

Collective Insanity

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There have been times in history when societal insanity has driven a civilization to extinction. For those who believe in a universal flood event, there is a connection between entrenched lawless behavior and a collective insanity that is beyond rehabilitation.

In a book entitled *"Insane Society: A Sociology of Mental Health,"* Peter Morrall critiques the connection between Western society and madness, scrutinizing if and how societal insanity affects the cause, construction, and consequences of madness. Looking beyond the affected individual to their social, political, economic, ecological, and cultural context, this book examines whether society itself, and its institutions, divisions, practices, and values, is mad (Published by Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group).

For the purpose of this article, the nexus of lawless behavior to the mental health/stability of a society will be examined using Biblical examples.

To begin with, once an individual, family, or society normalizes lawless thoughts and actions, chaos and confusion follows. And eventually this leads to the harm of the individuals concerned, and those affected by their lawless behavior. An example of this is summarized in the opening pages of the Bible when uncontrolled anger led to hatred, which was then followed by murder. The key to avoiding this outcome was provided, but not embraced by the perpetrator of this criminal act.

So, the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Now Cain talked with Abel his brother, and

it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose against Abel his brother and killed him (Genesis 4:6-8; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).

In this scenario, the Lord was pointing out that Cain needed to examine the reason behind his anger toward his brother, and then deal with it before it got completely out of hand and became harmful to himself and, in this case, his brother. The apparent source of Cain's anger was misinformation that led him to believe in something that was not true. In his formative years, he was brought up to believe that he was the Promised One (aka – Jesus Christ/Messiah). The following is a commentary on this from Unger's Bible Handbook (p. 45; Moody Press; Chicago).

Cain ("Acquisition") was brought up believing he was not in need of atonement because his mother Eve was mistaken concerning him when she said, "I have gotten a man – the Lord," that is, the posterity of the woman who should bruise the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15). But instead of getting the Savior she got a murderer, illustrating the ignorance in which she was plunged because she trusted Satan for knowledge. When she gave birth to Abel she again misgauged the situation crying, "Vanity!" (or "nothing;" by comparison to Cain). Abel's animal sacrifice in which blood was shed expressed his consciousness of sin and his trust in an expiatory substitute to come. The firstlings of his flock foreshadowed the shed blood associated with the sacrifice of Christ (Jn. 1:29; Isa. 53:7; Lk. 23:9; Heb. 9:22; 11:4). In contrast, Cain refused to participate in the ordinances associated with a sin offering because he was brought up to believe that he was the Promised One; so in his mind he did not need to offer an expiatory sacrifice. It is for this reason the Lord had respect toward Abel's offering but not Cain's.

To justify what he was planning to do, Cain had to convince himself that he was somehow the victim, and the actions of his brother were

unnecessary, wrong, or unfair because they did not acknowledge the moral authority, or high ground, that Cain thought he had. A similar victim complex is permeating western societies today and being taught throughout the educational systems. Soon it will create a collective insanity that will contribute to the collapse of what we refer to as 'the West.'

One example of this is Marxist/Communist ideology in which victims and their oppressors are created in order to fuel anger, hatred, and division through an intolerance of different opinions/philosophies, which then justifies violent outbursts with similar outcomes to Cain's action against his brother. And like Cain, it is imperative to embrace a moral superiority that defies logical thought processes and, what used to be referred to as, common sense reasoning.

In order for Marxist/Communist forces to be successful, historical truths must be dismantled and removed, which would include removing God's word from any discussion. Once this is achieved, previous moral/ethical standards are gone and any ideology can become "the truth" no matter how foolish, insane, or destructive it may be. Our Creator foreknew that this would occur.

"Since they refused to see it was rational to acknowledge God, **He has left them to their own irrational ideas and to their monstrous behavior**" (Romans 1:28; The Jerusalem Bible; emphasis added).

Because historical truths are no longer important, we are going to repeat the mistakes of the past and experience the painful consequences, just as Christ forewarned us.

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man (coming up to Christ's return) they ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, as it was also in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold,

they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even **so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed** (Luke 17:26-30; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

The connection between lawless behavior, chaos and confusion, mental instability, and societal destruction is described in the following section of scripture.

Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every intent** (thought) **of his heart was only evil continually** (mentally unstable). And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them (Genesis 6:5-7; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Contained within these verses is the fact that lawless behavior permeated the entire civilization to the point it was beyond rehabilitation. This collective insanity is repeating itself right now, and unless it is reversed soon there will be no rehabilitation. Instead, the consequences of lawless behavior will come to fruition. Summarized these are chaos and confusion; followed by destruction. Unfortunately, the weak and unprincipled leadership in our world today is only exacerbating the problems we are facing. The good news is that we will have a completely different leadership after the current insanity runs its course per:

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