## The Failure of Humanity: Roméo Dallaire and Shake Hands with the Devil

## Canadian Peacekeepers in Rwanda

In 1993, the UN sent about 2500 peacekeepers, including 400 Canadians, to Rwanda under the command of Canadian general Roméo Dallaire. Rwanda had been in a state of conflict as the two main ethnic groups — Hutus and Tutsis — struggled for power. But a peace agreement had been reached, and the peacekeepers' mission was to ensure that the agreement was respected. Then, in April 1994, an airplane carrying Rwandan president Juvénal Habyarimana, a Hutu, was shot down. Though no one knew who had committed the crime, Tutsis were blamed. Many Hutus went on a murderous rampage, killing Tutsis, as well as Hutus who had criticized the government. Over the next 100 days, up to 800 000 people — about 10 per cent of Rwanda's population — were killed. More than 90 per cent of the dead were Tutsis. (Source: Creating Canada)

As you watch the documentary jot down in point form any information you hear about the following:

Causes of Genocide
Action/Inaction by the International Community

Role of Racism
Role of General Roméo Dallaire