Mel Gibson Essay, Research Paper

Years ago a hardworking man took his family from New York State to

Australia to take advantage of a work opportunity there. Part of this

man’s family was a handsome young son who had aspirations of joining

the circus as a trapeze artist or an actor. This young fellow, biding

his time until a circus job or even one as a stagehand came along,

worked at the local shipyards which bordered on the

worse section of town. Walking home from work one evening this young man was

attacked by five

thugs who wanted to rob him. Instead of just giving up his money the young

fellow resisted.

However they bested him easily and proceeded to beat him to a pulp. They

mashed

his face with their boots, and kicked and beat his body brutally with clubs,

leaving him for dead. When the police happened to find him lying in the

road

they assumed he was dead and called for the Morgue Wagon. On the way to the

morgue a policeman heard him gasp for air, and they

immediately took him to the emergency unit at the hospital. When he was

placed on a gurney a nurse remarked to her horror, that this young man

no longer had a face. Each eye socket was smashed, his skull, legs, and

arms fractured, his nose literally hanging from his face, all is teeth

were gone, and his jaw was almost completely torn from his skull.

Although his life was spared, he spent over a year in the hospital. When

he finally left, his body may have healed but his face was disgusting

to look at. He was no longer the handsome youth that everyone admired.

When the young man started to look for work again he was turned down by

everyone just on account of the way he looked. One potential employer

suggested to him that he join the freak show at the circus as The Man

Who Had No Face. And he did this for a while. He was still rejected by

everyone and no one wanted to be seen in his company. He had thoughts of

suicide. This went on for five years.

One day he passed a church and sought some solace there. Entering the

church he encountered a priest who had seen him sobbing while kneeling

in a pew. The priest took pity on him and took him to the rectory

where they talked at length. The priest was impressed with him to

such a degree that he said that he would do everything possible for him that

could be done to restore his dignity and life, if the young man would

promise

to be the best Catholic he could be, and trust in God’s mercy to free him

from

his torturous life.

The young man went to Mass and communion every day, and after thanking

God for saving his life, asked God to only give him peace of mind

and the grace to be the best man he could ever be in His eyes. The priest,

through his personal contacts was able to secure the services of the

best plastic surgeon in Australia. There would be no cost to

the young man, as the doctor was the priest’s best friend. The doctor

too was so impressed by the young man. Whose outlook now on life, even

though he

had experienced the worst, was filled with good humor and love. The

surgery was a miraculous success. All the best dental work was also

done for him. The young man became everything he promised God he

would be. He was also blessed with a wonderful, beautiful wife, many

children, and success in an industry which would have been the furthest

thing from his mind as a career, if not for the goodness of God and the love

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The young man. Mel Gibson.

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