

# God of the Forty Infants

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*Mother with Babies, Roman Halter, 1974*

In the name of their God  
Who is no god  
They beheaded forty infants  
While the infants' God  
And the God of their fathers

Turned His head.  
We returned to the God of our father  
Grandfather and greater grandfathers  
Back one hundred and thirty-two generations  
Give or take a few  
Since Moses descended Sinai  
With the word of God  
Including  
“Thou shall not murder”  
Not because He hadn’t turned His head  
Many times before  
In two millennia  
But because the worst of His silences  
Seemed in the past.  
Yet there are always some,  
And often a great many,  
Who hating God and His word  
And therefore His children  
Refuse to hear that word  
His people saw at Sinai  
But rather glory in the act  
Slaughtering His children  
On the altar of their obscene idolatry.  
But we take heart  
Believing those other words  
That promise “the wicked spring up like grass  
Only to be cut down forever.”  
And we pray  
May it be soon.

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