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A dilemma worth your time

Triage: Dr. James Orbinski's Humanitarian Dilemma

Director: Patrick Reed

Classification: STC

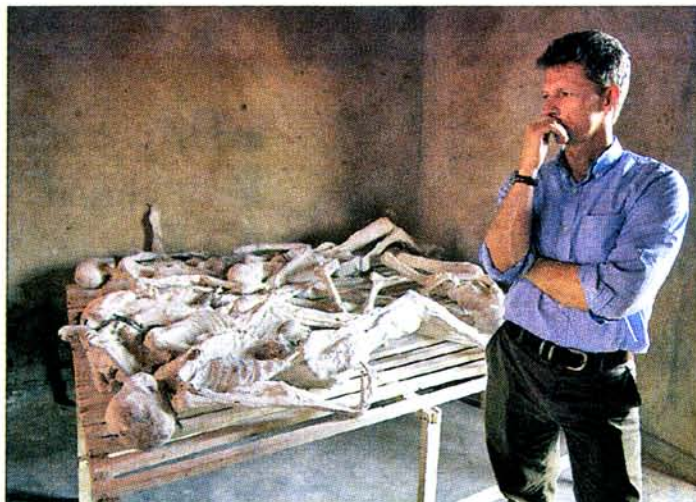
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While the term triage, which means the process of sorting victims to determine medical priority, is applicable to medicine, it's also an apt title to describe the stirring and unsettling emotional journey of Dr. James Orbinski.

Triage: Dr. James Orbinski's Humanitarian Dilemma is a powerful tale of a



Director Patrick Reed revisits some of the countries where he worked as a member of Doctors Without Borders in the documentary Triage.

man whose ideals get profoundly tested by the horrific genocides he witnessed and tried to confront in Africa.

Director Patrick Reed thankfully doesn't draw a picture of someone ennobled by their experience, but instead he intelligently

presents a portrait of a conflicted, courageous man whose decency was deepened when he bore witness to the worst inhumanities.

The film follows Orbinski, a Nobel Peace Prize-winning doctor, as he returns to Somalia, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo to reflect on the meaning of the relief work he did there in the nineties with Doctors Without Borders.

As he revisits those former scenes of famine and genocide, Orbinski contemplates the true value of what he accomplished. He opens up irresolvable queries about what constitutes true humanitarianism as he examines his own churning emotions.