Sin Pulls the Trigger

(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

The Problem: SIN

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;
- 19 In 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.

Genesis 4:6-7

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

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

Columbine (Eric Harris, Dylan Klebold)

<u>Eric Harris journal entry</u>: "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."

<u>Dylan Klebold journal entry</u>: 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.

{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.}

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

Galatians 5:19-20

19Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry,* witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Revelation 18:23

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy *sorceries were all nations deceived.

Witchcraft, sorceries = **G5331** φαρμαχεία pharmakeia far-mak-i'-ah

From G5332; medication ("pharmacy"), that is, (by extension) magic (literal or figurative): - sorcery, witchcraft.

*Note: The King James Bible translators translated "pharmakia" as "witchcraft", because almost no one but witches and sorcerers used drugs 400 years ago. Drugs were most commonly used in pagan worship to hallucinate and to try to get in touch with evil spirits.

Fact: Despite 22 international drug regulatory warnings on psychiatric drugs citing effects of mania, hostility, violence and even homicidal ideation, and dozens of high profile shootings/killings tied to psychiatric drug use, there has yet to be a federal investigation on the link between psychiatric drugs and acts of senseless violence.

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 are most certainly higher.

School Shooters on Psychiatric Drugs:

Columbine, Colorado – April 20, 1999: 18-year-old Eric Harris and his accomplice, Dylan Klebold, killed 12 students and a teacher and wounded 26 others before killing themselves. Harris was on the antidepressant Luvox. Klebold's medical records remain sealed. Both shooters had been in anger-management classes and had undergone counseling. Harris had been seeing a psychiatrist before the shooting.

Huntsville, Alabama – February 5, 2010: 15-year-old Hammad Memon shot and killed another Discover Middle School student Todd Brown. Memon had a history for being treated for ADHD and depression. He was taking the antidepressant Zoloft and "other drugs for the conditions." He had been seeing a psychiatrist and psychologist.

Kauhajoki, Finland – September 23, 2008: 22-year-old culinary student Matti Saari shot and killed 9 students and a teacher, and wounded another student, before killing himself. Saari was taking an SSRI and a benzodiazapine. He was also seeing a psychologist.

Red Lake, Minnesota – March 21, 2005: 16-year-old Jeff Weise, on Prozac, shot and killed his grandparents, then went to his school on the Red Lake Indian Reservation where he shot dead 5 students, a security guard, and a teacher, and wounded 7 before killing himself.

Springfield, Oregon – May 21, 1998: 15-year-old Kip Kinkel murdered his parents and then proceeded to school where he opened fire on students in the cafeteria, killing two and wounding 25. Kinkel had been taking the antidepressant Prozac. Kinkel had been attending "anger control classes" and was under the care of a psychologist.

Top Drug Prescriptions (2009)

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

One Nation Under Xanax

September 30, 2010

America is a Xanax nation according to a <u>report just posted on Forbes.com</u> Of the more than 250 million prescriptions written for psychiatric drugs in 2009 in this country, Xanax is the by far most popular. Nearly 50 million prescriptions were written for this benzodiazepine or its generic form last year. Runners up for the top spot include Ambien, Lexapro, Zoloft, and Prozac.

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

Currently about 300 major state and federal laws.

Obamas Executive Orders In response to Sandyhook school shooting

- Issue a Presidential Memorandum to require federal agencies to make relevant data available to the federal backgroundcheck system.
 - 2. Address unnecessary legal barriers, particularly relating to the <u>Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act</u>, that may prevent states from making information available to the background-check system.
 - 3. Improve incentives for states to share information with the background- check system.
 - 4. Direct the attorney general to review categories of individuals prohibited from having a gun to make sure dangerous people are not slipping through the cracks.
 - 5. Propose rulemaking to give law enforcement the ability to run a full background check on an individual before returning a seized gun.
 - 6. Publish a letter from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to federally licensed gun dealers providing guidance on how to run background checks for private sellers.
 - 7. Launch a national safe and responsible gun ownership campaign.
 - 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.
 - 10. Release a Department of Justice report analyzing information on lost and stolen guns and make it widely available to law enforcement.
 - 11. Nominate an ATF director.
 - 12. Provide law enforcement, first responders, and school officials with proper training for active shooter situations.
 - 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.
- 19. Develop model emergency-response plans for schools, houses of worship and institutions of higher education.
- 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.
- 22. Commit to finalizing mental-health parity regulations.
- 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, <u>wrote Monday</u> 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, <u>addressed Huckabee directly</u>, 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 spiritualty 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:

We Have Sown The Wind and Shall Reap The Whirlwind

Hosea 8:1-14

- 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.
- 5Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast *thee* off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long *will it be* ere they attain to innocency?
- 6For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.
- 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.
- 8Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.
- 9For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers.
- 10Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.
- 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.
- 13They sacrifice flesh *for* the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat *it*; *but* the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt.
- 14For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

Just as Israel looked for help in their kings, princes, 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 alters shall be unto us sin.

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?

DEMONIC INFLUENCE AND POSESSION

Luke 2:23

22:3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

John 13:27

27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

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.
- 12There 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.

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.

Proverbs 23:7

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

Matthew 12:35

5 A 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.

^{*}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.

LET US REND OUR HEARTS

Joel 2:13

13 And 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 – $\underline{\text{GOD WILL}}$ 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.

AMEN