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“Whoever sheds a man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man.” (Genesis 9:6)

“The death penalty was enacted by God for cases such as the shootings at the Oregon mall and Connecticut elementary school. Gun control is not the answer, punishment is .” –Dave



opened up the assault on our 2nd Amendment rights. Unfortunately, those supposedly “on our side” are taking up the call for new gun control laws, as if the shooter at the Newtown, Connecticut school did not already violate over 30 gun laws. But the onslaught comes anyway.

Gun control, or even gun elimination, does not prevent crimes committed by criminals using guns. Britain has some of the strictest gun laws in the world, and yet in 2012 gun crime soared by 35%, with criminals using “handguns in 46% more offences,” the UK Mail Online [reports](#).

I wrote in a [devotional](#) titled, “When Piety Decays Times Are Bad,” that “we are living in evil times” and “that Hell is emptying itself out” because “Satan knows his time is short and he has openly declared war on

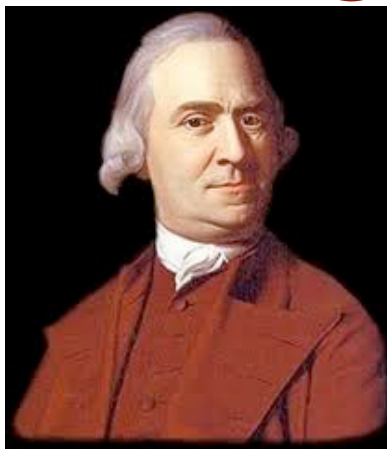
all humanity.” We must come to grips with the evil of these shootings. These were not caused by guns and could not have been prevented by eliminating guns. Some are going to consider that statement as deranged, however people hell-bent on killing will always kill.

We have to deal with the core issue. Man is depraved and when God and His laws are ignored, society splinters and eventually shatters into anarchy and chaos.

It is long past time that our leaders have an honest and open conversation about how removing God from our society, including school prayer and any reference to God in school, is directly related to the evil we see today. If this were not true, then please show me examples of mass killings before 1962, which is when the US Supreme Court [ruled](#) against school prayer in *Engel v. Vitale*.

We do so or continue in the madness.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



Our Second Amendment rights are established in our US Constitution not as a means to allow us to own hunting firearms. Far from it. In fact, the opening clause in the amendment clearly explain its purpose: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State...” Government should be ever wary of attempting to violate our 2nd Amendment rights and Americans should be all the more wary of any such attempt by the government.

“The Constitution shall never be construed....to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms.” Samuel Adams, Debates and Proceedings in the Convention of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

We can never succumb to the hyperbole of gun opponents who shamelessly use tragedies such as the Oregon mall and Connecticut elementary school shootings to push tyrannical and unconstitutional gun laws.

We are a nation of laws and when our laws are broken, regardless the heinousness of the crime, we must always enforce the laws and punish the criminals. To disarm law-abiding Americans is to make them victims. And to think that disarming us would solve our societal problems is to ignore the core issue, as stated in “Unshackled.”

Our Constitution is one that presupposes a moral and religious people, John Adams said as much and we’ve quoted him numerous times here, but it bears repeating:

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

So then the question begs an answer: “Is our Constitution still adequate to govern our nation, or is it not?”

If the answer is no, then America ceases to exist as designed, and we are already lost.

FROM THE PULPIT

“Murdering a human being is an assault on God. He made us in his own image. Destroying an image usually means you hate the imaged. Murdering God’s human image-bearer is not just murder. It’s treason — treason against the creator of the world. It is a capital crime — and more.” Dr. John Piper, “A Lesson for All from Newtown,” [Desiring God blog](#), December 15, 2012.

Being made in the image of God means we are to respect that image. Whether it be murder or anger, we cannot violate that image without sinning against it.

What we have seen with all these mass murders, albeit the movie theater in Colorado, the shopping mall in Oregon, or the elementary school in Connecticut, is the product of a sinful society. Dr. Piper highlights a serious warning from such sin:

“...the murders of Newtown are a warning to me — and you. Not a warning to see our schools as defenseless, but to see our souls as depraved. To see our need for a Savior. To humble ourselves in repentance for the God-diminishing bitterness of our hearts. To turn to Christ in desperate need, and to treasure his forgiveness, his transforming, and his friendship.”

Christmas is upon us; a time in which we celebrate the birth of a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. This nation was founded upon the premise that it would be self-governed by a self-governing people so apprehended by biblical precepts and principles. A signer of the Declaration of Independence, the first president of Princeton University, and a minister, John Witherspoon stated:

“It is in the man of piety and inward principle, that we may expect to find the uncorrupted patriot, the useful citizen, and the invincible soldier. —God grant that in America true religion and civil liberty may be inseparable and that the unjust attempts to destroy the one, may in the issue tend to the support and establishment of both.”

Something has to give. Either we as a nation repent of our sins, from the senseless murders in our public institutions, to the unending and wanton murder of unborn babies in the abortion factories across America, or we continue the societal rot.

Repent and be saved or rebel and perish.

TO THE STREETS

WE the People must not allow our liberties to be trampled upon, no matter the tragedy that befalls us as a people. So there are some steps we must take to ensure those liberties. Here are some suggestions:

1. [Contact](#) your US Representative and Senators and tell them to vote against any gun legislation that violates our 2nd Amendment rights.
2. [Contact](#) Barack Obama and tell him we will not stand for any attempt to violate our 2nd Amendment rights.
3. If you are not already a member, please consider joining the National Rifle Association ([NRA](#)) and/or Gun Owners of America ([GOA](#)). They are solid on protecting Americans' 2nd Amendment rights.
4. Pray for the victims' families and the families of the shooters. Healing comes through prayer and restoration comes through salvation in Christ. If we are to rescue our nation from its own depravity, it will only come through spiritual revival.
5. Encourage your pastor to preach on human depravity and the need for revival in our nation. If he is already doing so, then encourage and thank him for doing so. It is rarer than you may realize to have a pastor who will preach aletheia truth.

We will not stop the societal rot of America without another Great Awakening, one that will dwarf the first two in scope and magnitude. There is no other hope for our nation. It is long past times to get on our knees and cry out to God to rescue our land. I hope you will join me on knees.

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