

Thoughts from God

(Carnal thinking to solve spiritual problems)

When the only tool you own is a hammer, every problem begins to resemble a nail. *Abraham Maslow*

You can never solve a problem on the level on which it was created. *Albert Einstein*

God in His pleasure created man in His image, and God said I will love man and I will give man the choice to love me. He created man and placed him in the Garden of Eden. God walked with man and He talked with man. God told man what is good and what is evil that which is acceptable and that which is not. God loved man and bestowed upon him free will. Where there is free will there must be also the ability to exercise that free will. God allowed the devil into the garden and before the devil spoke to Eve God was already making the way for man to be reconciled to Him through the cross. God loves man His special creation and God said I will give man the choice to love Me.

The Problem: SIN

Genesis 3: 1, 5

1Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

- ⌘ The object of Satan appears to have been this: to persuade our first parents that they should, by eating of this fruit, become wise and powerful as God, (for knowledge is power), and be able to exist for ever, independently of him. The poisonous seed of doubt in God and His word was planted in the consciousness of man, and it has ever infected the spirit and soul.

5For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

- ⌘ "Knowing good and evil" – man would now decide for himself what is good and what is evil, the counsel of God now no longer the sole authority and man in his carnal wisdom will set his own moral law. Isaiah 5:20-21 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Genesis 3:16-19

16Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

18Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

School Shootings –Sin Aims the Gun...The Heart Pulls the Trigger

Columbine (Eric Harris, Dylan Klebold)

Eric Harris journal entry: "I hate you people for leaving me out of so many fun things. And no don't ... say, 'Well that's your fault,' because it isn't, you people had my phone #, and I asked and all, but no. No no no don't let the weird-looking Eric KID come along."

Dylan Klebold journal entry: summing up his life at one point in his journal as "the most miserable existence in the history of time"

Eric Harris As he walked into the school the morning of April 20, Harris' T-shirt read: Natural Selection.

It was HATE that led Eric Harris to kill and that is a matter of the heart and no gun laws will fix that. It is foolish to think that any gun law could resolve the hatred Eric Harris carried in his heart that day. Carnal thinking will not solve spiritual problems. The heart must be changed. We have taught our children that they are merely products of chance and that there is no special purpose for man- we evolved from apes. The evil of evolution makes God a liar and man of no special purpose and left with no hope beyond this world. Dylan Klebold pulled the trigger because his life had no meaning anymore he had lost all hope and his life had “become the most miserable existence in the history of time”. More gun laws would not have given him the hope he needed-carnal thinking to solve spiritual problems. Sin aimed the gun and the heart pulled the trigger.

- ✧ God breathed the breath of life into man and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. But the devil deceived man and man fell from his spiritual glory and man’s soul and image became corrupt and marred through sin and his thoughts and moral laws were corrupted by the flesh. Man apart from God became carnal in his thinking. Romans 8:7-8 7Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

The Solution Is NOT More Drug Prescriptions (Carnal Thinking to Solve Spiritual Problems)

{Every day in public schools children are taught that we are all merely products of an a-moral process of evolution, and the ramifications of such a teaching are quite far reaching. There is no hint or suggestion allowed in school that life might have a deeper significance or a higher purpose.}

Fact: At least 31 school shootings and/or school-related acts of violence have been committed by those taking or withdrawing from psychiatric drugs resulting in 162 wounded and 72 killed (in other school shootings, information about their drug use was never made public—neither confirming or refuting if they were under the influence of prescribed drugs).

Fact: Between 2004 and 2011, there have been over 11,000 reports to the U.S. FDA’s MedWatch system of psychiatric drug side effects related to violence. These include 300 cases of homicide, nearly 3,000 cases of mania and over 7,000 cases of aggression. Note: By the FDA’s own admission, only 1-10% of side effects are ever reported to the FDA, so the actual number of side effects occurring is most certainly higher.

Top Drug Prescriptions (2009)

Xanax - 47.9 million (#1)
Ambien - 41.8 million
Lexapro – 28 million

The Solution Is Not More Gun Laws. (Carnal Thinking to Solve Spiritual Problems)

- Currently about 300 major state and federal laws.

President Obama issued 23 Executive Orders in response to Sandy Hook School shooting (some of which are:

8. Review safety standards for gun locks and gun safes (Consumer Product Safety Commission)
9. Issue a Presidential Memorandum to require federal law enforcement to trace guns recovered in criminal investigations.
13. Maximize enforcement efforts to prevent gun violence and prosecute gun crime.
14. Issue a Presidential Memorandum directing the Centers for Disease Control to research the causes and prevention of gun violence.
15. Direct the attorney general to issue a report on the availability and most effective use of new gun-safety technologies and challenge the private sector to develop innovative technologies
16. Clarify that the Affordable Care Act does not prohibit doctors asking their patients about guns in their homes.
17. Release a letter to healthcare providers clarifying that no federal law prohibits them from reporting threats of violence to law enforcement authorities.
18. Provide incentives for schools to hire school resource officers.
20. Release a letter to state health officials clarifying the scope of mental health services that Medicaid plans must cover.
21. Finalize regulations clarifying essential health benefits and parity requirements within Affordable Care Act exchanges.
23. Launch a national dialogue led by Secretaries Sebelius and Duncan on mental health.

{Excerpt from article in US News, by M. Alex Johnson –NBC News.}

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who is ordained as a minister in the Southern Baptist Church, said Friday on Fox News that "we've systematically removed God from our schools. Should we be so surprised that schools would become a place of carnage?" he asked. Huckabee's comments drew criticism from [progressive religious leaders](#), who accused him of suggesting that God wasn't there with the 26 victims at Sandy Hook. Martin E. Marty, the prominent religious scholar, [wrote Monday](#) for the Center for the Advanced Study of Religion at the University of Chicago (which is named for him) that Huckabee "wins, hands down, the prize for his absurdist judgment that 'Newtown' should have been no surprise." Steve McSwain, a former Baptist minister who is now a nationally known [interfaith activist](#), [addressed Huckabee directly](#), writing: "With such remarks, you not only show little regard for those broken by this tragedy, but you make God into some kind a cosmic psychopath — vengeful, sickeningly repulsive, one who takes out his madness on innocent little children. Your reasoning is repulsive: Because we have removed your god from our schools, this is how your god gets even?" he wrote. The intensity of the rhetoric underscores how quickly discussions of the religious underpinnings of tragedy can turn heated. Little noticed among Huckabee's critics is that he didn't say God turned his back on Newtown; he expressly said God was there in the good works people were doing." God wasn't armed. He didn't go to the school," Huckabee continued. "But God will be there in the form of a lot of people with hugs and therapy and a whole lot of ways in which he will be involved in the aftermath."

None So Blind As Those That Will Not See – Matthew Henry

- ∞ The problems this nation has and that we have as individuals is a SIN problem. We have become a nation of spiritual bankruptcy and moral degeneracy. These problems will not be resolved with carnal thinking but with spiritual solutions and a return to God. We have become a society devoid of spirituality and devotion to God that we cannot even see the problem much less know how to resolve it – "which have eyes and see not".

Jeremiah 5:21

21Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not.

Hosea 8:1-4, 7, 11-12

1 Set the trumpet to thy mouth. *He shall come* as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.
2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.
3 Israel hath cast off *the thing that is good*: the enemy shall pursue him.
4They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew *it* not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

7For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

11Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.
12 I have written to him the great things of my law, *but* they were counted as a strange thing.

Just as Israel looked for help in their kings, princes, and idols made of silver and gold as well as looking to other nations for help so have we looked to government and laws to solve the spiritual decay of our society. As Ephraim has made many alters to sin so have we, and altars shall be unto us sin.

Liberal Theology-"A God without wrath brought men without sin into a kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross."-*H. Richard Niebuhr*

- ∞ Today the seeds of doubt planted in the mind of man by the devil in the garden of Eden have led man to foolishly think that the problems in the world which are created by sin can be resolved with physical laws (laws of force) written upon paper. Man must realize that it is the moral laws of God written upon the heart in obedience to God that can truly change the world. To solve the problems of sin and the flesh must be solved on a higher lever and that requires spiritual solutions.

Biblical Diagnosis

THE CARNAL MIND IS ENMITY WITH GOD

Romans 8:7

7Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Jeremiah 17:9

9The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

BREAKDOWN OF THE FAMILY- Children raised by TV, Music, Video Games, FORSAKEN GOD

Isaiah 1:4

4Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

Proverbs 30:11-14

11*There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

12*There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness.

13*There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

14*There is* a generation, whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.

*Bible speaks of a generation of youth who will be a curse to their parents. The youth of any nation are simply reflection of the parents of that nation. When sin is not dealt with in any society, the result of those sins will always produce violence. The generation living in the days of Noah was similar to our day. This is the time the Bible speaks of when Jesus Christ will return to this earth to judge the wicked and the righteous.

Biblical Remedy

FIX THE HEART OF MAN>>>>SAVE THE SOUL OF OUR NATION

If we are to fix the problem of this country\culture\society we cannot look to carnal solutions but to spiritual solutions. To correct the ills of our society requires spiritual thinking and actions. We must return to God and change the heart. Change the heart and you change the person. We must look to God and seek His ways.

Isaiah 55:8-9

8For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Ezekiel 36:26

26A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Proverbs 23:7

7For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he

Matthew 12:35

35A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

LET US REND OUR HEARTS

Joel 2:13

13And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

LET US REPENT, BE HUMBLE, SEEK GODS FACE TURN FROM OUR WICKEDNESS – GOD WILL HEAL OUR LAND.

II Chronicles 7:14

14If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

The answer is not more government, more gun control, more laws, more restriction of freedoms more prescriptions for psychiatric drugs. We cannot look for programs and clinics to resolve the de-evolution of our society. Our help and strength must come from the LORD. We must seek the face of our LORD with humbled spirits and contrite hearts upon bended knees of repentance and the LORD will be faithful to heal our land. Until we have the blessings of Gods protection in accordance with our obedience to His will we will continue to suffer the consequences of Gods judgment upon our nation and society that refuses to acknowledge God, refuses to allow His word to minister to our hearts. If we will return to our LORD he will be faithful to forgive our sins and heal the land through the changing of our hearts. For if our hearts are turned to God there is our treasure and peace.

Luke 12:34

34For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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