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“Our memory repeats to us what we haven’t yet come to terms with, what still haunts us.”
Kai Erikson

“Man is the being who is capable of becoming guilty and is capable of illuminating his guilt.”
Martin Buber

“Without a working-through of guilt, however belated, there [can] be no work of mourning.”
Alexander and Margarete Mitscherlich

“And it’s carrying through that responsibility [to the dead] via one’s witness, that survivor mission, that enables one to be an integrated human being once more.”
Robert Jay Lifton