

The Day America's Heart Broke Once Again

On Friday, December 14, 2012, what started out as just another ordinary day similar to 9-11, quickly turned ominous and woefully wicked beyond comprehension, when once again we learned that evil is real and does exist.

Tragically, a situation we have witnessed far too often reared its ugly head when an unconscionable, unthinkable, unimaginable, horrific event claimed the lives of 28 people, including 20 children, and six adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut.

This demonic act of violence at the hands of yet another young, obviously troubled adult, altered the lives and destiny of many people forever, and we will never be the same. As the days ahead unfold these individuals who lost their lives, will not be just another faceless victim of a senseless tragedy. They were real people who had hopes and dreams for their future, which was shattered when their lives ended all too soon on that fateful day.

In the days ahead we will continue to see their faces, hear about their lives, and fully comprehend the great loss for not only the families of the victims, but also for the rest of us who had our hearts ripped out of our chest as we heard the grim realities of the news reports.

Perhaps your children are still in school, and fear for their safety has now gripped your heart. There is not a parent alive who cannot think of and grieve for all who were lost that day. Especially, as we reflect and remember our own children when they were in first grade—who personify pure innocence, joy, and are spontaneous in their behavior. Unfortunately, as a result of their trusting nature believing the best of people and situations, they are also one of the most vulnerable members of our society to be targeted by people who have nefarious intentions and seek to inflict harm on them. This fact alone causes us to anguish knowing they were utterly defenseless against their tormentor.

I, like many of you, are feeling God's anguish and weeping His tears, as our broken hearts reflect His broken heart. Moreover, we are searching for answers of why this unimaginable tragedy happened. As I compose this writing, I am weeping as my heart breaks over the consequences of our nation's moral depravity which can no longer be denied.

I keep hearing the Lord telling me three things concerning what has transpired during this time of great sadness.

First, I keep hearing the words Jesus spoke in Matthew 19:14 *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

Second, I keep hearing simply *"Jesus wept."* Jesus is weeping just as He did when his friend Lazarus died and Mary and Martha believed it was too late when Jesus finally showed up. Jesus is weeping just as He did before God allowed Jerusalem and the Temple to be destroyed in 70 AD at the hands of the Roman army because of His people's rebellion and spiritual harlotry.

Third, I keep hearing the words spoken by the prophet Ezekiel, which is the cry of God's heart for His people in America for a time such as this, which He wants me to proclaim at this time.

*"... 'Thus you say, 'If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?'' Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked **turn from his way and live**. Turn, turn **from your evil ways!** For **why should you die**, O house of Israel?'" ~ Ezekiel 33:10-11 (NKJV)*

Unfortunately for all of us, when God lifts His right hand of protection off a nation who has openly declared He is not welcomed **and** because His people are not living holy, the enemy of our souls takes full advantage. Just read the story of Job and you will know this to be true. Moreover, even though Job was blameless, God allowed Satan to sift him to test Job's allegiance to Him.

Furthermore, when God lifts His hand of protection off a nation it is part of His judgment which affects both the righteous and the wicked. It affects everyone including woman and children. See what God, says to His people in Ezekiel 9:4-6 below. And, before you say that this is the God of the Old Testament we are told in Hebrews 13:8, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*" And, Malachi 3:6, proclaims, "...*For I am the LORD, I do **not** change...*"

*"...and the Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city...and put a mark on the foreheads of the men **who sigh** and **cry over all the abominations** that are done within it." To the others..."Go...through the city and **kill**; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. Utterly **slay** **old** and **young men**, **maidens** and **little children** and **women**; but do **not** come near anyone on whom is the mark; and **begin at My sanctuary**." ~ Ezekiel 9:4-6 (NKJV)*

Notice in the above passage of Scripture those who are spared from being killed. It is those who **sigh** and **cry** out to God in anguish over all the abominations in our land— abortion, same sex marriage, pornography, child molestation, sexual immorality, homosexuality, etc. Also, notice God is telling Ezekiel to start at His sanctuary—His church, because we are called to **live** holy, for God is holy. Moreover, we know what He expects from those who are called by His name as is clearly spelled out in His Word.

In addition, just because we cry out to God and are tremendously grieved by the abominations happening in our land, does not mean we will escape from being affected by God's judgment due to God's cup of iniquity overflowing concerning our nation. As I have said before, but bears repeating, we must all pray Psalm 91 over ourselves and our families and cover ourselves with the blood of Jesus morning and night.

Both Daniel and Jeremiah cried out to God and interceded to Him on behalf of their people, however, they were still exiled and affected by many things outside their control. Moreover, they both were protected and used greatly by God for His purposes to prevail, and lived to write about it.

Now that I have shared the word of the Lord, I am shifting your attention back to the shooting in Connecticut. I am haunted and disturbed in the deep abyss of my soul by the words spoken by the children who were hiding in the bathroom of their classroom as their teacher did her best to protect these precious innocent children she was given the responsibility to teach.

As this Sandy Hook teacher begged the children to be quiet she said, *"I thought we were all going to die. I told the kids I love them and I was so happy they were my students... I said anyone who believed in the power of the prayer, we need to pray and those who don't believe in prayer, think happy thoughts."* How did the children respond as they were faced with this life altering situation? They asked, *"Can we go see if anyone is out there... I just want Christmas... I don't want to die, I just want to have Christmas."*¹

I have been meditating on the words these children spoke over and over in my mind trying to make sense of their response. These children were scared beyond comprehension and were faced with the potential to experience unimaginable horrors which could have very well have been their final moments on this earth, yet they did not say, *"I want my mommy and daddy."* They did not call out to God to help them. They responded with what they have been taught *"I just want..."* All they wanted was Christmas, which in the mind of most children that age has just become another opportunity to get presents, while they dream of Santa Claus, and an opportunity to eat all the holiday candies and cookies.

Why does their reaction haunt and disturb me so much you may wonder? After all they are just being kids you may be thinking.

I am going to share something very personal with you that you do not know about me unless you read my first book titled, *"Shattered Dreams—Wake Up America Before It Is Too Late!"* where I candidly share my testimony.

When I was a small child, about the same age as these children who were affected by what happened at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, I too was faced with the existence of evil. I was abandoned by both parents due to divorce, which to a large extent was caused by the generational curses in my family line. As such, I experienced many unspeakable horrors as a result, even though I, like the children at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, was an innocent victim in circumstances I had no control over.

One such encounter with the forces of evil was when I was repeatedly raped beginning at the tender young age of four by a teenage boy who lived in the foster home I was placed in. This teenager was mentally disturbed and from a broken home, just like the young gunman who perpetuated this unimaginable horror on these children.

Before this teenager would rape me he would hang me upside down by ropes which were tied around my ankles and fasten me upside down onto a hook that was on an antique piece of furniture. He would then take the blade of the knife he held in his hand and run it up and down my body telling me he would kill me if I told anyone. This would set in motion the worst nightmares a child could endure, and every time the woman who was my caretaker left the house for extended periods of time, I would once again be traumatized by this individual and experience fear and trepidation that no words can adequately describe.

Therefore, I know and have experienced firsthand the tremendous fear those children faced, especially the ones who felt helpless as they faced their executioner. They felt fear they never knew was possible as terror gripped their hearts as one by one, their classmates were slaughtered before their very eyes. Tragically, they had time to realize they would never see their moms and dads ever again.

I cannot begin to tell you how much I have relived their pain over and over in my mind, as I weep for the loss of these precious children, their teachers, and their parents. I would give anything, including my life, to have been able to intervene on their behalf that day.

As far as the response from the children who were hiding in the bathroom of their classroom with their teacher, who said, *"I don't want to die--I just want to have Christmas."* Their response troubles me greatly for this reason. It is my opinion, based on the fact that I was in a fearful, life threatening circumstance at their age, that these children, who said they wanted Christmas, should have said, *"I want my mommy, I want my daddy!"* Or, they would have cried out, *"God help us!"* Instead, they said, *"I don't want to die, I want Christmas."*

I can assure you when I was their age and I literally experienced hell on earth, I was not saying *"I want Christmas!"* I was pleading, begging, and sobbing for my mom to help me who was not there—anyone to help me, someone greater than myself who could stop the pain caused by unspeakable horrors that I faced. That someone I was really begging for to help me turned out to be Jesus Christ, although at the time I didn't know anything about Him.

It is also ironic that like the children at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, I too grew up in a quaint little New England town that consisted of a bright red gas station, a post office, a two-room schoolhouse, and, of course, a white Episcopal church that was so typical of these small New England towns. It was the kind of town that you would envision on the most beautiful postcard of New England landscapes. It was the type of community that parents purposely moved to so their children can be safe and prosper without the fear of being abducted, harmed, or being killed that children face in

today's society because of the spiritual, ethical, and moral decay prevalent in our society **which is a direct result of the state of spiritual darkness inhabiting the hearts and souls of the people within our nation.**

It is also ironic that it was in this same small New England town during a Christmas play that our public school was part of that I first learned about a baby lying in a manger called Jesus. And, as the people in the church we were in, sang the song titled, *Children, Go Where I Send Thee* which still plays over and over in my mind, and *Joy to the World*, I didn't understand or comprehend how anyone could feel joy and talk about peace on earth, when my life was afflicted with nothing but pain, fear, loneliness, and despair.

Do we truly realize how many of our young people, especially our young adults, live with this type of despair deep within the recesses of their souls? This is why our suicide rate is at an all time high with our young people—they feel they have no hope. Most often, everything seems to be well and goes unnoticed by most people, including their loved ones, until something sets off the volcanic eruption of rage they have stuffed deep within themselves. Depression is at an all time high for people in our nation, and depression is caused by anger, even righteous anger, turned inward upon the individual afflicted by despair. Some of these wounded individuals finally reach a breaking point and just snap. These are individuals who have been wounded so greatly emotionally, physically, and sexually throughout their lives, and unless they receive the proper help and healing they need, sometimes they seek to inflict harm on others, because hurting people always hurt other people. In the case of the Connecticut shooter the experts proclaim Adam, the shooter, did not snap which I find to be very troublesome as well.²

I know what I am talking about because I lived the majority of my life being afflicted by the tormentor of our souls with severe depression, major anxiety, and despair beyond comprehension as my life went spiraling out of control. I would go from one mental health professional to another, as they would give me more and more drugs to cope with the pain and anguish in my life. You name it I tried it all, anything to help me cope and ease the pain of my existence. And, nothing worked until I came to the end of myself and discovered I needed someone to save me from living this hell on earth and His name is Jesus Christ.

It was only by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and God's love that I was finally delivered, healed, and set free from the tormentor of my soul. I was set free from depression (which runs in my family line); I was set free from anxiety, fear, and trepidation. I was set free from alcoholism—no twelve step program needed which is only more bondage. I was set free from the trauma and pain I experienced as an innocent child at the hands of many people who were used by the enemy to commit acts of evil, who were themselves afflicted by the forces of evil.

I, like countless others, became the recipient of God's promises spoken of by Isaiah the prophet in Isaiah 61:3. Therefore, nothing on earth compares to the hope I have found in Jesus, and for this reason I owe Him my total allegiance for what He did for me, for all of us! Jesus was born and came to the earth for many reasons, however, one of the reasons He came was to set us free from the snares of the enemy. He came so that all who put their faith and trust in Him could have beauty

instead of ashes; we could have the oil of joy instead of mourning; we could wear the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness (oppression and depression). And, last, but certainly not least, we could be called trees of **righteousness**, so our Heavenly Father is glorified.

Many believers proclaim Jesus is the reason for Christmas, even though the truth is Jesus was born during God's Feast of Tabernacles in the fall, and Christmas has nothing to do with the actual birth of Jesus. Yet, the "*spirit of Christmas*," or the "*essence of Christmas*" is what really matters, especially as we find ourselves in the midst of a tragedy such as what happened at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. The "*spirit*" or "*essence*" of Christmas is personified by Matthew 1:21 which states "*She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because **he will save his people from their sins.***"

Moreover, many people, including believers, teach our children to believe in Santa Claus whom they cannot see because he is not real, and at the same time we tell them to believe in God who they also cannot see, but who is very real. It is just like the enemy to have given man the thought to invent Santa (which spells Satan if you scramble the letters) to have the children of the world put their belief in Santa, rather than in Jesus! For the love of God, what are we doing???

More tragically, as is the case for the majority of children in America, they do not know God at all and have never been taught that Jesus came to save people from their sins **and** all the ploys of the enemy! This is especially true since prayer has been removed from their schools for the past fifty (50) years and from the public square. Mike Huckabee answers this question Neil Cavuto with FOX News asked which is this. "*Where was God?*" Take time to listen to this video which perfectly answers this thought provoking question.

Where Was God? Mike Huckabee from Fox on Connecticut Shooting

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kADRKaliTII>

Many people do not know that only Jesus can save them from the grip of the enemy whose name is Satan whose mission is to kill, steal, and destroy by using his ploys which are: deception, decay, defeat, dependency, disaster, disappointment, discouragement, disease, disorientation, disillusionment, discontentment, distress, disturbed, distraction, doubt, distrust, destruction and death.

Unfortunately, for the vast majority of children in our nation they are born into a generation who does not know the Lord, or even have the desire to seek Him until it is too late. And, this cycle will repeat itself until we are desperate enough to change our ways.

This is the truth we need to glean at Christmas time, especially in the wake of this tragic school shooting. Moreover, it is not up to our spiritual leaders, our teachers, or our government to teach us this truth! It is our earthly parents, particularly our fathers who are supposed to be the spiritual leaders of our households, which are the
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very individuals God has entrusted us with to teach children **all** truths, and raise them up in the admonition of the Lord. This truth is proclaimed by Ephesians 6:4 (NKJV) which states, *“And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”*

Moreover, I do not need to tell any of you reading this that most fathers are not doing this because they no longer reside in their children’s homes due to divorce. And, those who are still in the home are not stepping up to the plate because they feel they are doing enough earning a living. In many cases they are abdicating their responsibility to train and raise up their children in the admonition of the Lord to their spiritual leaders, **if** they even attend church. Most of the time, the mother has now become the spiritual leader in their children’s lives because the majority of time she is awarded custody of the children when divorce ensues. Many women find themselves overwhelmed as single moms because now they have to do it all, including earning a living. Unfortunately, this is what happens as we reap the consequences of breaking God’s covenant of marriage.

In the eyes of a child, our parents both, our mother and father, are supposed to be the closest thing to knowing God that there is! From the perspective of a child, it is their parents who teach them what God is like, what He acts like, and that no matter what happens, they will love, protect them, and nurture them. They will never leave them nor forsake them. In addition, this includes teaching them what God talks like, what pleases or does not please Him, by teaching them the difference between right and wrong and good versus evil.

Last, but certainly, not least, what God is—God is love. No one else on earth loves children like their parents are supposed to with unconditional love no matter what. There is no greater love then that of a parent for their child, and it is this kind of love that our Heavenly Father has for each and every one of us that caused Him to allow the murder of His one and only begotten Son—Jesus Christ, so that all mankind may be saved, not only for all eternity, but also from the evil so rampant in our society seeking to steal, kill, and destroy everything we cherish, especially our children.

This is why our hearts are bleeding with unbearable pain and we have sincere empathy for the victim’s parents who will never again have the opportunity to tell their children how much they love them. Every parent’s greatest fear has happened as we all realize this could have been our children. Therefore, we mourn with those that are mourning.

Even President Obama knows the love he feels for his children and can relate to the individuals who lost their loved ones as a parent, rather than our Commander in Chief, as he witness their pain and addressed the community of grieving Americans utterly shaken by this latest tragedy of a society gone mad. He hit the nail right on the head when he said we will have to change if we expect to stop these senseless acts in our society.

“And by that measure, can we truly say, as a nation, that we are meeting our obligations? Can we honestly say that we’re doing enough to keep our children -- all of them -- safe from harm? Can we claim, as a nation, that we’re all together there, letting them know that they are loved, and teaching them to love in return? Can we say that we’re truly

doing enough to give all the children of this country the chance they deserve to live out their lives in happiness and with purpose?

*I've been reflecting on this the last few days, and if we're honest with ourselves, the answer is no. We're not doing enough. **And we will have to change.**"*

*We can't tolerate this anymore. These tragedies must end. And to end them, **we must change.** We will be told that the causes of such violence are complex, and that is true. No single law -- no set of laws can eliminate evil from the world, or prevent every senseless act of violence in our society." ³*

When President Obama says we have to change, he is absolutely correct. But it is not by getting healthcare professionals to dole out more legalized drugs which only treat the symptoms of a corrupted, spiritually bankrupt heart of the people within this nation. It is not by passing legislation to stop gun ownership in America either, because guns are not the problem, the people using the guns to perpetrate evil is the real issue at hand. Nor, is it by stationing armed guards at our schools to protect our children from evil people. When the citizens of a nation feel their only guarantee for protection comes from arming ourselves with guns, knives, pepper spray, etc., instead of relying of law enforcement officials to protect them, we have a major problem indeed.

The truth is the enemy is from within us and our households! We have become our own worst enemy. The consequences of our actions and the moral depravity of the people within our nation can no longer be denied as many have indeed been given over to the reprobate mind. We have opened the portal of evil and allowed the *Spirit of death* and the *Spirit of destruction* to pervade every facet of our society and we **must** return to the only One who can help save us and set us free.

In the meanwhile, what can we do differently as a result of this tragic life altering event?

For starters, we **must** we teach our children in our homes that Jesus saves, and will be with us no matter what we may face and to call on Him when we are not there to protect them with things outside of our control. We must teach our children to learn to pray and to call on Jesus during moments they need Him the most so that His peace which surpasses all understanding will descend upon them instead of fear. We must teach them that Jesus is "the" answer to everything they may face, but first, we as their parents must learn that He is "the" answer to all the forces of evil we are experiencing as a nation.

The truth is our children do not know about God, unless they attend church, and many these days do not. Moreover, they do not know about how to pray, because they only see the adults in their lives praying and turning to God only **after** tragedy strikes their own backyard.

After every tragedy the community comes together in unity and the churches in the community are overflowing. Yet, why is it that we only turn to God and seek His face after it is too late? Why do we only pray to God after tragic events such as this one happens instead of praying to prevent events like this from happening in the first place?

Our younger generation, especially our teenagers, do not know God, because many of their parents did not teach them about God, pray, or read the Bible together as a family in their own homes when they were still teachable! Have you ever heard the saying, “*The family which prays together stays together?*”

And, for those who did these things as they reared their children, unfortunately our young people are having demonic influences control them by the things they watch, play, and listen to such as movies, television programs, video games, and music, not to mention the indoctrination going on in the education system. Satan is the *prince of the airwaves* and Lucifer and the illuminati are controlling the minds of our kids by the things they are addicted to in their video games, television shows, and things they watch on the internet. It is alleged that the shooter in the Connecticut shooting was addicted to violent video games that he would play at the home he shared with his mother. ⁴

As God is my witness while I was in prayer, God told me that both shooters, the one in the Colorado theatre shooting, and the one in the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting, committed their heinous crimes because of mind control.. Also, I can tell you from experience that some of the pharmaceutical drugs they give people for their depression and anxiety will make you do things you would never normally otherwise do. As a matter of fact, take a look at this list for general information on antidepressants and induced suicide and associated violence at <http://www.ssristories.com/index.php>. This list will clearly illustrate one of the reasons why we are witnessing such a high rate of suicide and violent crimes being committed by young people now more than ever before.

How can we as a society be so deceived to believe the lie of the enemy that these prescription drugs to treat depression are the answer to what ails us when we are clearly told on the television ads and the literature they stuff in the bag at the pharmacy, that they can cause reckless behavior and an increased risk of suicide? One such antidepressant the sorcerers in white jackets we call doctors are prescribing in record numbers to treat depression is Cymbalta. Check out all the side effects of this drug which specifically states, “See [Prescribing Information](#), including Boxed Warning about antidepressants and **risk of suicide**, and [Medication Guide](#). The side effects of these medications are worse than the problem they are treating!” ⁵

Clearly we have become a nation of drug addicts that are taking legalized drugs which are pushed by our medical and pharmaceutical companies. Before the government takes measures to ban guns, perhaps they should ban what is causing people to use guns to massacre people! However, this will not happen because this practice has become way too lucrative and is lining the pockets of many people with money. Once again, the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil!

Furthermore, we are warned that in the end-times many will be deceived by sorcery as proclaimed by Revelation 18:23 which states, “*The light of a lamp shall **not** shine in you anymore, and the voice of the bridegroom and bride shall **not** be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth (the illuminati, global elite), for by your **sorcery** all the nations were deceived.*”

Do you know what the Greek word for “*sorcery*” is as used in this passage of Scripture? It is “*pharmakeia*” which is the Greek word and is the source of our English words like "pharmacy", "pharmaceutical", etc. “Sorcery” refers to **1)** the use or the administering of drugs **2)** poisoning **3)** sorcery, magical arts, often found in connection with idolatry and fostered by it **4)** metaph. the deceptions and seductions of idolatry.

Which leads me to the next point which is concerning the state of mind and the deep emotional pain of “*shattered dreams*” the shooter of this horrific tragedy must have experienced in order for him to be used by the enemy to perpetrate pure evil such as this. It is also alleged that Adam Lanza, the shooter in the Connecticut massacre may have “snapped” because his mother was about to commit him to a psychiatric facility. They say Adam was jealous of the time his mother spent volunteering at Sandy Hook with the kindergartners and this very well could have been the motive for him targeting the children at the school.⁶

Yet, other news reports say that Adam, the shooter in this tragedy, was an honor student who lived in a prosperous neighborhood with his mother, a well-liked woman who enjoyed hosting dice games and decorating the house for the holidays.⁷

If this is true, once again the young man who was the shooter in this particular incident, and was barely an adult himself, is from a broken home and allegedly despondent over the divorce of his parents. Not only did he kill himself, but he also killed his own mother!

Tragically, the divorce rate among believers is not that much different than unbelievers, and it is quite obvious it is the breakdown of the family unit which is one of the foundational causes of instability in our society. Children and our society never benefit from broken homes which are one of the main causes of “shattered dreams” for everyone involved. We are reaping the consequences of breaking God’s very first covenant of marriage when His will from the very beginning of time was for a man and a woman to cleave to one another and remain married until death so they would have godly offspring that would be raised up in the admonition of the Lord.

Adam, the shooter in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, has also left his dad, brother, and grandmother with the horrors of a legacy they will never be able to come to terms with without the help of God. I am sure they are all in torment trying to make sense of what happened that would cause their son, grandson, and brother to commit such a heinous crime. Moreover, they are also grieving and coming to terms with his death, and the death of their ex-wife, mother, and daughter.

Once again, like is so often the case in tragedies such as these, all may seem well on the surface, but deep down inside the deep abyss of their soul, these people who commit such heinous crimes obviously are not well.

Another thing that is bothering my spirit about this shooting is the dad of the shooter, Adam Lanza, is Peter Lanza who is a VP and Tax Director at GE Financial. It is alleged that the father of Aurora Colorado movie theater shooter James Holmes is Robert Holmes, the lead scientist for the credit score company FICO. **Both men were to testify before the US Senate in the ongoing LIBOR scandal.** The London Interbank Offered Rate, known as Libor, is the average interest rate at which banks can borrow from each other. 16 international banks have been implicated in this ongoing scandal, accused of rigging contracts worth trillions of dollars. HSBC has already been fined \$1.9 billion and three of their low level traders arrested.⁸

What is the likelihood that both the fathers of the shooters in the Colorado theatre shooting, and the father in the Sandy Hook Shooting in Connecticut, were both scheduled to testify before the US Senate in the ongoing LIBOR scandal? What a coincidence! Or, is it true that the “love of money” is indeed the root of all kinds of evil?

So to answer the question of what in the world is really going on with the people within our nation that can cause someone such as the shooter in this unspeakable tragedy to inflict harm and kill his own mother, other innocent people, and then feel the only answer to their hopelessness is death. I spent a lot of time conveying what the real problems are in the writing I sent out several months back titled, *“Is there not a cause greater than ourselves?”* which is under the 2012 Prophetic Word on my website at www.angelloffaith777.com. Please for the sake of all our children read it!

Then you will know the reasons (plural) why we are seeing an increase in killing rampages such as this one, and many others, and understand the true reason for the carnage which just happened in Connecticut which is this. We have lost our way and we must turn back to God, our Creator and live; otherwise, we will continue to perish.

We cannot change and stop the madness of tragedies like this from happening without first understanding and acknowledging what the “root” problems are. Until we deal with the “root” problems which begin in our hearts and homes, we will only mask the symptoms and tragedies like this will continue to happen. An analogy is like taking prescription drugs, which only lessen the symptoms of the “root” problem. They do not cure the actual problem causing the disorder or disease in the first place.

Moreover, we have the ability to stop all this evil which is happening in this nation as a result of us telling God we do not want or need Him any longer, especially in our schools and public squares! However, as I have said before, and will continue to proclaim we must bring God back into hearts and homes! If we choose to continue to bury our heads in the sand and blame guns, our government, the economy, our parents, our spiritual leaders, everything and anything that will take the focus off of us, when the truth is that **we** are the problem, then may God has mercy on us all.

In closing, the greatest gift we can give our children this Christmas season and beyond for all eternity, is to **teach** them to intimately know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior by letting them see us, their parents doing so. Our children also need our love, time, devotion, and guidance not more material possessions!

The most desirable presents, finer than silver or gold, we could ever want to receive not only at Christmas time, but the rest of the year too, are those which will bring true joy and peace on earth despite what transpires in this world. This free gift of salvation for the whole man—body, soul, and spirit, can only be received by placing our faith and trust in the *Prince of Peace* residing within the hearts of those who believe in Jesus Christ, **not** Santa Claus, their intellect, their money, their power, their influence, their fame, or their worldly possessions.

The true meaning of Christmas, which should be no different than any other time of year, is to celebrate the gift of salvation that we may receive for the whole man—body, soul, and spirit from our Heavenly Father with thanksgiving and praise. However, our greatest cause for hope and celebration for our life on earth and for all eternity can only be realized by Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension to Heaven as proclaimed in John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, what whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

So how do we truly honor God with thanksgiving and praise for bringing us that baby in a manger over two thousand years ago? We show Him our gratefulness by giving Him first place in our hearts, minds, and homes!

The most precious gift ever offered was already paid for with a high price—the shedding of blood from an innocent lamb (Jesus) who was without spot or blemish. Jesus did nothing wrong to deserve being hated, spit at, scourged, rejected, and murdered by evil men because of a fallen world.

The same holds true for all these innocent people who died in **all** the shooting sprees, that took place in Columbine, the theatre in Colorado, and the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut—they did not deserve to die either. They too paid a high cost with the shedding of their blood at the hands of an individual who was consumed by evil because we have become a society who calls good evil, and evil good.

Let us not allow the death of these innocent people to have been in vain. I hope and pray we are so grieved by this tragedy that it will compel us to take action and change ourselves by seeking God's face and heart like never before. If we turn to God with all our heart, soul, and strength we will automatically make our families our top priority, especially our children, and turn from our wicked ways.

So my question to each of you reading this is *“How many more individuals need to perish before we turn from our wicked ways?”*

Like 9-11, Columbine, the theatre shooting in Colorado, and the carnage which took place at the Sandy Hook Elementary School we were once again reminded of the brevity of life. We said we would always remember the events of 9-11.

However, the events of 9-11, the shootings at Columbine, and the theatre shooting in Colorado were not enough for us to sincerely repent. Please let this not be the case now, especially as we grieve for the lives lost in connection with the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting!

Last, but certainly not least, once again we have learned, in a blink of an eye this journey we call life can come to an abrupt end. The painful lesson to learn from this truth is this. When this journey as sojourners on earth ends, it will not matter how much money we make, what type of house or community we lived in, the kind of car we drove, or how important and successful we think we are based on worldly standards. All that will matter as we take our final breath is **who** we placed our faith and trust in, **and** the legacy we will leave behind for our children and their children.

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