Chaos

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<u>For Discussion:</u> 10 Examples From 10 Different Cities Of The "Mad Max" Environment That Now Reigns In America's Streets

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It isn't just your imagination. We really are witnessing a full-blown societal meltdown. I could provide countless examples to prove my point, but for this article I have selected just 10. #1 Theft has become so rampant in Washington D.C. that CVS has replaced toilet paper and paper towels with "framed photos" of those products and a buzzer that customers must press to buy them... In other words, the capital of the most powerful nation in human history has been reduced to Third World-style security systems to sell basic goods.

https://endoftheamericandream.com/10-examples-from-10-different-cities-of-the-mad-max-environment-that-now-reigns-in-americas-streets/

"Food Deserts" Rise In Democrat Run Cities As Grocers Leave In Droves

It's no longer profitable to stay because Democrat city governments have chosen criminals over businesses... https://www.zerohedge.com/political/food-deserts-rise-democrat-run-cities-grocers-leave-droves

How else have we seen lawlessness in our day?

- The encouraging of illegal immigration
- Abandoning the Nuremberg Code during Covid.
- Debanking, shadow banning and censorship to silence free speech
- Rampant deception in the media to serve nefarious agendas

What do the ungodly have to gain by encouraging lawlessness?

It is classic Hegelian Dialectic...

- Agenda: more centralized power for the government
- Thesis: create or take advantage of a crisis
 - Rahm Emanuel, "You never want a serious crisis to go to waste. And what I mean by that, it's an opportunity to do things that you think you could not before."
- Anti-thesis: impose martial law in a police state
 - o People will accept to solve crisis
- **Synthesis:** loss of personal freedoms, power is transferred to the government
 - Progress toward the agenda is achieved

How do the ungodly justify creating a crisis they can use to advance their agenda?

They sometimes say, "you have to break some eggs to make an omelet." They also say, "the end justifies the means."

Do the ends really justify the means?

This actually depends on what the ends are and what means are being used to achieve them.

• If the goals are good and noble, and the means we use to achieve them are also good and noble.

But most use this expression as an excuse to achieve their goals through any means necessary, no matter how immoral, illegal, or unpleasant the means may be.

What does God think of the end justifying the means?

Because we know that God is good, holy, just, merciful and righteous, those who bear His name are to reflect His character (1 Peter 1:15-16).

- Murder, lying, theft, and all sinful behaviors are due to man's sin nature, not the nature of God.
- For the Christian whose nature has been transformed by Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), there is no justifying immoral behavior.

Also missing in the ends/means ethics discussion is an understanding of the providence of God.

 A Christian who lies on a resume or aborts a baby for the sake of his family is denying God's ability to provide for the family if He purposes to do so.

How is lawlessness related to chaos?

Lawlessness causes chaos and disorder. The Law is from God and anything that opposes God's Law results in disorder, chaos and confusion.

How do we know that those who instigate chaos are doing the bidding of Satan?

Satan is the enemy of God and His image-bearers. In simple terms, the enemy of God pretty much does the opposite of what God would do...

1 Corinthians 14:33 – God is not a God of disorder but of peace

Our God is a God of order, who does all things well.

 Without God, order and peace give way to disorder and chaos.

Because God is a God of order, not chaos, we know that physical laws remain the same, day after day, year after year, century after century.

How is peace the polar opposite of disorder & chaos?

True peace is a gift of the Spirit that comes from a relationship with the Lord. Disorder and chaos are the enemy of peace. Peace is of God, disorder and Chaos is of God's enemy, the devil.

How did disorder get introduced into the world?

Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. As a result, the order inherent in God's creation was damaged, and chaos was introduced: we had confusion instead of surety, deception instead of truth, hiding instead of openness, weeds instead of crops, and pain instead of ease. We lost the garden. Our relationship with God became chaotic, as did the very nature of who we are.

- The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics came into being (entropy always increases)... entropy: the degree of disorder or randomness in the system
 - Why iron and oxygen combine to create rust

How should Christians respond to the disorder and chaos of the world?

Act as agents of God (the Restrainer) to restrain evil... Ephesians 5:11 – have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

Model the order of God and deny chaos...

Psalm 34:14 – Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it

Appropriate the peace that surpasses all understanding... Colossians 3:15 – Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace

How may we resist the agents of chaos at work in the world?

Ephesians 6:11 – Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Wiles are tricks or manipulations designed to deceive someone. Wiles of the devil are those clever schemes used to ensnare us through temptation, threat, or intimidation.

2 Corinthians 2:11 – We are not unaware of his schemes

What are some of the wiles of the devil?

- Challenging & twisting God's Word: *Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?* (Genesis 3:1).
- Challenging our identity: *If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread* (Luke 4:3)
- Offering a tempting alternative to obedience: *if You will worship before me, all will be Yours* (Luke 4:7)

One of the most sinister wiles of the devil involves his ability to offer a religiously tainted compromise.

- "Well, yes, technically it might be wrong for someone to move in with a boyfriend, but you can witness to him better as he watches you live out your faith."
- "You don't need to go to church to be spiritual. You connect better with God alone in the woods. Those people are all hypocrites anyway, and you are too righteous to associate with them."

What is the prophetic significance of increasing lawlessness?

It is a birth pang Jesus mentioned in the Olivet Discourse... Matthew 24:12 – because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Indeed, the Antichrist is referred to as the "lawless one" in 2 Thessalonians 2:8.

Why does lawlessness cause love to grow cold?

Like peace, true agape love is of God and lawlessness is opposition to God. The more lawless a person is, the more unloving they will be.

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- We are living in an age of man-caused crises designed to enslave humanity, resist!
- The end rarely justifies the means; Christians should not go there.
- Chaos and disorder is of the devil; expose the evil!
- Increasing lawlessness is a sign of the times.