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Introduction

"Out of Control" is a selection of over fifty short writings addressing the ever increasingly chaotic state of our world today.

Focusing on our differences is not getting us anywhere. It's dividing us and only making us weaker.

Working together in cooperation, helping each other, and showing a great deal of kindness is the only way we can build a better world with fairness and true happiness for all.

OUT OF CONTROL

You watch the news, and every day things just seem to keep getting more and more out of control.

We are surrounded by violence. The world is becoming overwhelmed by greed. And all we can do is sit and watch. We are powerless.

Crime is rampant and some people would even have us treat criminals as victims. How twisted is that!

People whine and complain. They are overly sensitive and get offended by nothing.

Do you think the world is getting sicker with each passing day?

You're not the only one!

KILL THY NEIGHBOR

There has scarcely been a time in history when there was not a war going on some place. Man uses the best of his resources and knowledge to make war.

We believe that we must protect ourselves from our neighbor. We must do this for our family, for our children's sake. We must do it because the other guy is bad. He is evil. We are better. So we try to outdo each other by building bigger, better, and faster weapons. It never ends.

Such is the fruit of man's inhumanity towards his fellow man. This is the world we are living in. The complete opposite of God's command: "Love thy neighbor."

If we would only keep that simple, basic law of love!

THIS SCREWED UP WORLD

One of the world's leading businessmen has made a billion dollars in a single day. And he has done this on more than one occasion! A billion dollars is more than a million people make in a year, in some places.

Yet this same man recently complained when he lost a multi billion dollar contract to another billionaire. He said he was being "treated unfairly". Imagine that!

It is almost incomprehensible that anyone could be so greedy. It is certainly reprehensible that he could whine about anything.

It gets crazier: Some people even justify him. Some people hold him up as a role model for their children. This man is no role model! This man should be ashamed!

What a screwed up world we are living in.

"I have seen the wicked in great power, spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away and low he was not. Yea I sought him and he could not be found." (Psalms 37:35-36)

MAN'S GOSPEL

Thou shalt fear thy neighbor. Thou shalt protect thyself. Thou shalt kill thy neighbor. Thou shalt defend thyself.

Thou shalt live selfishly. Thou shalt be greedy. Thou shalt be inflexible. Thou shalt be proud.

Thou shalt glorify thy achievements. Thou shalt glorify thy works. Thou shalt glorify thyself. Thou shalt heal thyself.

Man can solve all of his problems. (Oh, and don't forget to go to church!)

"If any man shall come unto Me, let him deny himself and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)

NO FOOD OR BED?

Think about it.

Stop for a moment and think about this:

There are many people here on this earth who don't have food. There are many people who don't have a place to lie down at night and feel safe enough to sleep.

And the vast majority of people couldn't care less. They are too self absorbed.

Think about that.

THE FRUITS OF GREED

We as human beings really have just a very few basic needs.

Put food in our bellies, give us a place to sleep, and as long as we don't have to work too hard, but have enough time and resources for entertainment, fun, and leisure, we're pretty much content. If we are blessed with having someone to love and who loves us, then we are more than happy!

But what a sad place the world has become.

We have to pay for every bite of food we eat. We have to pay for a place to lay our heads. Imagine that: None of us can do without it. It's unavoidable, inescapable. We all need to sleep. We all need to lay down and rest.

Yet man has made it to where every piece of land, every bit of dirt is owned by someone, and you don't get to use it, you don't get to walk on it, you don't get to sleep on it, unless you pay them. How sad is that! So man has become a slave to having his most basic needs met. We have to pay just to supply our meager needs.

This world has gotten to a state to where a very few get ever richer and richer. The smarter ones have always figured out ways to get more than their fair share from the poor, the ignorant, and the gullible.

The greedy are in power. The greedy are in control. While the majority just want food on their table, a roof over their head, and time to enjoy life.

Such is our present reality. Such are the fruits of greed.

MY OH MY

"Me me me." "Mine mine mine." "Gimme gimme gimme." My oh my!

This is the reason the world is in such a mess!

OUR UPSIDE DOWN WORLD

Anything goes these days. That's what a lot of people would have us believe.

Music is noise, aggression, and violence. Yet we are supposed to call it culture. Paint thrown on walls is called art. Twisted contortions on stage are now dance; lewd demonstrations in public are considered in good taste. There's no up or down anymore.

Some people want to guilt trip us into believing that not appreciating these things is mean, insensitive, and hateful. Talk about an upside down world! Don't give into them.

Just be loving to those around you and true to yourself!

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Psalms 119:105)

OUR REAL SIN

We have so much to be grateful for, yet so many people complain too much. They get up in arms over the silliest things. Their discontent is growing in epic proportions.

Violence is on the rise. Looting and brazen theft are rampant. And people talk about revolution! They want to bring about a civil war they say. They have all kinds of BS reasons to do so.

Well, at this rate they are going to succeed in bringing everything down. They will succeed big time in us losing all of our blessings.

Our biggest sin is: not being GRATEFUL for our many blessings. And if we lose them we will have no one to blame, but ourselves!

THE RIGHT BALANCE

We see people rioting these days. We see people getting so out of control.

We see people who need to learn to find the balance between their convictions and their emotions. Because it is only when we find that balance that we can be productive.

We all have our convictions. But we must channel our emotions to be effective, make a positive difference...

And feel good with ourselves!

SAVED FROM OURSELVES

Everywhere you look, you see man's leftovers and waste: abandoned buildings, rusting cars, deforested jungles and lands, and overfished seas.

Man leaves behind the fruits of his selfishness and greed. Our planet pays the price. We *all* pay the price. We don't seem to be getting any wiser.

We are on a collision course of our own making and headed for destruction, and we have no one else to blame.

Only God can save us from ourselves.

"Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings. The Redeemer shall come unto them that turn from transgression, saith the Lord." (Isaiah 59:7,8,20)

GARBAGE

Music today is garbage. Go ahead. You can say it. So is modern dance with its grotesque and vulgar gyrations.

The stuff they sell us as food is garbage with less and less nutritional value. Even the clothes we wear are becoming more and more disposable.

Trash is called art, beauty is going out the door, and humanity has been reduced to instant gratification and quick profits.

Only God is real. Only with His help can we see the real beauty in life.

LIFE IS MORE

On television and online we hear of the super rich and their excesses of wealth. In the press we read about people who have vast riches, more than they could ever need or use in a dozen lifetimes!

Yet this is the perverted appetite of many. They lap it up and actually admire these flaky individuals.

Well, I don't want to hear about the selfish few and their greed. I don't want to hear about things that I can't have, things that I will never have.

I know that life is more than things.

"I have learned in whatever state I am, there to be content." (Philippians 4:12)

WHAT'S GOING ON?

People are slaves to their jobs and have little time for anything else.

Grocery stores are packed with products that only deliver chemicals and empty calories.

Entertainment has become little more than violence and noise. To many people religion has lost its meaning, and is little more than a flaky show.

Our lives are filled with people, but we have few meaningful relationships. We are being reduced to glitter and glitz, vanity and nothingness.

What's going on?

We are living in the days Jesus talked about in Matthew chapter 24.

"As in the days that were before the flood, so shall the coming of the Son of God be." (Matthew 24:38-39)

CAUSE AND EFFECT

We are using the best of our technology and our finest resources to kill our fellow man. We justify it of course by saying that the other guy is mean, wicked, or has ulterior motives and must be stopped.

But the bottom line is we are using the best of our knowledge and the best of our resources against our fellow man. Something is wrong with this picture.

As long as we insist on treating others as opponents and as enemies, they will treat us the same way. As long as we see them as evil, they will see us that way. But just imagine if the opposite were true.

Imagine what the opposite effect could be!

BY EXAMPLE

The press is trying to legislate righteousness. The press is dictating to us all how we should interact with each other, and instead of bringing us all together it is creating a greater disunity and more discord than ever.

A lot of people are trying to force others to behave like they think they should. But you can't make people be good, because each person has his own concept of what good is.

The only way we can change the world is by example.

CRAZY TIMES

We are living in crazy times.

Many people don't know where to look. You can't trust the press for answers.

So many of our traditional values are being turned upside down.

It seems like a very few are trying to force their views on the vast majority, views that the majority don't agree with. No wonder people are getting so uptight.

We really need to stay close to the Lord for His guidance, help, and protection.

TURN ON THE LIGHT

People take part in protests demanding social justice and respect. Many have done so peacefully. Others have done so violently.

People are trying to cast out the darkness.

But, if these same people focused their resources and efforts toward turning on the light, just imagine what the result could be!

There are enough good people in this world to turn around this tide of darkness and bring about the changes we all want to see. And the way we will do that is by COOPERATING with each other!

EMPTY VESSELS

Have you ever noticed how the people that criticize the most, are often doing very little themselves? They are so quick to criticize the work that others are doing, yet contribute very little towards making a better world.

There's an old saying that says, "Empty vessels make the most noise." In the old days these big ships that plied the seas before the days of the railroad made the most noise when they were empty. An empty ship would creak more under the pressure of the seas and the waves, than a fully loaded one.

The same holds true about people. The empty vessels seem to be those who whine the most. Pay no attention to them. Their day will come!

MAN'S WORLD

We have no more circus. Fur coats are out of style. We want to save the whales, snakes, and alligators.

We pollute our cities. We deforest the jungle. We dump plastic into the seas. And we mow down our neighbor.

Our press is biased. Our religions meaningless. Our music is noise. Our systems corrupt.

Earthquakes abound. Hatred, anger, and greed. Morals decline. All around decay I see.

Welcome to MAN'S WORLD!

"And God said... let man have dominion over all the earth." (Genesis 1:26)

MODERN SLAVERY

People are slaves to their jobs. People are slaves to their health. People are slaves to their reality.

People suffer from addiction. People suffer from dead end relationships. People suffer from crippling debt. People suffer from fear.

Modern slavery is pervasive, as the majority grope along in their hum drum existences without any realistic possibility of escape. Surely there is more to life!

True freedom comes in finding God's love. True happiness comes from sharing His love with others.

OUR NEW MORALITY POLICE

For thousands of years religion has taken it upon themselves to be our morality police. Religion has forever pointed out our supposed sins, all in the name of God. Now we have the press doing the same thing!

The press now is telling us all how to behave. The press is now setting new norms for what we say and how we say it. The press is pointing out all of our social "sins" and lack of political correctness.

It was bad enough having all these religious people telling us what to do and how to live. The press has become our new self appointed morality police. What a farce.

Only God with His love can help each of us discern between right and wrong.

Follow Him. Not them!

"Thy Word, O Lord, is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:180)

REAL THINGS!

The world is getting sadder and sadder. That's because people focus on all kinds of things that bring unhappiness. They complain, instead of being grateful. They think about themselves, instead of others. They talk too much, and listen too little. They take themselves so seriously to the point where it's almost like they're afraid of being happy.

Negativity attracts counterproductive things in our lives. Having the mind of Christ attracts positive and uplifting things. And it all begins with the thoughts we choose to entertain.

Thoughts are REAL things!

"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." (Luke 6:45)

STAY CLOSE

Violence is so widespread in the world today that we think nothing of it. We have violence flaunted in our faces day and night, and we have become immune to it. We see people fighting on TV, people killing each other in movies.

The world says self preservation should be first and foremost: Kill or be killed. But Jesus said no greater love can you have than to lay down your life for another. Jesus said we should lay down our lives for each other.

How far we have gone astray. How upside down the world has become. The Bible also says woe unto them that call darkness light and light darkness.

Better stay close to Jesus and learn to hear from Him!

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:6)

COMPLEX

People in many countries today are barely surviving. They are barely eating, barely making enough to keep themselves and their families alive.

In other parts of the world, everyone tries to show everyone else who can live the best, who can have the newest car, the biggest house. Everyone is in a race to show who can be the greediest!

A very few wealthy make in one single day, more than the majority of people will make in their lifetimes. They even brag about it.

Trying to figure it all out won't get you anywhere. Life has gotten all too complex. Only God knows the thoughts and intents of man's heart.

But in the end, one thing is certain: We will each reap the fruits of the things that we have planted.

THE RESULTS

We have gotten so out of tune and out of sync not only with nature, but with our fellow human beings, with God and our entire universe, both physically as well as spiritually. The world we are living in is a result of our accumulated actions.

Our actions have had consequences on our environment. Mankind's poor choices for generations are taking their toll. For too long we have greatly upset the balance of nature, of our lands, forests, and oceans. All of these things are now coming back to haunt us.

We are living the fruits of our decisions, both environmentally as well as in our society.

PEOPLE: THE PROBLEM

People, in the name of religion do all kinds of bad things. But God gets the blame.

People guilt trip and pressure others. God doesn't. People ruin our planet. God doesn't. People have created all kinds of problems. God didn't.

It's people who are really screwed up. Not God!

"God has done all things well." (Mark 7:37)

WOULD I, COULD I?

People like to criticize their government. People the world over seem to like to criticize their leaders. But I think that is rather naive.

It's so easy to complain, but it's not going to get you any place. Criticizing won't accomplish much, and it can sure take a toll on you. Negativity is a killer.

The questions we should all ask ourselves are, "Could I really do a better job?" and, "Would I really even want to try in the first place?"

MANY GODS OUT THERE!

Some people's religion is to get as much money and as many things as they can, more than they need or could ever use.

Money is their god.

Some people's religion is to stuff their heads with knowledge, facts and figures, trash and trivia, and go through life like walking dictionaries to the admiration of all.

Knowledge is their god.

Others are crooks, criminals, bad guys, and thieves. They spend their lives hurting, deceiving, robbing, and tormenting others.

Their god is violence.

Others waste their lives eating and drinking, partying, having a good time serving their five senses, satisfying themselves in gluttonous excess.

Their god is their belly.

Many are workaholics and fill their days with non stop action, noise, and perpetual motion.

Their god is confusion.

A few others like Mother Teresa, many doctors and nurses, cops and soldiers, social workers and missionaries, spend their lives serving others. They give of themselves. They put others' needs above their own.

These are the loving. These have the spirit of the one TRUE God of love.

There are many gods out there... Which one do YOU serve?

STOP ARGUING!

People are getting so contentious! You see people on TV supposedly discussing an issue or problem. But all they do is argue.

Each one expounds their point of view while hardly even listening to the other. They then walk away only more convinced that they are right, and the other wrong. It seems like the more educated they are, the more they are set in their beliefs.

All of this fighting is getting us nowhere. We need to stop seeing others as adversaries and start to build upon the things we have in common.

Only then can we solve our problems. And find the peace we all want and deserve.

COUNT ON IT

We are living in strange times indeed.

Some people call "light" darkness. Others are calling "darkness" light. Many people don't know up from down anymore as they see greed and malice bringing profit, yet virtue seems to bring none at all.

But one thing is certain: We will all see the fruits of the seeds we plant, one day.

Count on it!

OUR PRESENT COURSE

Man is spending tons of money on space exploration. He is putting his best efforts and talents to that end.

We are told that it is good for mankind, and some would have us believe that it is necessary for the survival of the human race. I don't buy it.

I mean, look at what a mess man has made of this planet. Look at all of the problems that he has created for himself needlessly. Man is his own worst enemy. The world is not getting better. We are not living in more peace than we did even thirty years ago. We are not getting along with our neighbor any better either.

Man always says that with whatever is the latest in technology things will be better. The solution always lies in the never attainable "tomorrow" while problems just grow bigger and bigger and less and less manageable "today". We need to wake up and stop treating each other like enemies. We need to wake up and stop permitting a few to call the shots for all the rest of us.

The world cannot continue on its present course forever. We will utterly annihilate ourselves if we don't put our heads together and start thinking with our hearts. There is more to life than thinking only of the bottom line.

A STRANGE WORLD

We are living in a strange world indeed. We have entire countries where people are very religious, even overly religious. But their young people want nothing to do with religion. They don't want the religion of their parents because they see no realistic value in it for them. Hence church attendance (temple, mosque, etc.) is on the decline.

Then we have entire countries where people want little or nothing to do with God. They are atheists. In some eastern countries God is something abstract, a product of western culture and society and of no interest to them.

This is certainly understandable when you consider the wars that have been waged in the name of religion and all of the fanatics and crazies out there today doing stupid things in the name of their god.

We are living in a strange world indeed. When all is said and done, love is all the religion we really need. To treat others like we would like to be treated ourselves.

Think about it.

ONLY A FRACTION

Vast sums of money have been invested, and wasted, in the way of materials, means, manpower, and resources not only physically but mentally as well as spiritually in man's endeavors over the ages.

When you take into account the vast amounts of financial, agricultural, industrial, and scientific wealth and resources man has spent, invested, splurged, and wasted throughout the ages... it would cost very little, if instead of competing against each other, we all worked in cooperation to create a happier and more FUN world for all of us.

WHY WARS?

Why are there wars? In this modern internet age we are living in, why are we not more enlightened?

Why is there war? Greed. There is more money in war than in peace.

Although we are told that a war is for some noble cause, a lot of money is made from arms manufacturing and death.

God's Word says that the day will come when there will be no more war. The time will come when man will live in peace with his neighbor...

In that golden age, when war shall be no more!

NO MORE BULLIES

Man has bullied his fellow man since the beginning of time. People bully each other through peer pressure and intimidation. Others demean and bully through guilt and fear.

Adults bully and are bullied. Children bully each other. People bully those who are different. Those people bully them back in return.

Music today demeans and bullies women. Political correctness demeans and bullies us all. Religion has bullied people for centuries. And the rich super powers bully the entire world.

Man's dark day is soon coming to its end. Bullies will be no more.

The meek will rule, and love will reign.

"The meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." (Psalms 37:11)

LOVE LISTENS

Someone goes to work and shoots their boss and coworkers with a gun. A kid walks into a school and kills his teachers or classmates. A man goes on a rampage in a restaurant or mall and indiscriminately murders complete strangers.

Men kill their wives, wives their husbands, children their parents. People are going crazy. You hear about it all the time and people ask "why?" They look for some "reason".

Many people today feel they are not being heard; they feel they are being ignored. Maybe they try repeatedly to sort out some problem, or they have a complaint, but their words fall on deaf ears. Then they get frustrated and give up, or worse, they commit some heinous crime, simply because nobody heard them, nobody cared. They keep it in a long time, and then they eventually exploded.

These things are not going to get any better in the increasingly complex world that we are creating, because people are too into themselves to listen, to care about their neighbor.

LOVE is to sympathize, to listen, to HEAR.

LET LIVE!

We live in a repressive society. People are getting so uptight. People are growing more and more fearful, more and more bound.

We seem to be forgetting to enjoy the ride that is life. We are only short changing ourselves.

We all need to stop imposing our beliefs on each other. We need to learn to live, and simply... LET LIVE!

ICICLES

The rich businessman prides himself in "giving" employment to his workers. But he isn't giving anything. He is making himself even richer off of the toil of his low paid slaves.

The politician takes pride in himself for "serving" his constituents. But he is only serving himself as he flaunts his self righteousness and fills his wallet.

The priest, pastor, and minister speak high lofty words of "wisdom" as they guilt trip you into submission to their version of God.

They are all smooth talkers. Cold, like icicles. They seem to always have all the answers. They are not "givers". They are "takers".

The world is crying out for warmth, for compassion and tenderness. People are starving for love.

Will YOU give it to them?

RESIST NOT

I don't think we should defy the government. I don't think a Christian stands to gain anything nowadays by resisting the system.

God's will for my life is to help people know Jesus' real message, a message that has gotten so obscured by "religion" that most people don't have a clear image of what it even was.

I believe God's message for all humanity now is to be kind. God would have us stop fighting, stop arguing, stop complaining, stop the divisions, stop treating each other like enemies and start being good neighbors. Ours is a ministry of reconciliation.

We are all in this together. We are neighbors on this planet and it is utter sheer stupidity for us to continue doing these things that separate us.

Let's all work together, and instead of resisting those who rule over us... let's show them our support.

TRUE ROYALTY

Why do people glorify the rich of this world so much? Why do they talk all the time about the wealthiest on this planet? How does that help anyone?

These endless news stories about the rich and famous, the never ending coverage of worldly royal families is ridiculous. They tell us about their every whim and every little thing they do.

The media is creating a perverted appetite for gossip. People eat up news of how the rich and famous live, in a pitiful attempt to mitigate their own lacks and suffering.

Only a life of service to our Lord and each other can truly fill our every need.

That's true royalty in God's Kingdom!

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." (Daniel 12:3)

THEIR DAY WILL COME

One of the hardest things in life is when we are mistreated by others. Misunderstandings can cause us much grief, especially when we are treated unfairly.

People will sometimes question our motives. They will misinterpret our words. It's frustrating when this happens. It's even more frustrating when we feel we can do nothing about it.

At times like these we should give the problem to the Lord. If we lay hold on the Lord in prayer, He will see us through!

As long as we know that we did the right thing, who cares what people think?

Their day will come!

"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, shall be safe." (Proverbs 29:25)

HOW INSANE ARE YOU?

Why do people talk so much!

Some people talk and talk and talk. And they don't even seem to think there is anything wrong with it. They can go on for hours incessantly. They are so full of themselves.

The world is full of selfish people.

They say the insane only think of themselves. They rarely think of anyone else. They live in their own little worlds where everything revolves around them.

How insane are YOU?

"He that hath knowledge spareth his words, and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit." (Proverbs 17:27)

ROTTEN APPLES

I don't know how this ever got started, but we need to stop catering to the one person who finds fault, gets angry, outraged or offended, as if they represented the majority.

These rotten apples are spoiling life for all the rest of us.

A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

The rich sure know how to make money. Some make a wagon load without breaking a sweat, while the poor slave to barely make ends meet.

Some people make a lot of money through hard work. Others inherit their wealth. Lucky them!

But no matter how they got it, the truth remains the same for them, as it does for us: We will each be held accountable for the things we have received.

We will be held accountable for the brains we had. We will be held accountable for the money we made. And we will be held accountable for the opportunities we were given.

So, when you think about it, we really can't complain. It's a pretty level playing field.

Isn't it?

Jesus said: "To whom much has been given, of him shall much be required." (Luke 12:48)

THE MAZE

Never before has man been faced with as many challenges as he has today. Everything we believe, everything we feel, is being challenged like never before.

Political correctness has gone to ridiculous extremes. We are being forced to "baby" people, to coddle grown adults as if they were infants. It's almost laughable!

People are being reduced to having to compromise almost every one of their core beliefs. And we are told to not do so is "unloving". The rug is being pulled right out from under us in so many ways.

Only a firm foundation in God's Word can guide us through the maze that life is becoming. Read it. Get to know it better. Especially the New Testament. It will encourage your heart.

In it you will find treasures new and old!

"Woe unto them who call evil good, and good evil, who put darkness for light, and light for darkness." (Isaiah 5:20)

THE WINDS OF CHANGE

Life, as many of us know it, is about to change. Eastern nations are on the rise. Western nations are on the decline. Racial strife and gross economic inequality are tearing the western world apart.

People have become so embroiled in fighting among themselves that they no longer represent a united front strong enough to resist their common enemies.

Meanwhile eastern nations are consolidating their efforts with one goal in mind: World dominion.

The winds of change are sweeping the Earth. Better stay close to the Lord!

"A house divided against itself cannot stand." (Matthew 12:25, Mark 3:24, Luke 11:17)

"(Beware, lest) the destroyer come to make thy land desolate." (Jeremiah 4:6,7)

BACK TO THE GARDEN

War is big business nowadays. Defense spending is at the top of the list of many countries' priorities. We have all grown used to thinking it is of utmost importance and don't even question it.

Today, love is scorned as being idealistic and naive. Being tough, proud, and inflexible are touted as virtues.

But man was created to help his neighbor. We were put here on earth to be a blessing to each other, not in competition but in loving cooperation. Truth, integrity, love, and compassion are the coinage of God's Kingdom.

The day will come when we will return to the simplicity of the garden. The day will come when the meek shall indeed inherit the earth.

Get excited!

"As the waters cover the seas, so shall the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord." (Isaiah 11:9)

IT STARTS WITH YOU!

You can be selfish nowadays and nobody thinks anything.

You can be self serving and you just fit right in. But if you are loving and giving, humble and altruistic, now that really raises some eyebrows!

They have a nice, new, classy sounding name now for selfishness. It's called "hedonism".

Call it what you like, greed is taking over this world and we are all suffering from its consequences.

You can make a difference. You can inspire others to do the same.

But it must start with YOU!

"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." (Romans 14:7)

WHO KNOWS?

Why are we here on Earth? What is life all about? None of us really know for certain.

But we don't really have to know why we are here. We don't have to know all the answers to know that things work out better for us when we are kind, when we are patient, and when we are understanding.

Maybe being kind to each other, learning to roll with the punches, and treating others the way we want to be treated is what life is all about anyway.

Who knows?

BACK TO LIFE

The heart of man is the same the world over. Man shares the same fears, challenges, and obstacles.

And man can also share the same hopes and dreams along with their resultant satisfaction and joy. But this isn't going to happen by itself.

We need to chill out.

We need to be more grateful.

We need to think more of others.

We need to get back to LIVING AGAIN!

UNCERTAIN TIMES

We sure are living in troublous times. And sometimes uncertainty and worries threaten to overwhelm us.

We all need to learn to slow down, appreciate the simple things, and be grateful for the things that are truly worthwhile. The time we spend with family and loved ones is precious.

God's Word cautions us to not fear, but to trust in Him. He will see you through the storm.

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer." (2 Samuel 22:2, Psalms 18:2)

RISE ABOVE

None of our lives are meaningless. We all have the capacity to have full, satisfying, and rewarding lives here on Earth. And that is why we are here.

We can choose to become victims of our circumstances, or we can rise above them and create something bigger and more beautiful.

So turn your coal into diamonds. Launch an attack and overcome your fears, doubts and discouragement.

We really are masters of our destiny. Our outcome depends on the choices we make... today!

"He has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

THIS IDIOTIC WORLD

Have you ever felt like the world was full of idiots?

Everywhere you look people are doing dumb things, saying dumb things. It's enough to drive anyone crazy.

Where can you go anymore to escape such madness? Who can you turn to?

The best thing we can do, the best defense we have, the best coping mechanism, is to be able to detach ourselves at times: Go fishing, have a drink or two, take a trip, get alone for a while. Whatever works for you!

Just please don't forget to include the Lord.

Pray about life. Pray about things. God will answer. God will comfort your heart.

Only HE can give you the GRACE to face this idiotic world!

THE DAY IS COMING

Sometimes it seems hard to believe. Sometimes it just doesn't seem possible.

But the day will come when love WILL triumph over greed, light will conquer the darkness, and fear will flee away.

A day when worries vanish, freedom reigns, and loneliness will be no more.

The mighty will be brought low. And the meek, at last, shall inherit the Earth.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:5-8)

THE REAL ENEMY

The world is getting to be a scary place: so many problems, so much evil.

But you can't get rid of darkness by trying to beat it out. The only way to get rid of darkness is by letting the light in.

The real enemy in this world is ignorance. The challenge is to enlighten men's hearts and minds. That's our battle.

And that battle will only be won with LOVE.

"Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee." (Isaiah 60:2)



A SIMPLE PRAYER

Lord, open my mind, open my heart and open my eyes that I may see the bigger picture, Your greater plan, and how I fit into it.

In Jesus' name, amen.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

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