"Americans live in unfathomable states of ignorance. We have been robbed blind, yet we still can't acknowledge the theft of our money, our livelihoods, our children, our nation, and our future." (Nancy Levant)

GODLY CURIOSITY

"WHY ..."

When I was a child I was told I asked "why" too much. I guess I irritated grown-ups. I wanted to know "why" things worked the way they do; "why" people did what they did; "why" God does what He does.

I think it is natural for a child to be curious about the world he lives in ... and it is natural for a child to go to an adult for answers. After all, adults have been around longer and seem to know more things ... so they should have more answers. That is ... in a normal world. One might make the argument in today's world that adults don't seem to know much, and I don't think I'd argue. But then, today's world is far from normal.

Anyway, it seems that God gives children a natural curiosity which serves them well in learning and growing. Frankly, I've always liked to see kids ask "why." By the same token, when I've observed kids who don't ask "why," or don't exhibit the natural curiosity that God gives kids, I have wondered what is wrong with them. Un-curious kids are symptomatic of a sick culture. Perhaps inattentive adults have suppressed their children's natural curiosity. Perhaps the kids have been trained not to expect answers from their parents and teachers. Perhaps inattention from parents during kids' early formative years trains them to stop going to adults for answers. I suspect that suppressing a kid's natural curiosity can ruin him for life so that a natural curiosity never develops. He never learns to inquire into "how" or "why" things are the way they are.

A generation of un-curious Americans could easily fall prey to tyrants in government, thieves in finance, and serpents in religion.

Look around you today and ask yourself if the people you live around, work around, and meet when you go to town are the kind of people who ask why things are the way they are. Do they ask why America is in wars? Do they ask why they are in more and more debt? Do they ask why America has more prisons and prisoners than any other nation; or why crime rate rises in proportion with the number of police? Or why faith in God is diminishing?

OFFICIALS AND AUTHORITIES

I think you'll find that most Americans are programmed to believe that the only people who are qualified to determine truth or lies, or analyze problems, or fix problems, are the official spokesmen and "authorities." No one else is allowed to question or offer answers. And Americans, as a rule, are happy to fit into that program. Why? Yeah, WHY? I'm asking WHY would any healthy adult be satisfied with that sort of arrangement? And, yes, my audacity to ask such a question puts me in the category of the fringe extremist. Yep, I like it there. That's where I belong ... because in a society that suppresses the truth, a truth seeker becomes a hated and assailed man. I welcome the label!

"In a time of universal deceit - telling the truth is a revolutionary act." - George Orwell

ANSWERS

How sad it is to me to look around and see Americans with no sense of curiosity. It means that they will never find answers for the problems they encounter. I say this because **ANSWERS DO NOT COME TO PEOPLE WHO ASK NO QUESTIONS.** I know this to be a fact because of the principle I've learned over my years of learning and teaching. I've learned that "when the student is ready the teacher appears." That means that the teacher cannot teach the student until the student has a curiosity. Curiosity is a gift from God; a tool for learning. In societies where there is no curiosity it means that the people have rejected God's gift ... out of fear, ignorance, or corruption.

I get frustrated when I talk to people around me who cannot even discuss simple matters of life-and-death importance in the world today ... like why they are losing their jobs and their homes, why their children are being sent overseas to kill innocent people, or why the churches support government no matter what it does.

Americans look around them today and see NOTHING but what they are programmed to see. They look at the Kennedy assassination and see Oswald as the assassin.

They've never even read a book on the subject although there are scores of them that have been published and are easy to find. The facts are simple and easily understood showing that Oswald could never have done what they say he did. But Americans don't ask "why."

Americans look at the Oklahoma City bombing and see a lone terrorist (Timothy McVeigh) and a crude fertilizer bomb in a van exploding 60 feet from the building as the reason the steel girders in the center of the building were sliced apart. The authorities said so, so it must be true. Case closed.

Americans look at the destruction of the World Trade Center towers and see only what the authorities have told them they see. Never mind that every honest physicist and engineer that has examined the event agrees that the towers could NOT have fallen the way the government claims. Furthermore, over 90% of Americans don't even know what is meant by "Building Number Seven" ... which fell in its own footprint without even being hit by an airplane. Never mind that these three buildings are the ONLY steel-reinforced buildings that have collapsed in this manner in the entire history of this kind of construction. And on 9-11 THREE of these buildings collapsed within a few hours. Now that IS a coincidence, isn't it.

The list goes on and on: WMD in Iraq, Bin Laden in Afghanistan, nuclear bombs in Iran. All these invented and stupid reasons put forward as reasons for government expansion and more wars.

One of the most obvious issues of importance to every American is the Banking System. Every American uses the Banking System every time they buy something or use money in any way. If a man goes to his job to earn "money" he is involved in the Banking System because that is where the money originates. Every day of our lives we deal with the Banking System ... and yet in this "educated society" of America, there is probably less than 2% of the people that know how the Banking System affects them. They'll read about Hollywood gossip, but they just don't have any curiosity to read about banking ... even though it affects them in a greater way than any other civil establishment.

Then you can ask yourself: if Americans can't work up enough honest, godly curiosity to inquire into these secular matters, how are they going to come up with enough drive to inquire into the Word of God that requires a higher level of spiritual integrity?

And it isn't as if these questions are difficult to ask or to research. People only need to be interested. But, alas, they generally aren't.

It is near impossible to discuss one of these subjects – like banking, for example – with people who have never even thought about it, and have no curiosity about it. Most people just reply, "I don't know ..." It makes me want to ask them, "Don't you have the same tools of research available to you that I have?" "Why haven't you used them?" "What excuse do you have for being ignorant about a subject of so great importance to yourself and your loved ones?"

The internet, for example, is a tremendous tool for research. It is like having a huge library at your finger tips. It

is available to everyone, and is very inexpensive. A nominally intelligent person can spend a few minutes on the internet and get an answer to almost any subject ... about politics, health, economics, religion, or any of hundreds of categories. This one tool alone removes any excuse for anyone to be ignorant of the major issues of the day. Of course, there are a number of other sources available too, but I mention the internet because it is basically free and easy to use ... and it is unquestionably the most vast resource for information that has ever existed. Yet, more people use it for worthless programs like "Facebook," "Twitter," or other government-designed programs for spying, profiling, gossiping, and squandering of personal privacy.

What excuse do Americans have for being ignorant of these things (and more)? NONE! NONE! NONE!

Any American today who has not the curiosity to go online and type "9-11" or "Building Seven" into Google Search ... well, they deserve whatever comes upon them. And what is coming upon them is WAR and more POLICE STATE. Those who willfully hide their eyes from truth are NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD! God starts us out in life with a normal curiosity, but most Americans have LOST IT! As children grow up and gain experience they should be learning better how to identify their enemies. But by the time they become adults they have been mentally crippled so they cannot tell the difference between their enemies and their friends. They are programmed to believe that innocent people (like the people of Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran) are actually their enemies. They live their lives in delusion.

- 10. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they hold not the love of the truth that they might be kept safe.
- 11. And for this cause God sends them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2Thess. 2:10-11

Its sad to say, but most people don't have enough godly curiosity to inquire and learn about what is happening around them. Such people never develop the skills to differentiate between friends and foes. Since they don't educate themselves and are unlearned in these matters, they gullibly fall for the lies of politicians, preachers, and con men. They lack the skills needed to avoid the pitfalls laid for them by their enemies. These naifs seem to be content to exist only to feed the war machine and to slave away in the usury mills.

WAR COMING

Americans in general seem to like war. Unless the current trend abates, I suspect that Americans will find themselves with more war than they want. The US Government (and moronic American citizens) have been invading countries, killing and destroying innocent people, torturing, deceiving and covering up, robing the poor and giving to the rich, abusing the middle-class, and creating pain, misery, and hatred for way too long. This kind of thing has a way of

coming back on the perpetrators. All the seeds of anger and hatred that the US has been sowing are germinating and becoming a bumper crop of nations and people madder than hornets. Even in America there is starting to be some dissatisfaction.

You can trap, torture and deceive people only so long before they get mad. The people of the world are coalescing into two camps: Pro-American and Anti-American. The Anti-American camp is growing ... and no surprise. The "Ugly American" term is resurfacing. Nowadays, being an American is not something to be proud of.

When empires like the US Government (or Rome, or Babylon) see that they are beginning to wind down they always resort to wars, wars and more wars. This, of course, only speeds them along to their inevitable downfall.

America is on the slippery slope to destruction, and rightfully so. But between now and the day of her becoming a "Third World Country" she will foment war as her last resort. The wars of the last 10 years are only the beginning. America is still the biggest military force in the world, but she is losing all her wars. Its kind of like death throes. She has nothing else to fall back on other than her great military. It, too, is corrupt beyond imagination, and will soon be in a state of disintegration.

I predicted this scenario just after the 9-11 fiasco in the first years of George Bush's reign of terror. I knew it would come eventually. But when I saw those towers being blown up by the US Government, and the subsequent cover up and confusion ... and the lack honesty in the American people to want to get to the bottom of the whole affair, I knew the time of America's end was approaching fast.

The following is an excerpt from Gerald Celente's journal in which he outlines his own prediction of America's downfall via war, taxes and debt. I will just add that he seems to have more faith in the common American than I have.

GERALD CELENTE

Politicians will use poll numbers (when convenient) to push through policies they favor. "This is what the people want" say the media, to justify junk programming directed toward society's lowest common denominator. The same rationale sells junk food to a complacent majority.

Although choosing either of these diets may lead to premature death — one of the brain the other of the body — it's an individual decision. To use poll numbers and lowest common denominator opinion to lead people to war is sure death on a grand scale.

It will be up to an informed minority of people who think for themselves, are not swayed by polls and who distrust politicians to ultimately determine whether or not there will be the "Great War." If they prevail, the majority will follow.

For better or for worse, scientific studies prove the majority can be counted on to follow. The groundbreaking modern experiment on the subject was devised and conducted in 1963 by Yale psychologist Stanley Milgram. Forty volunteers participated in an experiment, which they were told, was to study how people learned and memorized under different situations involving punishment or reward.

In reality, it was an experiment designed to test levels of obedience to authority.

A stern and impassive biology professor in a lab technician's coat (the "experimenter") instructed the volunteer (the "teacher") to deliver increasingly powerful electric shocks to a "learner" each time an incorrect answer was given to a question. The maximum shock administered would be a massive 450 volts. The "teacher," in a separate room, could observe the "learner's" reaction to the shock through a glass window.

However, the "learner" (or victim) was a plant, a professional actor, reacting with increasing feigned anguish to the increasingly intense imaginary shocks. Throughout the experiment, the "professor/experimenter" reassured the "teacher" that, despite the violent reactions, no lasting damage was being done.

JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS

The only real shock administered was in the result of the experiment.

Thirty-seven out of 40 participants followed instructions to the bitter end. With the memory of World War II still relatively fresh in mind, the implications of the Milgram study were immediately apparent, and not just to academic psychologists. Ordinary people, with no known history of violence, and under no extenuating stressful circumstances, showed themselves willing to inflict apparently terrible pain upon a stranger simply because an authority figure gave them the order.

In other words, it was not only "evil" Nazis who were capable of such behavior. If the results of the experiment were typical, it meant more than 90 percent of "normal" people were no less capable of unprovoked cruelty.

Over the decades, Milgram's study has inspired a host of related and/or replicated experiments, with more or less similar results but different numbers, depending on the setup and the proximity and demeanor of the "authority figure."

A French documentary that reproduces the experiment, masked as a TV game show, is the latest version: ("Game of Death: France's Shocking TV Experiment" – Time)

PLENTY OF PROOF

Since 1963, the bulk of additional studies have shown, on average, that some 80 percent of "normal" people are willing to follow orders to do things they would ordinarily never sanction. The "Milgram Effect" is just a dramatic and sobering example of the fact that the world is what it is largely because 80 percent of people do what they are told and believe what they have been taught. They rarely question the authority figures who give the orders, which are often disguised as "rational argument" or "doing the right thing."

THINK FOR YOURSELF

The key to change lies in a conscious recognition of the automatic tendency to obey authority. If never put to the Milgram test, almost no one would imagine themselves willing to inflict pain upon a stranger just because another stranger in a position of "authority" gave the order.

A crucial consequence of the Milgram-style studies was that after the ordeal of the experiment was over and the participants were let in on its real purpose, they overwhelmingly expressed gratitude for the experience; a life-lesson to the hidden inner-self.

If the "Great War" is to be averted, the inner-self must surface before the majority blindly follow political and military leaders' orders to inflict pain and suffering on strangers. The future is in the hands of "The 20 Percent Club" — those who, through their own efforts, have freed themselves from the death sentence of the Milgram Effect."

Citizens of all nations should be prepared. The path to war is already clearly defined. The fires of hatred and revenge have been fueled by decades of persecution and injustice.

Rather than acknowledge who it was that bore responsibility for the long-documented list of egregious financial, political and military sins, western powers will find scapegoats to carry the blame. In what could be billed as "The Axis of Evil vs. The Great Satan," everyone will pay a moral and monetary price. Many will pay with their lives.

In the absence of a "Great Awakening," there will

be a "Great War." In 2010, the temptation was to sell the human race short. Awakened to what? Could the human race rise above the deranged siren song of war? Or was mankind doomed, yet again?

Would the body politic be tamely whipped into wartime frenzy by psychopathic and sociopathic Presidents and Prime Ministers?

Would it fall for the martial rants of Commanders in Chief who had never worn a uniform, much less fought in one?

Would it buy into the puerile bravado of gung-ho media blowhards?

Or could there be a "Great Awakening": a resurgence of the human spirit that would stop the march to war? Could humanity recover its sense of the sacred? Could it rediscover its divine purpose that was once a given but currently fallen out of fashion?

Could it rise to the demands of the religions so many claim to believe in ... and obey the God they profess to follow, the God that forswears violence and retribution?

Are there such people? Could there be enough of them to redirect the course of history? Or do they exist only in the Utopian imagination?

THERE'S HELL TO PAY

What can we do? I tend to agree with Paul Craig Roberts who says there isn't really anything we can do other than try to stay out of the way while America implodes, and just hope that something better replaces her. Unfortunately, Roberts doesn't have the hope that I have ... the promise of God that He will cause Babylon to die and will bring a better world upon the Earth. However, until Babylon dies there is still a lot of judgment to fall on this country that has embraced Babylon and given her a friendly home ... especially the US Government, her banks and her churches.

When the walls of Babylon begin to topple you'd better be ready to get out of the way ... otherwise they will fall on you. It must happen. There's no getting around it. But for those of us who have "eyes to see" and "ears to hear," God will lead us in ways to survive and stay out of harms' way. God will guide you ... and YOU'D BETTER BE LISTENING! If you aren't listening to God you'll soon be perishing like the faithless Israelites perished in the wilderness after leaving Egypt (Heb. 3:7–4:16).

Don't let the churches and the government blind you to truth. Seek answers from Christ and He'll remove the scales from your eyes. The truth is all around you. Seek it!

Pray for repentance in America!