

HUMAN NATURE IS VIOLENT!

Mass murders, riots, arson, rape, gang fights, kidnappings, bombings, lootings — is there any end to it all? NEVER have you lived in a time of such VIOLENCE! But WHY? What CAUSES it? Police, sociologists, psychiatrists, and the public seek answers. They ask, "What CAUSES race riots? What CAUSED the bloody massacre in Chicago — the unbelievable slaughter on the University of Texas campus?" There IS a basic underlying CAUSE. Read, in this article, WHY such violence today, and WHAT YOU OUGHT TO BE DOING about it!

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IN CHICAGO, one July 14, eight young student nurses were strangled and stabbed to death by a psychopathic killer, while a ninth girl — the lone survivor of the mass slaying — cowered in terror beneath a bed.

The murder was labeled the "crime of the century" — worse than the infamous St. Valentine's Day massacre of 1929, when seven Chicago gangsters were machine-gunned against a wall.

But before the shock of *this* brutal crime had dulled, a dazed public heard of a "mad Texas sniper" who had shot down FORTY-SIX PERSONS!

An honor student had killed his wife and mother in the night, dragged a small arsenal to the top of the famed University Tower, and, to the unbelief and horror of Austin citizens, began shooting at everyone in sight.

The grisly trail of blood this individual had left included several brutal murders within the office building as he made his way to the top.

Fifteen of the victims were killed, or died later. Thirty-one others were wounded.

And *this* monstrous crime was billed to that date as "the greatest crime in the history of the United States!"

But what lurking thoughts of bestiality and violence it unleashed.

As if in bloody backlash, reports of mass-murder-suicides began flooding the newspapers. A housewife drowned her children, and jumped in after them. Another mother slew her children. An estranged husband killed his children, his wife and himself.

Horrifying RIOTS were in progress in half a dozen cities in the United States.

And so crime follows crime — and a public stands aghast.

It's as if millions play a kind of "hide and go seek" — a game of "let's pretend."

The world, millions seem to believe, is made up of *mostly* "nice" people. Good people — people who would not resort to crime, as such. Oh, they'd probably tell a lie once in a while, or cheat at cards, or perhaps shave their income tax report or pad their expense accounts, but they wouldn't resort to VIOLENCE, would they?

And then — there are the "weirdies" in society. The "bad guys."

A horrified public stands aghast at grisly atrocities, demanding answers. Politicians immediately talk of stricter gun control as a means of "preventing" such gruesome crimes (as if to forget the girls in Chicago were knifed and strangled — and no one has seriously proposed legislation against kitchen

knives and bedsheets), demand police investigations, sift through psychiatrists' reports.

True, the honor student mentioned had a brain tumor. But there is no proof that the tumor *caused* the violence. Naturally, any pressure on the brain of an otherwise "disturbed" or mentally unbalanced person would be a contributory factor. But such pressure would only cause *headaches* in a normal, mentally balanced individual.

Apparently, the accused killer of the Chicago nurses has no tumor — at least none has been discovered to date.

And so it goes.

All society seems bent on adopting the pose of innocence — demanding of police and political agencies an explanation for the brutal murders.

"WHY did it have to happen?" "WHAT CAUSED IT?" people want to know.

Good questions, all.

But who has the answers? Read on, and you'll see the *true* roots of crime and violence — the *TRUE CAUSE* of *all violence!*

VIOLENCE Runs Rampant

Everywhere, VIOLENCE runs amuck. Bloody race riots continue to break out in large cities across the nation. "BLACK

POWER!" is chanted by Negro mobs — and angered whites retaliate shouting, "White power!"

And nowhere, it seems, is there any more *violence* than right in the midst of the greatest "CHRISTIAN" nation on earth!

Why? What's wrong? *Why* so much HATE in the world?

The world today is PREOCCUPIED with hate, rebellion, and VIOLENCE.

Television is FILLED with lawlessness, crime, and murder. "Westerns" glamorize outlaws, and "shoot-'em-ups" are among the most popular TV programs for all ages.

Frustrations mount, tempers flare, tensions increase, and LAWLESSNESS and VIOLENCE spread like a sick, sick contagion!

The greatest mass murders in all history were perpetrated during World War II. But again — WHY? How could one man, Adolf Hitler, arouse such hate

and passion in the minds of his followers that they could calmly murder HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS — MILLIONS?

The world still wonders. People STILL ask why. But Hitler knew some demoniacal quirks of human nature. He *knew* of the seething violence just underneath many a human mind.

Hitler understood. He knew HATE will get one a bigger following than love. VIOLENCE will attract more attention than peace. INTRIGUE makes a more exciting news headline than harmony. SUSPICION will attract more interest than confidence.

And, in a sense, entertainers, actors, producers, scriptwriters, and sponsors *also* recognize these pulls of human nature. And they *use* those pulls to their own financial advantage.

Hate, violence, illicit sex and perversion make "good" newspaper copy, "good" television script, "good" movie

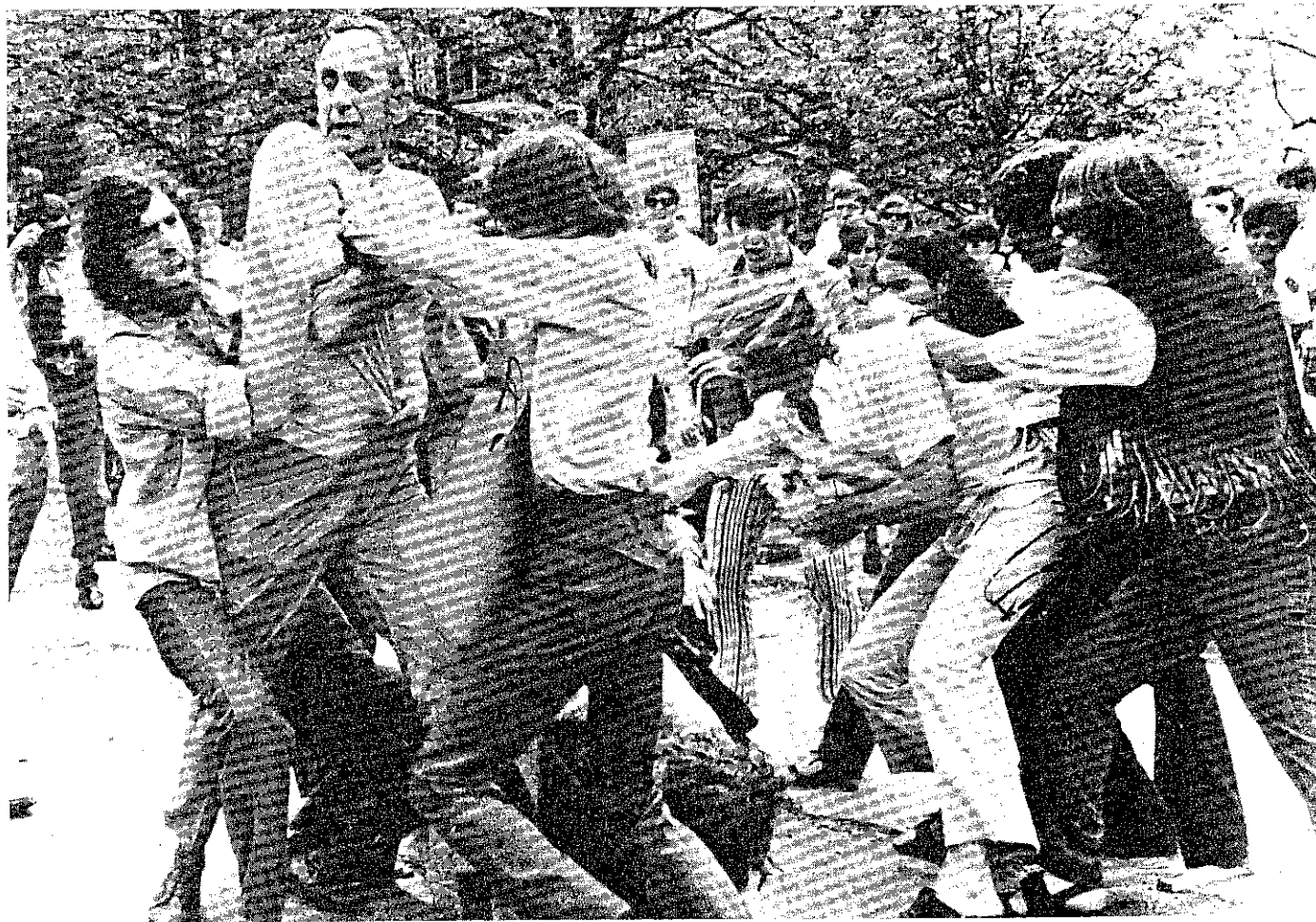
plots. GOOD? Well, no — not actually, but these *evil* attributes, actions or implied actions draw more public attention.

And it's because all of it is so much like HUMAN NATURE. It's time you understood the TRUTH about human nature, what it is, how it works — and WHY the eruption of violence around the world is due to unguided, misdirected, HUMAN NATURE let loose on a rampage!

Your Bible prophesied worldwide hatred and BIGOTRY would grip the minds of men *during this time*. More than *ever* before, people seem prone, today, to bestial acts of VIOLENCE!

And why? Because suspicion, hatred, bigotry, and violence are the *steady diet* of much of the world.

The Apostle Paul was inspired to look beyond his time, down into ours. He portrayed the hostile, venomous attitudes of our peoples when he said,



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Violence on campus threatens to wreck the entire educational system of the United States and other nations. Here demonstrators scuffle with man who tried to break up campus roadblock during student strike at leading university.

"This know also, that in the last days PERILOUS times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves [SELFISH, SELF-CENTERED as never before!], covetous, [LUSTING, COVETING, ENVIOUS of the things of others], BOASTERS, proud, blasphemers [and a CURSE is always ready on the lips of almost everyone, today — even popular entertainment figures and government leaders], disobedient to parents . . . FIERCE, *despisers* of those that are good" (II Tim. 3:1-3).

What a picture!

You read of *worldwide* violence constantly. You hear of depraved acts — humans tormenting, butchering, bludgeoning, stabbing, murdering one another, public figures *accusing* one another, husbands and wives HATING each other!

Don't delude yourself into believing it's no worse than before — IT IS!

Latest Blood-curdling Statistics

FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover recently announced that CRIME in the United States jumped 146 percent over the past nine years. The 1969 total for *serious* crimes was 5,000,000 — an average of *nine serious crimes every minute!*

The FBI's uniform crime report for 1969 showed an 11 percent increase over 1968 — and the value of goods stolen during '69 topped a billion dollars!

Scoffers and diehards might claim that the increase in crime is merely due to "better crime reporting." Such a claim is preposterous, however, when we realize that the 146-percent rise in crime compares to a mere 13 percent rise in population figures for the same time. According to the FBI Chief, crime is fast accelerating, and outstripping the nation's population growth by more than *eleven to one*.

Police officials across the country are gravely concerned. "This country is in real trouble," declared a New York City police official. Individuals and whole communities are beginning to REBEL against ALL constituted AUTHORITY.

Race riots, hurled "Molotov cocktails" and incendiary bombs are mere signs of the growing trend toward increasing VIOLENCE!

To an honest, enquiring, unbiased



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Angry youths attack draft card burners. Both are expressing evil characteristics of human nature — rebellion against authority, hatred and violence.

mind there can be no doubt about it — the situation is MUCH WORSE than before.

Speaking of these hate-filled days, Jesus Christ said "All these [the wars, famines, disease epidemics even now stalking this sin-sick world] are the *beginning* of sorrows. Then shall they deliver YOU [you who are REAL CHRISTIANS] up to be afflicted, and shall KILL you: and you shall be HATED of *all nations* for my name's sake. And then shall MANY BE OFFENDED [BECOME ANGRY], and shall BETRAY one another, and shall HATE one another" (Matt. 24:8-10).

Those frightening prophecies are literally coming true — they are beginning to be fulfilled NOW — IN YOUR LIFETIME!

Ezekiel Foretold It

Foretelling these days of destruction and worldwide intrigue and trouble, the prophet Ezekiel was told, "Make a chain: for the land is FULL OF BLOODY CRIMES, and the city is full of VIOLENCE" (Ezek. 7:23).

When God told Ezekiel to "make a chain," He implied that the land would be so REPLETE, satiated with CRIME and VIOLENCE, that *one crime would be following another*, like the links on a chain!

And so it is!

And again, speaking of our nations today, Ezekiel records, "Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is EXCEEDING GREAT, and the land is FULL OF BLOOD, and the city full of *perverseness*: for they

say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not" (Ezek. 9:9). So it is! In the midst of the present "God Is Dead" movement among theologians, millions doubt the existence of God. There is NO fear of God prevalent in the land, and bloody VIOLENCE rears its ugly head in city after city!

Your Daily Diet of HATE!

Think for a moment! You live in a world of tensions — a world fraught with FEAR — a world of DESPERATE living. It's a time of insatiable desire to ESCAPE for most people — a time when most want to FORGET the frightening realities of our time.

How do they forget?

By drifting off into ready-made fantasies, movieland madness, television terrorism, paper-backed perversity, newspaper nausea!

Whether in Scandinavia, Japan, Europe or South Africa, pleasure seekers gulp their daily diet of intrigue, suspicion, murder, divorce, robbery, rape, perversion, lust, arson, jealousy, violence and hatred!

And remember! When you're relaxed before your television set — or settled down to read the novel you just bought — your *guard* is down. You want to *relax* — to *escape* the realities and complexities of daily life for a time — to ENJOY your moments of make-believe.

The result?

It's all around you.

What the Police Know

H. Samuel Addis, former Chief of Police of Pasadena, addressed the students of Ambassador College in Pasadena. The veteran law enforcement officer told our students how police officials are frankly *worried* about the terrible increase in *senseless* crimes. (Does ANY crime make sense?) Acts of *wanton destruction* against persons and property were increasing by leaps and bounds.

He cited instances of "little old ladies" who were brutally BEATEN to the ground by strong, young teen-age hoodlums — for the sheer brute "pleasure" of inflicting a BEATING on someone who was helpless before them.

He cited cases of depraved acts of VANDALISM — especially against public

buildings and schools. Cases of teen-age vandals literally making a SHAMBLES out of new, beautiful, modern classroom facilities — even, believe it or not, using human excrement to defile and ruin.

As if to echo Chief Addis' words, a news report told of park officials in the city of Pasadena finding jagged shards of broken bottles carefully placed in the sand, and then lightly covered over, at the bottom of *little children's slides* in Pasadena public parks!

Are THESE just "laughable" children's "pranks"? Is this just "delinquency"? Or is it an unreasoning, blind, venomous, wanton, willful, depraved, MURDEROUS spirit of wanting to CUT, MAIM, BUTCHER, TORTURE, KILL?

Do YOU believe the plain statements of your Creator and your God? Or are YOU one who will continue to "kid" yourself this rotten world "isn't so bad after all" and go right down WITH it into a cesspool of nightmarish destruction unimagined in your weirdest dreams?

Almighty God will soon send Jesus Christ to PUNISH this world of evildoers! And don't "kid" yourself that sounds "religious." You'll find little comfort in imagining yourself out of reality when the REALITY is all around you.

Like it or not — these are the FACTS of our HATE-filled society.

But hatred is *not* confined to the teen-age heart. It's a disease of the human mind. It is in *your* very NATURE to HATE.

HUMAN NATURE —

What It Is

It's HUMAN NATURE to hate.

God made human beings what they are. He *created* man with a certain *nature*.

We call it "human nature." And it's still the greatest enigma to philosophers, psychologists, sociologists. MAN, they say, is still "the biggest question mark."

One psychiatrist said, before a group of fellow psychiatrists, "We *all* became interested in psychiatry because we knew *we ourselves* had some mental problems."

But GOD, the *Inventor* of the human heart, REVEALS its true nature. "The heart is deceitful above ALL THINGS, and DESPERATELY wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9.)

Yes, the normal, natural, fleshly mind — the mind with which you were BORN — is DESPERATELY wicked, unless it has been CHANGED by the nature of God!

Paul was inspired to write, "The carnal mind [the natural mind of every person] is ENMITY against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed *can* be!" (Rom. 8:7.)

The normal, natural, CARNAL mind of every man and every woman — yes, and of every child — RESENTS the things of God. The natural mind is ALWAYS SUSPICIOUS! It is ENVOIOUS, LUSTFUL, EVIL, RESENTFUL, HATEFUL.

James wrote, "Do ye think that the scripture saith *in vain*, The spirit that dwelleth in us LUSTETH TO ENVY?" (James 4:5.)

Today, if you feel you're basically a "Christian" kind of person — you probably feel Christ really WAS the promised Messiah. You feel, whether or *not* you are a really zealous Christian — that Jesus Christ probably really WAS genuine. At least, if you're like most people, you couldn't call Christ a guilty EVIL DOER, could you?

But what about those who lived *right with* Jesus Christ? Who SAW His miracles WITH THEIR OWN EYES?

What about those who lived in Jerusalem during the time of Christ's merciless BEATING — His terrible night of KICKS, CURSES, SPITTING, HATRED, VENOMOUS ACCUSATIONS? What about those who HAD A PART IN IT?

What about the hate-filled MOB that *screamed* out their animalistic bestiality — "KILL HIM! CRUCIFY HIM! BUTCHER HIM!"?

God tells you NOT to bear *them* any malice — NOT to HATE THEM — even as Christ Himself said, from His tree of death, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do!"

But do you UNDERSTAND the *reason* they acted as they did?

Do you RECOGNIZE the EXACT, SAME IDENTICAL NATURE IN YOURSELF?

It's THERE — recognized or not.

Many of those same participants in the illegal crucifixion of Christ took

their hatred — their *firm belief* they had rid the world of a TERRIBLE person — to their graves with them.

They somehow *convinced* themselves they should be terribly, indignantly, "righteously" ANGRY at Christ.

They CONVINCED themselves He was a FAKE. They thought they "KNEW" they were uncovering, exposing, and punishing some GREAT EVIL.

Today, YOU KNOW BETTER. But most of them NEVER did.

Christ Says It Will Grow Worse

And remember — Jesus predicted this evil disease of HATRED would grow worse and *worse* — heightening in intensity until blind RAGE would characterize our day.

Paul said, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a *reprobate mind* [a deceitful, hateful, DEGENERATE mind], to do those things which are NOT RIGHT [margin]; being *filled* with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, *maliciousness*; full of ENVY, MURDER, DEBATE, DECEIT, MALIGNITY; whisperers [delighting in SCANDAL — in *filth, evil, RUMOR*], backbiters, HATERS of God, *despiteful*, proud, boasters, inventors of EVIL things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers [not true to their word], without natural affection [NEVER willing to give the other fellow the benefit of the doubt], implacable [their minds UNWILLING to change — to admit new light, to see new facts, or accept the truth], unmerciful: who KNOWING the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of DEATH, not only DO the same, but HAVE PLEASURE in them that do them" (Rom. 1:28-32).

This world is literally FILLED with human beings who fit this very description. And why not? It's a description of HUMAN NATURE in the raw — human nature JUST THE WAY IT IS!

Jesus warned, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). He prayed to His Father, "I

have given them [His disciples, and true followers in ANY age] thy word; and the world hath HATED them, because they are not OF the world [they're living DIFFERENT lives — lives that have been CHANGED to conform to the life CHRIST led. And remember, He was accused of being a WINEBIBBER, and a GLUTTONOUS man], even as I am not of the world" (John 17:14).

He had said earlier, "If the world HATE you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are NOT of the world, but I have chosen you OUT of the world, therefore the world HATETH you" (John 15:18-19).

Yes — like it or not — admit it or not — the plain facts of your Bible are that HATRED will be the lot of anyone who truly repents, and strives diligently to LIVE the abundant, happy, joyous life Jesus Christ makes possible.

Jesus said, "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin" (John 15:22).

The *way of life* of Christ's true servants makes others ANGRY! Because it's *natural* to RESENT God, it's also natural to RESENT THE WAY of God — the way of LIFE God reveals in His sacred Word.

And today, as NEVER before, people allow themselves to become consumed with purple-faced, blind, mind-chilling, vicious RAGE against the truth of God, and against His true servants. Many HATE the wonderful laws of God.

It's about time you really SAW human nature — YOUR nature, and recognized it for what it truly is. No amount of "reasoning" and arguing about the "good" ideas and deeds of humans will change the *truth* of God's Word.

Human nature is rotten!

It's an evil, filthy, DOWNWARD PULL — tending toward violence, destruction — no good thing. Paul was inspired to say, "For I know that *in me* (that is, IN MY FLESH,) dwelleth NO GOOD THING" (Rom. 7:18).

The human heart is *evil* — even the human heart that likes to THINK IT IS GOOD.

Human nature is NATURALLY fearful, resentful, self-justifying, egotistic, vanity-filled, hateful, despicable, proud, defiant, rebellious, boastful, obnoxious, annoying, acidic, selfish, self-centered, jealous, lustful, disobedient, stiff-necked, blasphemous, destructive, corrupt, presumptuous and vile!

It really is! That's why God says REPENT! CHANGE human nature by taking in some of the very *nature of God* (II Peter 1:4).

Take a look at your own mind and heart. THINK about the lives of others around you. Ask yourself a few personal questions — and be *honest with yourself* about your own nature!

What About YOUR Private Life?

What about YOUR heart and mind? Do you "fly off the handle" easily? Do YOU become ENRAGED at someone over racial, religious, political issues? Do YOU become so ANGRY, so MAD, so CONSUMED with inflamed passion that you would literally resort to VIOLENCE?

Millions do!

And why? The answer is simple. It's like a recipe for an evil concoction. Just take human nature. Sprinkle in a few situations; add a lot of entertainment pressures, such as TV violence, radio noise, movieland make-believe, newspaper sensationalism, paper-backed perversity and sex; stir well — and VIOLENCE will erupt!

Solomon wrote, "Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of WRATH bringeth forth strife" (Prov. 30:33).

Do you SNAP at your children, argue with your employer, yell at your spouse? Are you *irritated* much of the time — *impatient* in stress and trial — ANGRY at situations that frustrate you?

If you're HUMAN, and if you lack the SPIRIT OF GOD — you ARE.

It's been said, "You are what you eat." And your MIND is what you THINK. And if YOUR STEADY DIET IS ONE OF VIOLENCE — then you could become a VIOLENT person very easily.

Will you be one who will be filled

with RAGE because of your spouse's religious beliefs? Will YOU become brutally VIOLENT because of RACIAL prejudices and hatreds? Will YOU ever be one who will PERSECUTE someone else for his religious, racial, political or personal beliefs?

Probably not, you may think — but, THINK AGAIN! Unless you're CHANGED, unless your very NATURE has been altered from a *violent* nature to a *peaceful* one — you MAY!

It's a SICK, SICK, SICK WORLD

Look around you. Unless you are careful, YOU could become one of the rioting, looting, crazed individuals preying on a sick society. Most people today are PASSIVE about the crime and violence in our midst.

Law enforcement officials decry the near-obsession of the modern courts with insuring the protection of the CRIMINAL and his "rights," instead of strengthening the laws prohibiting and punishing criminal acts.

When a man brutally murdered his wife, became remorseful, went to the police and signed at least two separate written confessions, and later led the police to the garbage dump where he'd deposited the body — the courts later held his "rights" had been violated when no legal counsel was provided to inform him his confession was not necessary.

Today the man is walking the streets. The judge threw the confessions out the window.

And so it goes. With the public obsession with protecting the rights of criminals, and with the police being increasingly handcuffed in dealing with crime, is it any wonder that CRIME AND VIOLENCE rampage more than ever before?

Society is SICK!

Symptomatic of this delirium is the hazy notion between right and wrong, which often results in almost complete public *indifference* to crime. Non-involvement is the course many take when a crime is being committed.

Bystanders ignore shootings; turn away from a woman giving birth on a cold sidewalk; refuse aid to victims of automobile accidents; refuse to help

officers in making an arrest; casually watch as a woman is raped.

You probably well remember the case of Catherine Genovese, whose attacker returned to stab her three times as at least 38 neighbors heard, or looked on. None of them would help her, or even summon police. She died.

Case after case could be cited, where neighbors, passers-by, or on-lookers just casually went their own ways, ignoring the crime, the assault, or the rape.

Such an attitude of public APATHY contributes to the rocketing INCREASE in violence and crime. WHY do these things ever happen?

They reveal one stark truth: Our peoples are *sick!* And there is ONLY one sure cure.

Here's What You Need To Do

Yes, we're a world of cheats; a world of murderers, thieves, deviates, queers, pornographers, racists, bigots, liars, pretenders, alcoholics, dope addicts, pleasure-mad thrill-seekers and religious nuts.

Society is SICK!

VIOLENCE threatens to spill over like a flood and bathe our cities knee-deep in rivers of blood. Berserk frenzy, madness, mayhem are a continuing FEAR to millions. TERROR lurks and prowls in city parks, along city streets and in the alleys.

What can YOU do about it?

First of all, you need to have more of the attitude of God's righteous servants of old, who "*sighed and cried*" because of the horrible *atrocities*, the terrible ABOMINATIONS that occurred around them, daily. Read in Ezekiel 9, of those who, because of their attitude of abhorrence of the evils of this modern era are to be *spared* from the apocalyptic destruction soon to befall this world.

Read about righteous Lot who was *vexed* every single day because of the "filthy conduct of the wicked" and the "unlawful deeds" of the average citizen around him (II Peter 2:7-8).

You need to develop more of the attitude Jesus illustrated when He said His *true* servants would be praying, "Thy Kingdom COME"! (Matt. 6:10.)

In other words, you need to begin to

view *this world* as GOD views it, and not as you have always carelessly taken it for granted.

Next, you need to become *very personally critical* about the way you spend your leisure moments.

You need to become *highly selective* about the motion pictures you view. Let's face it, you KNOW, and KNOW that you know, that MOST motion pictures today are filled with pure slop, swill, violence, ghoulish insanity, murder robbery, triangles, licentiousness, perversion, and every form of vile evil.

It is *exceedingly difficult* to find ANY motion picture that is really suitable for any person who is sincerely trying to live according to God's laws.

Always ask yourself, "*Would Christ watch this?*" And then, if you really KNOW the Christ of the Bible, you will be able to find the answer. If you feel Christ would not watch it — then remember YOU shouldn't watch it.

The same holds true for television.

However, it is true that television offers a far greater variety of programs through the day — and that there are certain educational and instructive programs, news programs, that are available. For example, interview-type programs, weather reports, travelogs, certain light comedy or perhaps musical programs or variety shows are not necessarily *wrong* to watch.

But DON'T become an "addict." Don't become its SLAVE. Use your television set wisely, use it carefully, with discretion.

And literature?

Take a look at ANY bookstand. About all you'll see is pure TRASH of all types. Most magazine stands would have been labeled PURE PORNOGRAPHY only a FEW DECADES AGO. Weird books, sex stories, murder mysteries, horoscopes, demoniacal "comic books," (and what is really "comic" about any of them?) — are NOT fit to stuff into any human mind.

What about your hobbies, pastimes, your moments of relaxation? Are you living WHOLESOMELY — in a refreshing, *balanced* way that gives you a true change of pace — that really is "recreation"? Or are many of your leisure moments spent in literally *tearing down*

your body, and *polluting* your mind with the VIOLENCE of this violent age?

Forming HABITS of Violence

Probably, you feel depraved acts of wanton destruction and violence are committed by a certain *type* of person. But you're wrong.

It is this very enigmatic problem that *worries* modern-day law enforcement officers. They see horrible acts of murderous violence being committed more and more by the "average" type of person. They prove conclusively that crime is *not* limited to those who have grown up in slum or underprivileged areas; that criminals are *not* demented, or retarded. They shake their heads in disbelief at bestial atrocities committed by the "good" people in society.

Why does it happen? Why do members of a family fly into a sudden fit of rage, grab a gun, and MURDER in cold

blood, other members of the same family?

They probably just witnessed a dozen murders on television and in the movies, and read of more violence in the news. They had probably been feeding and gorging their minds on some murder mystery thriller, in almost *every* *leisure moment*.

Is it any wonder, when tempers flare, and a person reacts almost AUTOMATICALLY according to HABIT?

If you're not extremely careful what you SEE, how you THINK, what you HEAR, what you READ — YOU MAY BE ESTABLISHING THE SAME PATTERN OF VIOLENCE in your own life.

So THINK about it. INVESTIGATE your life. Be willing to be honest with yourself about yourself! God says, "WOE unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope: WOE unto them that *call evil*

good, [that was sure a "good" movie, you might have said] and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isa. 5:18, 20.)

Millions keep wondering WHY violence. But it's HUMAN NATURE to be violent. Just as Dr. Robert M. Page has said, "So long as you have human nature, there will be wars." You have seen the PROOF, now, from the Word of God. Now that you *know* more about human nature — now that you understand more of the TRUE cause for crime and violence — what are you going to do about it in your own life?

Check up on yourself! Be willing to call a spade a spade. Label things what they really are. And then, with the help of Almighty God, ROOT OUT of your life the hatred, prejudice, bigotry, and murderous violence of this violent world! □