  
great courtesan. She sits by the water and  
they have drunk her blood--after doing it to  
her...she was a bloody monster before but isn't  
one now. She will go to her death. They will  
be surprised to see the bloody monster which was  
and is not.

( Jesus and Mary Magdeline- 3 times)  
Christ: (Speaks this after seducing Magdeline- from ASH WED)  
Three leopards sat in the cool of the tree  
Having fed on my liver--  
And the hollow of my brain-----satisfied

(Quanta Lanera is sung here. This song is  
translated as The Girl Who Lives Near  
Guantanamo...Cieslak circles the group  
as they sing Quanta--They sing and perform  
lurid gestures. Texts accompanying these  
gestures are from Job, Apocalypsis etc.)

- Your mother was violated.
- The man is similar to the king who made his  
wedding for his son and when the other king  
heard it he became angry and put to death the  
murderer and burned the town ( what?)
- I was in the room and he cut out my kidney and  
poured out my bile. He wounded me.
- At midnight I heard a great cry. Horses with  
heads of lions- sulphur and fire coming from their  
mouths..  
( They recite a number more)

DARKNESS.

#### THE LAST SUPPER

Peter: Master you would wash my legs.

Christ: You are not clean. All of you. One of you will  
betray me.

Peter: About whom do you speak Lord.

Stanley : Who is it master

( Christ snuffs one of the candle between  
his index finger and thumb. Makes the  
mark of betrayal on Peters head. Judas  
atop Mary Magdeline asks the following:)

Judas: Master, and me?

Peter: Judas, son of iskaliot- we are together.

#### THE AGONY OF THE LAMB

Christ: I am going away and where I go you cannot follow.

Peter: Master, where do you go?

Jesus: Where I go now you cannot come- but you will follow.  
( Choir sings- AMEN)

( SONG: chwala wilkego i Sprawiedliwego...  
 Christ is frightened. He falls back  
 crucified. Candle near his head- hands  
 and feet pierced. Speaks from WASTELAND)

Christ: If the lost word is lost and the spent word is spent  
 etc.....

( The Whipping of the merchants in the temple  
 scene follows. Simone Weils text is used to  
 "The Merchants In The Temple".)

Merchants: I sell fresh meat  
 I sell fresh flesh of God  
 I sell myself

Per Omnia Secula Seculorum....Mock Mass  
 ( Beating with towel scene. All like it.  
 All leave- Stanley is beaten whipped five  
 times by Christ. He recites from Simone Weil  
 as he is beaten by Christ--he leaves after  
 beating and Christ is exhausted.)

Stanley: He enetered into my room and said " Poor isthe man  
 who understand nothing. Come with me and I will tea  
 you things you couldnt imagine. He invited me to th  
 attic from where I could see the town. He gave me  
 bread. He taught me nothing!!! One day he said to  
 me, go now. I never tried to find him. He came to  
 be by mistake. I did not belong to that attic  
 room- other places yes, but not there! But how  
 do I know he remembers me? He cannot tell me becaus  
 he is absent. I know very well he doesnt love me.  
 But anyway there is something inside me- some piece  
 of myself- in the depth of my soul--that says in  
 spite of everything--he really----- ( Leaves!)

#### PETER ALONE WITH CHRIST

Peter And why are you looking at me with such gentle and  
 penetrating eyes? Get angry! I dont love you.  
 We are not with you but with another one!  
 This is our secret. It a long time since we left you  
 and went to him.

(Christs last speech is from GENERATION)

Christ: I was neither at the hot gates  
 Nor fought in the light rain  
 I have lost faith -----

Peter: Now that I am not afraid of you, know too that I was  
 in the wilderness.  
 I too ate locusts. I wanted to be one of the chosen f  
 BUT THEN I WOKE UP AND REFUSED TO SERVE MADNESS!

( Christs Latin Lamentation of Jexamiah  
 Crying over JERUSALEM--candles snuffed  
 out....darkness...a moment of the song  
 --silence--then Peter speaks the last  
 words softly.....)

Peter Go and come no more....

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NOTE: If one were to pervert this APOCALYPSIS it would  
 turn out an'gelic and beautiful.