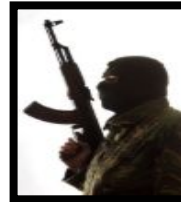


**IS
TERRORISM**

**OUR
GREATEST
FEAR?**



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Terrorist may be the world's worst problem. No society, wherever located, is free from their acts of violence. They strike without regard for human life and property and the innocent as well as others are victims of their diabolical deeds. They may be the worst examples the human family has ever produced. In different ways the world has always experienced some exploitation of terrorism, but much of today's terrorism is done in the name of religion. A God who is different from the **One True God** seems to be the energy that drives this force. The **One True God**, Creator of the universe, teaches love, but the God of the terrorist teaches hatred and death. What a contrast!

Religion of whatever persuasion is a choice, but if it is adopted and embraced outside the true and living God, it seems to create division and strife and many times separates people. Regrettably, bad behavior is sometimes true among people who profess knowing the true and living God, but it only happens when selfishness prevails and God's will is neglected.

Good people throughout the world can become entangled in a pseudo-religious system they really don't want to support. Pressure from family and peers can be the influence which propels such actions. Therefore, it is important for anyone to ask, what am I doing and why am I doing it, and who is coaching me in this direction? In finality each person, unless mentally impaired, is accountable for whatever course of action he or she pursues in life.

Terrorism, like religion, is a choice and emanates from some source, somewhere. It has no real rewards and requires no wisdom, but it does have consequences. No satisfaction is ever garnered in this world nor in the world to come when sinister acts are committed by anyone. Suffering and

death caused by ill-intentioned people for any reason, religious or otherwise, will be met, ultimately, with the forces of accountability. Holding all humans of the earth with accountability is the Creator of this universe and the Creator of all mankind. **He is the true and living God and His name is Jesus Christ.** None can escape a final date with Him.

Behavioral patterns of terrorist groups have an objective. Killing and destruction are their motivational points of interest. Their behavioral traits and social patterns are deeply flawed and directed towards sinful objectives. Their own family members can become victims of their prejudiced acts. The bad and the ugly should never be accepted by anyone as normal behavior, regardless. Humans are not created for the purpose of killing and hurting each other, nor should anyone pursue selfishness to the degree that good and innocent people become victims of such aggression. There is enough space on planet earth for all and none should be subjected to emotional nor social slavery.

Today's victories at the expense of others can become tomorrow's dilemma. Taking advantage of those who are not our mental or physical equals bears no earthly advantage, and certainly none is promised in the world to come. The words of Jesus have taught us better. In a question He gave us these words: "What would it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and yet lose his soul?" (Matthew 16:26)

Good record keeping is done by our Creator and He is ever mindful of the words and deeds of all. **Nothing, good or bad, escapes His eye, not even the falling of a sparrow.** He observes both good and bad wherever it is practiced. Think about this: Pulpits have a language of their own and speak for themselves and so do the pews. The halls of justice throughout the world also speak. We are hearing many voices. Both God and people are watching and listening. Whether we walk upon God's beautiful earth as a preacher or lay person and breathe His air, we are accountable to Him and others for the here and now. All should understand there is the here and now, but also there is coming the there and then.

It is easy to miss the intention and direction of the Supreme Being. Some spend irretrievable energy stirring the minds and emotions of others. The result is strife. Racism and name calling from whomever should never be a part of one's verbal agenda. **Peace is the theme called for by Jesus and He called those who pursue it blessed as well as being the children of God.** (Matthew 5:9)

Fairness and goodwill ought to be the practice of every human being. From continent to continent and from the courthouse to the church house, and wherever the human goes, goodwill and a common respect should be

accorded to all. All are God's creation and are special and all should have special human rights. Whether one is in the womb or the cradle, the work place or the rest home, life is precious and should be respected and preserved.

If we work together and pray, no weapon formed against us will prosper. (Isaiah 54:17) God will see to it that we are preserved.

Our greatest challenge may not be terrorist; instead; it just might be that we should rethink what we are allowing our country to slide into. Praying in our schools is not a bad idea, and honesty and truth should be encouraged. Accommodating a few at the expense of most is not good in any country. While the rights of minorities should be protected, the majority should be heard, too. We still use the majority for votes and finance. This brochure is not about politics, but about what is right. When we stop and think, the motto, **"In God we Trust,"** just might come in handy in a world filled with violence and turmoil. It can deter crime, calm fear, strengthen families and give a good sense of direction. Think and pray.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance." (Psalm 33:12)

**"The Lord looketh from heaven and beholdeth all the sons of men."
(Psalm 33:13)**

"The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth." (Psalm 34:16)

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