



"For God gives us not the spirit of fear; but of strength, and of love, and of a sound mind." – 2 Timothy 1:7

AMERICA'S BRAIN LOSS: ITS CAUSE AND CURE

THE WAR FOR YOUR MIND

Sanity should not be taken for granted. It is not the norm nowadays ... if it ever was. The mind, like the physical frame of a man, must be exercised and nurtured if it is to develop and function correctly. A "sound mind" is a valuable piece of equipment and it requires diligent maintenance. Mental/spiritual health doesn't just happen by itself, and it doesn't automatically maintain itself.

This is a concern in today's environment because our minds are being invaded systematically. The assaults come from all sides: from advertising to public schooling, from peer pressure to politics, from entertainment to religion. Americans are being dumbed down ... unable to think their own thoughts.

In Orwell's *1984*, Winston was afraid to think his own thoughts because to do so might cause him to lose control and let his true feelings surface.

Likewise, people today are being fed their thoughts produced by thought factories (the media, churches, schools, and government). For the most part, Americans' thoughts are no longer their own.

Healthy thinking begets healthy minds. On the other hand, when people are reduced to parroting the thoughts provided to them by the thought factories (news reporters, politicians, government school teachers, and election campaigns that resemble movie productions) their minds begin shutting down. Today, intelligence (ability to think) in America is at an all time low.

My point, in case you missed it, is that Americans are being turned into mental cripples. They are no longer using their heads. Call it mind control, social programming, education, or whatever you prefer. What bothers me is that critical and analytical thinking is being lost, and Americans are being turned into recording machines instead of reasoning thinkers. Thoughts are flying fast and furious, but whose thoughts are they? They certainly aren't God's.

Social programmers and behavioral experts are

eviscerating American minds. They're producing their own blueprints for thinking, and punishing everyone who doesn't follow their plans. One result of this is that people become afraid to think their own thoughts.

13. But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for you neither go in yourselves, neither suffer you them that are entering to go in.

Matthew 23:13

The gatekeepers know exactly what they are doing. For one thing, they prevent wholesome stimuli that might encourage healthy thought. They discourage people from forming meaningful theses, or solving problems, or thinking above a primitive lust for profit, power, or pleasure.

There have been times in the past when men were more free to reason, solve problems, think, and have nobler motives. There were times when clear thinkers were revered ... not branded as troublemakers.

THINKERS vs PUPPETS

What happens to the minds of people when they are prevented from hearing God's thoughts?

Answer: They atrophy. They shrink. They become dysfunctional. The brain is a wonderful, miraculous tool with boundless potential. But people today are putting it on the shelf. We see this happening around us. Healthy, active thinking is being displaced (crowded out) by fear, mental lethargy, greed, fleshly lust, and apathy.

People are ignoring their capacity to think ... and they don't even realize it. Instead, Americans are learning to parrot things they hear from the thought factories, and never mind that the consensus can change weekly.

Thoughts are being given to us, and we are discouraged from thinking on our own. Minds are being occupied by input streaming in from mindless peers, from programmers,

and their disciples: i.e., authors, politicians, movie makers, newscasters, teachers, church leaders, etc. People are being reduced to parrots repeating nonsense.

But there are a few (a remnant) who guard their minds against the nonsense. They prefer to seek God's thoughts, to resist being washed over and occupied by the Beast's thought factories. They do not succumb to the flood of words, pictures, and sounds (noise) produced constantly by programmers. They are social non-conformists and mavericks. They are the "holy" ones (saints) in whom God's thoughts can find room to lodge.

But those who allow their minds to go to seed, or to be filled and occupied with stupidity and silly fads, are volunteering themselves to a life of diminished mental capacity. And what is worse, they are cutting themselves off from God's thoughts. In Scripture, allowing yourself to be mentally dominated by the masses is called "death."

2. ... *Follow not after a multitude to evil;*

Exodus 23:2

17. *Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

2 Corinthians 6:17

31. *Cast away from you all your transgressions, ... and make in 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 (change) yourselves, and live.*

Ezekiel 18:31-32

16. ... *it is written, "You will be holy; for I am holy."*

1 Peter 1:16

"Holy" means "separate" or "different." The problem is, most people don't want to be separate. They want to fit in and be accepted by the masses; to be part of the herd.

But, you see, God is separate (holy). He is not part of a collective of gods. He abhors being thought of as similar to other gods. He is unlike any other god.

4. *Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our God is one Yahweh.*

Deuteronomy 6:4

He is one of a kind. For one thing, all other gods are products of men's imaginations. Yahweh is not. Therefore if we are to be "holy as He is holy," we must be separate ... like Him. That makes us different. We are not occupied by the thoughts pushed upon us by the thought factories (the TV, social media, etc.). We must think "separate" thoughts. Holy thoughts. Thoughts that originate from God.

God's thoughts can be ours if we don't divorce ourselves from Him. We are born with equipment installed to let us hear Him. That equipment (the conscience) gets tuned and trained as we grow. Correctly maintained, this

equipment keeps us in touch with God. It helps us understand and appreciate God's thoughts.

As a child's mind matures, that child will at some point make some important decisions that can strengthen his connection to God's thoughts. God's thoughts can keep his mind functioning correctly. Of course, that child will also have the option of turning away from God and not using that equipment. This, in a nut shell, was the story of Adam.

Adam had the equipment to know Him and follow his leading. Likewise, our minds can know Him. But, if we opt to follow bad advice, as Adam did, or allow our minds to be distracted by the noise of the world, then our minds detach from God's mind. So we must choose between his thoughts or the world's noise.

Our minds can hold only a limited volume. If we are distracted, or if we fill our minds with stupidity, there is no room left to take in the wholesome thoughts emanating from God. When we stop listening to God, our brains begin to lose function. That's "brain loss." This is often called being "dumbed-down."

THE POWER OF THOUGHT

7. ... *For as he thinks in his soul, so is he.*

Proverbs 23:7

Who we are, or will become, is determined by our thoughts. Thoughts shape us. They can change us. They can empower us ... and they can weaken us. Something with that much potential to affect us should be taken seriously. You can be sure that the Beast System's programmers take it seriously.

God's thoughts are our only chance at sanity and freedom. People can be controlled easily. They can be controlled by fear ... by policing them and threatening them with punishment.

But what people may not realize, and probably don't like to think about, is that whole populations are controlled by thought. Thoughts can control people. And while that fact may not surprise you, I wonder if you've considered its ramifications in terms of long-term systematic programs.

For those who strive to control the "public mind," the venue of thought is a rich, undefended field open to be mined and exploited. The science of using and manipulating minds is the elephant in the room that no one sees. Everyone wonders how criminals get control of nations. How can a handful of rich scoundrels control millions of people? All this process occurs in the arena of thought manipulation. How does this work? How does it affect us?

People whose minds have been programmed by the Beast System never think they are programmed. If the subject is raised it offends them. Like Stockholm Syndrome, where captives develop an affinity to their captors, programmed people willingly blind themselves to the awful truth that they have been captured. Thus, the programmers have this advantage. Their victims tend to defend them rather than admit to being helpless slaves to them.

Governments have highly-paid think tanks at work constantly studying and perfecting methods of controlling the thoughts of whole populations. It is a known fact that the

CIA has agents in every mainstream news agency in America. American news programs are not there to enlighten the public. They are there to control their thoughts.

Churches do not exist to enlighten God-fearing people. They exist to pacify and confuse them ... and that is why they are protected by the Constitution, and why government favors them with a tax exemption.

Advertisements are not designed to inform customers so they can make better choices in what products they need. Rather, they are designed to stimulate a thought to make people lust for products they don't need. Edward Bernays (Sigmund Freud's nephew) revolutionized methods of advertisement and public relations by affecting and manipulating public thought. His methods have been the standard in the advertisement industry as well as in political campaigns for nearly a century.

Public schools and universities are not for the purpose of raising the intelligence of their students. They are instruments of government for the purpose of programming the minds of Americans from grammar school age to adulthood. They produce cookie cutter graduates fully programmed, deep in debt, and mentally denuded ... ready to take their place in the machine of Beast System society.

American style entertainment is not merely fun relaxation. It is a multi-billion dollar industry created to corrupt the whole nation and redirect the people's thoughts away from worthwhile pursuits. The entertainment industry is a collection of worthless trash dressed up in flashy clothes and hailed as role models to be emulated. Americans today know all about their rock stars, but have no idea about what is happening in the world.

Again, this has all been accomplished by those who know how to control public thought. People are voluntarily lining up to be ground up in the Beast Systems' machinery. Why would they do that? Only because they have been programmed and dumbed down.

We need to pay more attention to what thoughts are being given to us, who is creating them, and why.

WHO DO YOU TRUST?

What causes a man to begin trusting his enemies and distrusting his friends? What causes a man to become a fool? People whose lives have been ruined usually have a whole host of excuses and people they can blame. But the truth is, at the basis of their troubles they have themselves to blame. Liars and con men cannot take advantage of you unless you are looking to become a con man yourself. The old saying, "You cannot cheat an honest man" is true. What makes men vulnerable to liars and programmers is their envy of the ability to lie and manipulate. What makes men vulnerable to being conned is their envy of con artists.

What we are talking about is a mental disease. This disease manifests itself by making its victims stupid and blind to reality. It is the first symptom of denying God.

Everyone is guided by what he thinks. To control a man his thinking must first be perverted. The story of Adam is our perfect model for understanding how this works.

Adam was given the perfect life. All things good were

placed at his feet. He had it made. God provided him with an existence in which he could be assured a life of freedom to enjoy life to the fullest extent. The only prerequisite was that Adam needed to trust God.

But a con man came on the scene. He was called a "serpent" ... because con men have the nature of a serpent. They are sneaky, cunning, and they poison people.

The "serpent" (probably a politician, a con man, or a priest) convinced Adam that he couldn't trust God. He told Adam that God had deceived him, and that the forbidden fruit was actually very good for him. In fact, by partaking of the very thing God had forbid, Adam would become like God, knowing good and evil (i.e., able to determine right from wrong, all on his own).

What did the "serpent" do? How did he manage to destroy Adam's perfect world? He did it by planting a thought into Adam's mind, and causing him to distrust the very One that created him, loved him, and gave him everything.

In the days of Samuel, Israel's last judge, the Israelites made the same mistake. The explanation is in 1 Samuel chapter 8. God had communicated through Moses to give Israel good laws and good leadership. That system was unique in the world. Only Israel had it. It consisted of voluntary obedience to God's laws. It was a society over which a system of elders and judges provided guidance. They weren't rulers, they were leaders. They weren't lawmakers, they were law interpreters.

That system provided freedom for Israel for many centuries, until a different thought began to infect their minds. Like Adam before them, they again made a foolish choice of preferring to have a system of man-gods, like the nations around them, instead of a system with Yahweh as their Lawgiver.

The result of this was that they lost their freedom and went into captivity under an early form of the Beast System.

Americans today, like Adam, and like Israel of Samuel's day, have become fools. They have accepted twisted thoughts that have perverted their minds. They are now persuaded to ignore God and trust their enemies (bankers, politicians, celebrities, etc.).

This can be called insanity.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Call it what you want ... stupidity is infecting this country at a rapid pace.

- 2. For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,*
- 3. Without family affection, unforgiving, devils, weak, savage, not lovers of good,*
- 4. Betrayers, reckless, arrogant, pleasure loving rather than God loving;*
- 5. Having a form of piety, but denying the power thereof: from these turn away.*

6. *For out of these are those entering into houses, and leading captive weak women burdened with sins, being led away by various lusts,*

7. *Ever learning, and never able to come to a knowledge of truth.*

2 Timothy 3:1-7

Americans are “Ever learning, and never able to come to a knowledge of truth.” We are educated idiots, not unlike the ancient Babylonians who sought to control everything, but ended up destroying themselves.

How does stupidity infect a people? What starts the decline of brain function?

ONE TRUTH, ONE WAY, ONE GOD

Moses made these remarks about God:

39. *See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god with me: I bring death, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.*

45. *And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel:*

46. *And He said to them, Set your hearts to all the words which I testify among you this day, which you shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.*

47. *For it is not a vain thing for you; because **it is your life**: and through this you shall prolong your days in the land, where you go over Jordan to possess it.*

Deuteronomy 32: 39, 45-47

Why is faith so important? Faith is the expression of our thinking. If we think we can trust God, we will trust Him. Trust equals faith. Trust is the result of experiencing how something or someone works. Knowing how our automobile works tells us whether or not we can trust it. Whether or not we can have faith in it. Knowing how God thinks and works tells us whether or not we can have faith in Him.

Can we know how God works? Yes. The same way we can know how anything works ... by investigating, questioning, and learning. There is no such thing as blind faith. Faith requires understanding of whatever or whoever we believe in. We must be familiar with something in order to develop faith in it. The process involves a lot of THOUGHT and THINKING (contemplation).

Man's first responsibility, above all else, is to decide what he thinks about God. That requires a commitment to honesty and a lot of thinking. Man can do nothing worthwhile until after this question is settled in his mind.

If history has taught us anything, it is that the state of a society depends upon how its people think of God. All other considerations are of less importance. This, above all else, goes to determine whether the people will be wise or stupid. Whether their brains will work correctly or not.

OUR ONE AND ONLY DEFENSE AGAINST STUPIDITY

Listening to God is our only defense against stupidity. To know God is man's highest duty. It can make us wise. Whereas not knowing God makes us stupid. Make a note of this. It is the answer to man's greatest need.

God's existence is unalterable. However, man's perception of God is very much alterable. That perception will make or break us. Change a man's perception of God and that man is changed. His understanding of the world is changed. Through this a man's life can be built up, or it can be ruined. It depends upon how he thinks about God. No other factor can have as great of an effect on a man's life.

The mind is a powerful thing. A man's perception of God can be changed by introducing a thought ... as the serpent did to Adam's mind.

We ought to be very careful what kind of thoughts and beliefs we invite into our minds. There is no end of thoughts vying for places in our minds. Some are God's thoughts. Some are not. If we seek His thoughts, and give due diligence to grasping and holding them, we will be wise. Do you want to understand Scripture? God can guide your thoughts to accomplish this. But be warned, false teachers and misguided peers can influence your thoughts to confuse Scripture.

And here is a clue from Scripture as to how God is speaking to us to affect our thoughts.

1. *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,*

2. *Has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, ...*

Hebrews 1:1-2

16. *For who has known the mind of the Lord? Who will instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 2:16

God speaks to us. We need to listen. He speaks to us through his word, and by his thoughts. In John 1, Jesus is called “the Word.” But “word” is not the best translation. The Greek term is “logos.” “Logos” has a greater meaning; it means “**communication**.” Words may spoken and not heard. But a “logos” is a communication that is heard.

Jesus is God's Communication to us. Through Jesus, God's thoughts influence our minds. This is how we can hear and understand God. Jesus communicates God to us through our thinking process. He teaches us how to think about God. He does this by giving us “eyes to see and ears to hear” (Matthew 13:16).

Don't let the noise of the world dominate your thoughts. Open your Bible and let God speak to you in a still small voice as He did to Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-13).

May God's thoughts be your thoughts.

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