



"None are so blind as those who will not see" – attributed to several writers

THE PRICE WE PAY FOR INDIFFERENCE

What Happens When People Don't Value Truth

CAVALIER STUPIDITY

Socrates famously said *"The unconsidered life is not worth living."* He meant that a life lived without forethought or principle is a life so vulnerable to chance, and so dependent on the choices and actions of others, that it is of little real value to the person living it.

"Cavalier stupidity," "vacuous indifference," "apathetic and obtuse." I am reaching for an appropriate term to describe the mental/spiritual condition of the typical modern American. They have fallen into a pit of obtuse ignorance.

In my lifetime this tragedy has ruined Americans and America. A people who once were more thoughtful and responsive to truth have become unfeeling, uncaring fools. This nation, mentally and spiritually, is a wreck..

30. *An appalling and fearful thing has happened in the land;*

31. *The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will you do in the end thereof?*

Jer. 5:30-31

We need to consider this phenomenon. A similar thing happened in old Israel, and it is happening today in America. It may help us to understand it if we can define it.

Perhaps, said a little differently, it could ring clearer. Instead of "cavalier stupidity" what if we called it "being comfortable with self deception"?

Ring any bells?

The insult, "fat, dumb, and happy," has lost its power to insult. Instead of an insult, this condition has become a modern American goal. Now Americans take pride in it, or at least are content with it. We are witnessing the downfall of a people who have become proud of the right to be happily ignorant. They are becoming un-insultable. In their pursuit of self-absorption they seem to have adopted the philosophy that what they don't know can't hurt them.

This dubious achievement isn't unique to the American experience. Wise men from earlier times and other continents have seen it and commented on it:

"Who is so deafe, or so blynde, as is hee, That wilfully will nother hear nor see?" – Heywood, *Dialogue of Proverbs*, 1546

"You know, there's none so blind as they that won't see." – Swift, *Polite Conversation*, 1738

These quotes are not jokes to be taken lightly. Historical acknowledgments of a condition of "contented idiocy" have always reflected serious problems that cause the downfall of nations. Being indifferent to truth is a cultural condition that poisons societies. It usually occurs after a period of affluence when the population has become amoral and self-absorbed. They forget the values that enabled them to achieve good lifestyles.

This abominable condition is named in Deuteronomy 32 in reference to Israel's loss of freedom and becoming enslaved in Egypt:

15. *But Jeshurun (Israel) grew fat, and kicked (became insolent): you are grown fat, you are grown thick, you are covered with fatness; then he (Israel) forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the rock of his salvation.*

16. *They provoked Him (God) to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they Him to anger.*

17. *They sacrificed to devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.*

18. *You ignore the Rock that begat you, and have forgotten God that formed you.*

Dt. 32:15-18

We are talking about the current disease that is afflict-

ing America.

I cannot tell you how many times my readers have contacted me and asked, "Why can't we find others who are interested in truth"? It's a great question. But the problem is not new to our generation.

6. *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you ...*

Hosea 4:6

3. *For there will be a time when they will not endure sound doctrine; but having itching ears, they will heap to themselves teachers according to their own desires.*

4. *And they will reject the hearing of truth, and they will be turned away to myths.*

2 Tim. 4:3-4

10. *And ... to the ones being destroyed, they accept not the love of the truth that they might be saved.*

11. *And for this cause God is sending them a working of delusion for them to believe a lie:*

2 Thess. 2:10-11

And what can be said of people who have eyes and ears, and brains, but refuse to use them?

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

Jer. 5:21

WHAT CAUSES THIS?

30. *Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, says the Lord Yahweh. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.*

31. *Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby you have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will you die, O house of Israel?*

32. *For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dies, says the Lord Yahweh: wherefore turn yourselves, and live.*

Ez. 18:30-32

Societies are maintained by their love for truth. When that love for truth diminishes, the society begins to destroy itself. God's laws are truth. Nations fall apart and are destroyed when they lose their concern and attention to the laws of God. When nations lose respect for God's laws, the nations destroy themselves.

For this very reason we see America falling to pieces before our eyes. The State is growing uncontrollably and getting more corrupt every day. Families are unable to function or even stay together. Children are taught to be idiots by fads and by public schools. They lose their interest in truth. They no longer seek righteousness. They have no

interest in knowing right from wrong. They think God is a joke. Ignorance and apathy take over their minds and spirits.

But this deplorable condition is not inevitable. It does not have to be! We can reclaim our heritage of intelligence and faith in God ... if we want to. But we must really want it in order for it to happen.

Much of this degeneration has happened in America in my lifetime ... in the last 50 years or so. Things have not always been as they are today. I have personally witnessed basic changes in America, and I can describe them. I am old enough to have seen better days in past years. The younger generations are being denied the chance to experience the better life I saw in this land 50 years ago.

The last two generations have ruined and lost what we took for granted when I was a young boy. They not only stopped using their heads ... they have lost their ability to imagine it. And they don't care anymore.

It is sad to think about the fact that America is reaching a state in which younger generations have no hope ... and it is not their fault. We, the older generation, have thrown away our children's futures. How? We've done it by becoming "contented idiots" ... content and unconcerned while things fall apart around us.

HOW TO BREED FOOLS

What has turned Americans into fools unable to provide decent lives and hope for our young? Very simply, Americans have lost interest in God's law. Jesus told us that "truth will make you free" (Jn. 8:32). Americans have lost interest in truth, therefore they cannot be free. They are slaves ... slaves to bankers, slaves to politicians, slaves to false prophets, and slaves to their own self-importance. This turns them into fools, and fools cannot provide a healthy environment for raising children and maintaining families.

Fools are easily spoiled and turned into unwitting tools of criminal bankers and politicians. Becoming fools should be something Americans hate and avoid at all cost. But instead, Americans don't mind being fools accepting lies, deceit, and foolishness without even questioning. They don't care enough to test things before they accept them. They trust politicians. They trust Mainstream Media news programs. They trust church organizations in spite of the fact that churches have failed miserably to help society ... largely because churches teach against God's laws, and thus against truth.

Jesus stated in his prayer to God:

17. *... your word is truth.*

Jn. 17:17

Paul taught that we are to prove all things. That means we cannot sit back and let others tell us what is true. We must prove it ourselves.

21. *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*

1 Thess. 5:21

Therein lies the key to breeding fools. Get people to

stop proving and testing things. Get them to trust criminals and liars and they become fools. Look around you. Men are unconcerned that they are failing as husbands and fathers. Women are comfortable with being sex objects and looking and talking like harlots. Children admire and emulate queers and idiot celebrities. They cannot communicate normally, but use social media and text on cell phones. They send naked pictures of themselves to each other. They have no sense of shame. They talk like brainless idiots. The girls dress to look like hookers, and the boys dress to look like clowns. They are fools, products of foolish parents and a corrupt society.

Americans are becoming capable of very little other than supporting a criminal government, killing their own babies, cheating and stealing from one another, and teaching their children how to lie, steal, take drugs and hate all things that are godly and healthy.

America may possibly be beyond saving. When Joshua took the Children of Israel into Canaan, God instructed him to eliminate the indigenous people, including women and children, cattle, buildings ... everything. Why? Because the Canaanites had corrupted themselves so badly that they were beyond help. Anything of their society remaining in the land would only serve to confuse and corrupt the Children of Israel ... especially the youth. Canaanite music, entertainment, habits, diseases, foods ... everything had to go.

How close to this hopeless state has America come?

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

Americans use words and slogans as if they are meaningful, yet the people don't know what the words mean. They "*pledge allegiance to the flag*" without realizing that it is making them idolaters. They parrot the words, "*one nation under God*," without asking themselves if America is truly "under God." Wouldn't "under God" imply the honoring and upholding of God's laws?

They repeat slogans like "*in God we trust*." But their actions and attitudes prove they don't trust God. Instead they trust man's government.

They watch FOX News, or some other government-controlled news station, and accept the propaganda without doing a single thing to test if the news is true or not.

They get all enthused and involved in watching political campaigns. They argue and fight among themselves over which liar will win. They appear to think that the country's woes can be fixed by putting either a Republican or a Democrat into the White House. They love to vote, and then complain when their candidates don't get elected. And if their candidates do get elected, they never remember from one election to the next that their politicians lied to them and did just the opposite of what they promised to do.

They like to talk about freedom, but not one in a million can define freedom. Schools don't teach the meaning of freedom. Politicians don't talk about the meaning of freedom. Americans think they are free. They assume this without knowing what it means. And, in fact, Americans are some of the most enslaved (not free) people in the world.

If asked, they will tell you that the US Constitution

protects their freedom. But they have no idea whatsoever what the Constitution says, or what it does. If you tell them the truth about the Constitution – that it is a tool of government to enslave the people – they give you a blank stare and walk away shaking their heads.

Truth is unimportant to them. They are most likely to believe what they hear first; next they may believe what they hear most; and lastly they may believe provable truth.

In my library I have a book titled "Extraordinary Popular Delusions And The Madness Of Crowds." It covers an array of historical deceptions that are repeated and believed both in common conversation and in academia. There are a number of other books available, enough of them to keep you reading for a long time, which expose hundreds of errors that are commonly accepted as truths. These errors come at us from trusted sources including libraries and public school, and even graduate and post graduate institutions.

The fact is, most things Americans think they know are actually errors, lies and myths taught to them by teachers who learned them from other teachers who never bothered to vet the information but just took it all for granted. Thus, error and myths become conventional wisdom. So when error is believed to be true, it causes an equal disregard for real truth. People lose the hunger for truth. Error becomes comfortable and takes the place of truth. Then, if a large number of people believe the error, it gets accepted as fact. Dictionaries add the new words and definitions in their latest editions. New "truths" are born. But they are lies ... false doctrines that become popular and pass as truth for all but the skeptics who demand proof.

God bless the skeptics! In an age of deception like today the skeptics are the only ones who go to the trouble to research important issues. I'm a bonafide skeptic, and I say that truth is too important to take for granted. God gave me a brain for a good reason. And while I may not use mine as much as I should, I do try to use it now and then ... and I'm often surprised at how well it can work when I let it loose. I also find that the act of uncovering a truth is one of the more exhilarating and rewarding things in life.

But this works only when one has a driving hunger for truth and is willing to accept it even if it is uncomfortable. The consequences of rejecting truth are horrible. **When someone who is honestly mistaken hears truth he will either quit being mistaken or quit being honest.**

DIVERSIONS, RITUALS, & JARGON

Ritual can take the place of reason.

18. Come now, and let us reason together, says Yahweh.

Is. 1:18

Ritual prayer is often relied upon as an alternative to due diligence and sincere consideration. Praying about something does not automatically insure God's approval. On both sides of wars people pray for God to bless them by helping them kill people on the other side. It may encourage the bloodletting, but it doesn't justify it.

Other common rituals include political campaigns and

voting. Attending a church. Supporting public schools and going to college. Paying taxes. Supporting the troops. Cop worship. Saluting the flag. These rituals, and many more, are cultural rites that Americans look to as evidence of their acceptance as good citizens and approval by their peers.

Public education systems brainwash students to unquestioningly accept prescribed rituals like patriotism and submission to man-made authorities. Slogans and jargon repeated in churches, schools, and TV shows become accepted truths without being rigorously vetted as all claims to "truth" should be. Common sayings parroted by unthinking "authorities" become "truths" which then get repeated as if they were fact.

"Don't take the law into your own hands," for example, was propaganda fed to young folks of my generation who watched The Lone Ranger, Gunsmoke, or any western show on TV. Today, those westerns are replaced by cop shows that parrot the same motto. The result is that Americans have accepted it as truth, and today they are afraid to even think outside the box or question anti-God authorities or mandates.

Americans accept and repeat ridiculous talking points as if they have real meaning. For instance, the motto "*In God We Trust*" is held up as a proof of godliness ... when, in fact, they don't trust God at all. Rather, they trust the anti-God government that stamps the motto on its coins.

"*One nation under God*" is a popular saying. Never mind that the US Government is not only NOT under God, it is the epitome of godlessness.

"*With freedom and justice for all*" is another sickening repeated deception. Americans mouth these slogans but do not believe them. They can't believe them because they don't know the meaning of the words. Public schools, as well as churches, never teach Americans the meaning of "justice" or "freedom." Americans just accept such phrases and repeat them, assuming that it makes them true ... as if that gives them meaning and credibility.

It is like parroting the phrase, "*I love you,*" when in fact they do not love, nor have they any idea what "love" is.

Indeed, one of American's favorite words is "*God*" ... and they have not a clue as to who God really is. They use the name in their swear words more often than any other way. But those who use the word to curse are not worse than those who use it in vain as they go through the rituals and rites of anti-Christ churches. The "God" and the "Christ" of churches bear absolutely no resemblance to the actual God and the Christ of the Bible.

Now, you see, this is the problem. Americans have evolved into an uncaring, unthinking, ignorant bunch of parrots who are content to repeat talking points, slogans, and untruths handed to them by "authorities." Not one American in a thousand cares enough about truth to go to the trouble of researching and proving it. They just read their church pamphlets, listen to political rhetoric on TV, and punch their time clocks like robots. In fact, they are worse than robots in as much as robots don't have brains, but Americans do ... they just don't use them. Plus, robots can't lie, but most Americans can't tell truth. Like the term "freedom," the words "lie" and "truth" have no meaning to

most Americans. What's more, they don't care.

WHERE DOES IT BEGIN?

From where, or what, does this fatal disease of the mind and spirit originate? Children are not born with it, and yet it soon overcomes them. Children are born susceptible to deception, but innocent. Jesus declared:

14. *Permit the little children to come to me, and do not hinder them: for of such is the Reign of God.*

Mk. 10:14

It is incorrect to blame adult stupidity on "being human" or being born that way. Stupidity and godlessness is a learned trait ... born of years of lies, laziness, and selfishness. It begins when a person is of the age of responsibility and makes the choice to disregard God. That is the beginning of stupidity and eventual incapacity.

This is what leads to a nation of idiots who don't care that truths are being replaced by slogans, rituals, myths, and lies. This is what leads to a nation of people whose consciences are calloused, hardened, and nonfunctional.

1. *Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in later times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceitful spirits, and teachings of demons;*

2. *Of hypocrisy of false words; having been seared in their conscience;*

1 Tim. 4:1-2

The "seared" or callous conscience is the result of a lack of love for truth. They expend no effort to find it because it means nothing to them. However, truth is available for those who sincerely want it. Like the Reign of Christ, truth always eludes those who do not value it.

44. *Again, the Reign of Heaven (i.e., truth) is like unto treasure hid in a field; which when a man has found it, he hides it, and for joy thereof goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.*

Mtt. 13:44

TAKING LIFE FOR GRANTED

Americans today are born into an environment of shallow privilege. Like monkeys, they learn how to push buttons to turn things on, but don't know what makes them work. They live in homes they can't repair. They learn how to press on a car accelerator, but don't know how a car functions. Basic steps in life come easy, and most Americans never progress beyond that. They are weaned from mother's breast, but never grow up. Their minds never develop as God intended. They are amused by shiny things, and avoid looking into the deep and noble issues of life. They are silly children all their lives, never maturing into responsible adults.

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