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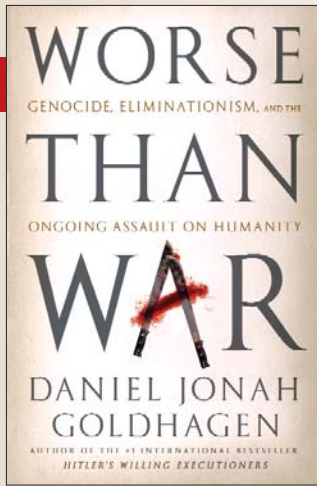
“Why would people decide one day to slaughter other human beings by the thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, millions? . . . The seeming incomprehensibility of people consciously wanting so much death and suffering has led many to construct accounts that, in effect, deny that such desires exist or that they motivate mass murder. . . . Such accounts seem to make mass murder more comprehensible, by glossing over the essential question: How could anyone want to do this?”

— from *Worse than War*

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