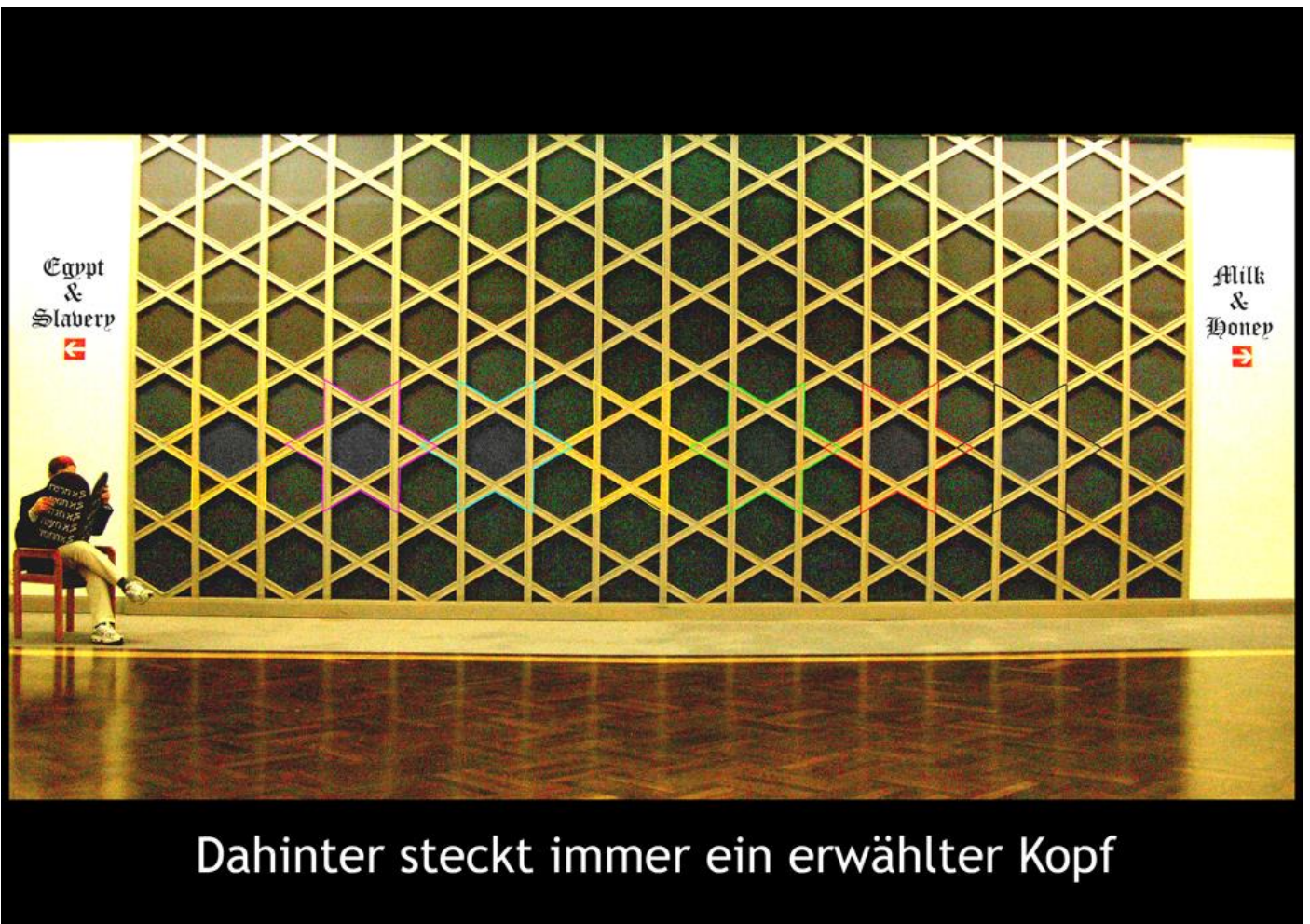


# God's Choice: There's Always a Clever Head Behind It

Photomontage in a Back Light Box / 84 cm x 59,4 cm - 2008



The so-called "clever head" has been the trademark of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (F.A.Z.) for over 50 years. It shows a seated man with one leg over the other and his head hidden by the newspaper he's holding. The catch phrase goes: "*There's always a clever head behind it*".

A new term of life was given to the logo in the 90's when personalities from industry, politics, culture and sport became the "*clever head*". Naturally, their faces remained concealed behind the F.A.Z. as you can see on the following page.

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immer ein kluger Kopf.



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# God's Choice - Inspired by Günther Anders

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German author Günther Anders, (1902 - 1992) wrote about his relationship to the Jews as God's chosen people in a book on Jewish identity. What he wrote touched me so that I transformed my feelings into a photomontage. Moses, holding the Ten Commandments is superimposed on the doors of a crematorium oven in an extermination camp in Poland.

The translation of Günther Anders text:

"The term '*God's Choice*' stems from an era when Jahveh, the tribal god of the Jews, signed a two-sided mutual contract with Abraham. The notion that Jahveh was also the god of other peoples was at the time of their being '*chosen*' utterly remote to our ancestors.

So far so good until an historic and unique event came to pass: non-Jewish peoples adopted the Old Testament and transformed the god of the Jews into the one God of all. The inevitable happened: the non-Jews believed that the Jews considered themselves to be the *favourite people of this one God*. This misunderstanding soon prevailed throughout Christianity.

The first time I heard the term '*God's Choice*' was from my classmates, who, as they beat me up, taunted me with every blow demanding, "Show us how chosen you are!" - a demand that I didn't understand at all in those days.

Three decades later, in the early 1940's, there was - without a doubt - a '*choosing*' of Jews. '*Choice*' was termed '*selection*' but not by God but by human beings on the ramp at Birkenau where those who were still able to work were '*chosen*' for a further short span of life or rather work.

This is the sole '*choosing*' that I believe in."