

Mass Killers & Society

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The following item appeared on FoxNews.com and here's the link:

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2018/05/26/why-do-people-become-killers-there-are-only-three-reasons-here-are.html>

The author is said to be a cold case investigator, among other pursuits. (See the bottom footnote.) As you read this article, consider what The Committee (and alien ETs) have said several times about violence and murder; the solution is to create a sense of belonging, not separation, disassociation or rejection.

Why do people become killers? There are only three reasons – Here they are

Following the most recent school mass shooting - this time in Santa Fe, Texas, where 10 students and teachers were killed and 10 were wounded Friday - family members, friends and investigators find themselves searching for illusive answers.

Why did this happen? How do you make sense of such a senseless tragedy?

Texas Governor Greg Abbott pointed out that unlike other recent mass shootings, "there were not those types of warning signs. The red-flag warnings were either nonexistent or very imperceptible." The accused shooter's parents said the media reports of the shooting seemed "incompatible with the boy (they) love," and the 17-year-old boy's best friend said he was "one of the most responsible people I knew. He didn't drink or do drugs, to my knowledge ... he was academically proactive, making all A's."

Given the profile that is emerging, investigators have not yet identified the motive for the shooting.

I, however, know *precisely* why this latest killer did what he did. And I also know what will motivate the *next* killer to act in a similar way.

Many years ago, as I began investigating high-profile murders in Los Angeles County, I carefully chronicled the motives for every homicide that occurred in our region. You might think there are a million reasons why someone would commit a murder, but there are only three possibilities.

At least one of these three motives is the driving force behind every homicide, theft, burglary and robbery. In fact, these three motives lie at the heart of *every* conceivable crime or misdeed.

Human misbehavior is motivated by: financial greed, sexual - or relational - lust, and the pursuit of power.

You might be wondering if there is a fourth category. There isn't. What about jealousy? What about anger? Ask yourself the question: What is causing the jealousy or anger? There are only three answers to this question, and now you know them.

The notorious gang, MS-13, inadvertently confirmed these three motives when leaders chose the motto for their criminal organization: Kill, Steal, Rape, Control.

All murders (kill) are motivated by financial greed (steal), sexual lust (rape) or the pursuit of power (control). Sometimes only one of these motives is the driving force behind a crime. Sometimes two or more are involved.

The latest school shooting is a good example. While there doesn't appear to be any financial motive, the killer does appear to have been driven by the other two motivations I've described:

Sexual Lust – A 16-year-old girl killed in the Santa Fe shooting, Shana Fischer, was apparently pursued by the accused killer in the days and weeks prior to the shooting. Her mother said the accused shooter "kept making advances on her and she repeatedly told him no." According to Shana's father, she "told her mother two weeks ago he was going to come and kill her."

The Pursuit of Power – This form of motivation can be very nuanced and includes one's sense of respect, authority, embarrassment, prestige or control. For example, as the accused killer became "more aggressive" in his advances toward Shana (approximately one week prior to the shooting), Shana eventually "stood up to him" and "embarrassed him in class."

In addition, several news organizations have reported that the accused shooter was bullied and "mistreated at school." Episodes of perceived disrespect and embarrassment are often the motive for murder. This would also explain why some of the accused killer's friends said that he recently "started wearing a trench coat" and telling students he was "buying knives off Amazon."

The accused shooter incrementally sought the respect (and fear) of others, a classic example of

the pursuit of power. During the attack, the killer even selectively spared students he liked "so he could have his story told." This effort to elevate his fame and prestige after the fact is consistent with the motive I've described.

Since only three motives lie behind school shootings like the ones we've seen recently, I sadly expect to see more shootings in the future.

Unless we, as a nation, are willing to embrace and promote a worldview that helps us understand the proper role of money and financial stewardship, promotes sexual purity and restraint, and helps us place the needs of others ahead of our own desires, we can expect more of the same.

Those restorative values may sound familiar to you; they used to be part of our collective heritage and our common worldview. They are also our last and greatest hope if we ever expect to minimize and contain the only three reasons anyone commits a crime.

The typically myopic American point-of-view I find amusing as I always do, as if such pressures did not exist or result in violence outside the USA, which of course they do. To answer any reader asking her/himself why Patrick is reading FoxNews, my answer is I consume news and opinion from many sources, but less and less nowadays. (Too much is too partisan and slanted to a preferred ideology. I like and dislike many ideologies and/or parts of each, simultaneously. I can usually figure it out for myself, as can almost everybody. This seems to have been erased from the study and application of journalism.)

I am a classic liberal and believe very strongly in the principles of this philosophy. To many current liberals I probably come across as a right winger, because modern left wing liberalism has rejected its roots and effectively replaced it with elements of fascism. What is the central theme and principle of liberalism? Free speech, acceptance and in the absence of acceptance, at least tolerance. Popular speech never requires broad or specific protection; it is the unpopular and controversial idea which requires it. Safeguarding the ability to express divisive, annoying and even despicably nasty concepts, is what protects all ideas and true freedom. The happy majority will take care of the popular, widely accepted ideas, which themselves become corroded if unpopular sentiments are allowed silenced. Accepting the new idea does not and never means the established idea must go away, it means both are free to be offered, accepted and rejected as anyone saying or listening chooses. Today, left wing liberalism strongly suggests an idea disliked should - or must - be discarded and replaced. That is as anti-liberal as it gets.

Examples: A Canadian speaker of only English suggests that French speaking citizens should be fined for using "that other language" (*s'il vous plaît mon ami, vous êtes fou*) in federal and provincial government buildings, or the American citizen who suggests the use of Spanish should be restricted in public by law (particularly hilarious, since Spanish was the first widely spoken European language in North America and remains omnipresent across North America to this day. New Orleans and Louisiana used French almost exclusively for at least two centuries, even under a half century of Spanish control. After English, guess what European language today is most prevalent there? *It ain't French...*)

Back to The Committee and violence, such as mass shootings. We have been told many times, the solution to violent crime is a sense of belonging and acceptance. Intimate activity is intentionally displayed publicly and makes people aware of it. Voluntary appropriate exposure as determined by the caregivers, ideally parents in most cases, reduces the problems associated with this. Repression, denial, over-exposure and ignorance are ingredients for difficulties.

What approach did the Santa Fe (which means Holy Faith) school killer learn then use to express his desire to date the young woman who rejected his advances? Why did he struggle so much with the rejection and simply not move on to the next girl? What rejection did she give and could it have been done differently? We don't know, but I will suggest there were BIG improvements possible in what the killer did, and maybe on both sides. Maybe not, we don't know.

Why do we teach one another that money itself is worthy of self esteem or death? Can we not teach one another that money is simply a social voucher, which can be used now or later? Jokes are funny because of the element of truth contained. What do men usually call an unattractive but wealthy lady? An ugly rich woman. What do women call an unattractive wealthy man? Darling.

When attitudes and understanding about money change, so will violence reduce. I do not foresee voluntary changes to general human perceptions of wealth and money, until financial chaos and collapse force new attitudes and perspective readjustments upon nearly everyone.

Why are pride, control and dominance so appealing? Why can't we teach one another acceptance and control over oneself, not the preferences of others? We can, most of us do but the minority among us learn to develop oppressive characteristics and the majority among us learn to allow it. We can teach one another differently.

Here's a concrete example of my own experience; I am not homosexual. I don't much about the subject. I know far less about transgender issues, except that it's tragic; the suicide rate is abysmal.

There have been significant social efforts to change social practices and laws regarding homosexuality. Throughout the process, I have bumped into a personal problem; I don't know much about the issue, and don't care much one way or the other, because it's usually irrelevant (for example, a candidate for political office.) It bothers me intensely to see people mistreated because of who they are but I am not generally allowed to have a non-opinion; I often feel forced to adopt a stance, and the pressure comes from the pro-homosexual crowd. Curiously, I've never felt pressure from homosexual people to adopt a certain perspective. I have known, been friends and socialized with many and I don't care about it, just as I know they don't care about my relationship. Homosexual people do not want me to change, and none care to try. I don't want homosexual people to change and I have never tried. Absent abuse or mistreatment of homosexuals, I don't think about it. This point-of-view is now a social taboo, so I remain silent on a topic I accept. Can anybody see something wrong here? The very people pushing positive social changes regarding homosexuality are causing the subject to be avoided. How does that help anybody, hetero-, bisexual or otherwise?

The Committee speaks:

"Absent human bodies, yet memories of journeys with them we have - both the journey and memory - we know what pressures mount now on Earth for humans. There are other paths and they will be taken. Events will occur as attitude changes both precede, and in other cases result from, the changes to your physical world. Look always within yourself for answers, before looking elsewhere for confirmation or disagreement. Sadly, the greatest beneficiaries of this approach are the least likely to consider, much less adopt it. Many are now and will never be aware of it. The more it is mentioned, the more it will become aware however, and we say it here in a small way, hoping it is said in a larger, wider and broader way. Be well one and all, until we greet again."