

I didn't know Aaron Swartz – in fact, I had never heard of him, despite the fact that his talent had given the world so many discoveries that help us in everyday life.

The death of this poor American guy, will allow me to tell the whole world, on the Web, what happens in our country, Italy, that once observed the rule of law.

I have never hacked into any network, I only posted a link to the site of one of the candidates in the local elections of my town, Greve in Chianti, Florence. It was nothing dangerous but I was charged with a criminal offense yet, like Aaron, I have been tried for aggravated defamation , prosecuted and given a significant sentence which, however, is not nearly as terrible as what might have happened to Aaron Swartz; he risked a serious sentence.

Frightened by the sword of Damocles hanging over his head, the young talent, with a large number of "Internet friends", but profoundly lonely and depressed, preferred to commit suicide and I, with the weight of my 64 years, understand him perfectly. There is nothing more depressing than being charged and eventually convicted for actions committed for the good of all.

I will always remember this young guy, with his clean face and soul, because his death almost coincided with my sentence and upset me greatly; I want to dedicate my great suffering to him.

On the website dedicated to the many memories of friends and strangers (<http://www.rememberaaronsw.com/>), I read a beautiful post that I'd like to repeat and share: "Rest with the angels Aaron till we meet again. May God comfort your family and friends".

Beyond the above, I want to contribute to his memory. I plan to share the reasons for my sentence, starting with # Pdftribute.

As long as I'm alive, I will continue to fight for freedom, freedom of ideas and the transparency of all information, legal and otherwise, regarding several individuals and to denounce, always and in any case, any kind of injustice or crime.

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