***Hello,***

***Thank you for your note. I'm sorry to say that I am not sure why you emailed me this link. It didn't seem to have any connection to Dr Hoffmann's translation of Celsus Philosophus, you see.***

**You are correct. It does not.**

**I sent the link to those who were connected with Hoffmann in some way, and who I thought might find his comments, and my responses to them, interesting.**

**Some will - some won't.**

***Now I did skim the opening pages of the word document to which you directed me. But as far as I could see, it consisted purely of upper-case jeering at someone,***

**The purpose of using upper case is solely to separate the speakers so that the readers will never be confused as to who is speaking.**

**You see my responses as "jeering" yet you apparently apply a different standard to Hoffmann, who wrote these gems:**

**"If there is logic there, it must be part of the initiation ritual."**

**"From what tank is that slimy conclusion fished?"**

**"of the work of a few commando God-bashers writing from the safe haven of first world democracies telling the majority how foolish they are."**

**"Crackers and Korans and peels, O My."**

**"Myers’ antics made him the dark darling of full frontal atheists,"**

**"And an unclimaxed Myers was reduced to pasting letters"**

**"the imbecility of a small-time Christian publicity whore, rears its snake-maned head."**

**"Myers’ action only succeeded in cementing his hard-crafted persona as a jerk."**

**"And even as a one-off expression of jerkiness,"**

**"He is the ugly Id unchained from the soul of an America I’d hoped had died."**

**Definition of "jeer":**

**"a railing remark or reflection; a scoff; a taunt; a biting jest; a flout; a jibe; mockery."**

**I'd say Hoffmann covered just about every one of them, wouldn't you?**

**Maybe you should have read further before trying to pass judgment?**

***while sharing entirely that someone's antipathies?***

**I don't agree with people simply because they share my disbelief.**

**For example, I did a show recently where I came to the defense of a Christian who had been ambushed in an interview by an Atheist."**

***That seems less than pleasant reading, at best, whatever views one held.***

**That is exactly how I felt about Hoffmann's disturbing essay.**

***You see, if I were an atheist -- and I am not -- I would be somewhat***

***embarassed by material of this kind.***

**How you can compare his words with mine and come to the conclusion that I am the one who should be embarrassed is a stunning display of mental incapacitation. Nothing I said begins to compare to demanding a murder conviction for a retarded old man who burned a book.**

***Any idiot could compose material using that technique against anyone whom he disliked, if malicious enough.***

**Now you are starting to write like Hoffmann.**

**I guess that's not jeering when you and Hoffmann call people idiots.**

**For my part, I didn't call him an idiot - I only proved he was one.**

***But I would prefer rational argument, myself.***

**I seriously doubt that last statement. If you had read Hoffmann's essay, you would have seen that rationality only existed on one side of the argument ... and it wasn't on his.**

**Besides, as a Ghost Worshipper, how do you figure that you qualify as rational? You may be rational in your daily life, but when it comes to your religious beliefs you dump rationality like yesterday's garbage.**

***Possibly -- I am guessing here -- you are in fact hostile to Dr. H.,***

***and felt that I would enjoy Dr. Hoffmann looking ridiculous?***

**You guessed perfectly. After reading the crap the drips from that mind of his, hostile would be an understatement.**

**That second line is perfect too: Ididn't have to make Hoffmann look ridiculous - his own words did that.**

***If so, I thank you for your intention of kindness to me.***

**I don't even know you, so there was no intention of kindness.**

***But online it can be hard to be sure that he composed that document,***

**Then maybe he should be more careful about what he allows on his web site.**

***and in truth I don't have anything against him personally anyway.***

**I used to be able to make that statement.**

***So I'm very sorry, but I find myself baffled here.***

***With all good wishes,***

***Roger Pearse***

**Likewise,**

**Neo**