

AND THE DEVIL SMILED

By the time this appears in our little commentary section of the Leader, you may have forgotten the horrendous shooting at a high school in Parkland, Fla. Or maybe another shooting will have occurred, God forbid! The day after that shooting, this article appeared on Townhall.com, by Todd Starnes.

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by Todd Starnes, 2/15/18

Another American high school has been turned into a killing field.

And the nation wonders why. Well, I'm going to answer that question for you. And the answer may leave you a bit unsettled.

You see -- I believe there is a God -- but I also believe there is a Devil. And I see his hand at work here.

We've raised a generation to believe that truth is relative -- that there is no right or wrong. And the Devil smiled.

They kicked God out of public schools -- banned Bibles and prayer.

And the Devil smiled.

We've destroyed the traditional family -- broken homes raising broken kids

And the Devil smiled.

There are no consequences for bad behavior -- no personal responsibility.

And the Devil smiled.

Our movies and music and games glorify violence and gore. Relationships poisoned by pornography.

And the Devil smiled.

What happened in Parkland, Florida is about wickedness -- a war with the forces of darkness -- good versus evil. Our land is wounded, her people suffering.

But we have turned our back on the One who promised to heal our Land.

The politicians and pundits would have you believe this is not about God -- it's about politics and mental illness and gun control.

And the Devil smiled.

You can read or listen to many commentaries about what happened at that Florida high school, why it happened, and what is going on to make it happen seemingly

more often. Many thought-provoking observations have been made, but it all boils down to the culprit behind it all, the Devil.

You say I'm crazy? Maybe so, but it's a good crazy. To me it is crystal clear that the Enemy, as I call him, is freely romping around this nation and the entire world, having a field day deceiving many, distracting others with intellectual hot air, and drowning especially the youth in an ocean of electronic diversion. He is working to erase history and morality from the minds of any he can, filling them instead with entertainment and pleasure and trivialities.

We watch as millions of unborn babies are murdered every year. What else could it be but the Enemy of God's Goodness, Holiness, and Justice?

We have seen in our lifetimes the building blocks of societies, the families, disintegrating before our eyes. What else could explain how that happened so completely in such a short time but the work of the Enemy?

We watch unbelievable, jaw-dropping evil as Christians by the thousands are beheaded, crucified, burned alive, or worse. (Or do you watch such things?) Who else could be the author of such horror but the Enemy?

I may be crazy, but the Bible, then, is crazy, too. It warns us in I Peter 5:8, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. . ." Do we not see that roaring lion devouring everything in sight even as we speak here?

Ephesians 6:10-13: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day. . ."

It's time to set aside all that shtuff we enjoy, pay attention and turn to God. Thank God we can! He provides the greatest enjoyment! There is Someone we can trust, Somewhere we can find Goodness, Truth, Integrity, Excellence! There is a way out of this mess!

Let's get our heads out of the murky darkness and look up into His glorious Light!

Linda Gimmel

SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

After the tragic and avoidable loss of life in the recent high school shooting in Parkland, Florida, the worst aspect of the whole inci-

dent is the way the Left uses vulnerable, traumatized young people to further its agenda of disarming the American people. By so doing, they wish to make us subjects, not citizens, of this nation. They remove one of the principle foundations of this

nation's exceptional nature, which has made it a beacon of freedom to the world for over two centuries.

We citizens have the right to bear arms to protect ourselves, both from evildoers like the shooter at that high school, and from an oppressive government. As Thomas Jefferson stated, "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure."

I ask those of you who think that the answer involves taking guns away from responsible citizens two questions. 1. How many lives might have been saved if the coach/security guy, and maybe others, had been armed? Would he still be alive today? 2. Every public building has armed guards except schools. Why is that? Are the gun control nutjobs keeping schools vulnerable so that they can use these tragedies to push their agenda?

In Israel, located in one of the most dangerous spots on the planet, there have been NO shootings in their schools. They surround each school with a high fence. There is only one entrance. They use metal detectors and guards. Why don't we protect our vulnerable schools? Why are we so stupid, negligent, or -- what?

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Contributed.

**IF GUNS KILL PEOPLE,
then PENCILS Misspell Words,
CARS Make People Drive Drunk,
and SPOONS Make People Fat.**

**IF I
LEARNED FROM
MY MISTAKES,
I'D BE A
GENIUS!**

**My Mom said
FOLLOW
YOUR DREAMS
so I went
BACK TO BED!**

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**TUES. MARCH 6, 5 PM.
at the Senior Center**

- Update on County ordinance re truckloads of green(?) waste being dumped in our community.
- Demand that County Supervisors respect our Community Plan that prohibited industrial scale renewables from locating here, and restore their official renewable energy policies accordingly.
- A look at the Fed's idea of revising Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, which started the fight to save our valley.
- Status of solar projects filed in Lucerne Valley and Newberry Springs.
- Illegal land clearing and recent dust.

Our community as we've known it is at risk! If you care, be there!

Super Soup Supper Saturday, March 3, 5P to 7P. At L.V. Senior Center. Serving 10 different soups. \$7 and bring more for bake sale. Fundraiser for the L.V. Senior Assoc.

L.V. School Board Meeting Thursday, March 8, starts at 5:30PM. At the Alternative Education Center, 8560 Aliento Rd up Highway 18.

Household Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Collection Saturday, March 17, 9AM to Noon. Behind the fire station. Free disposal of household hazardous waste (Antifreeze, Auto & Household Batteries, Motor Oil & Oil Filters, All Paint, Pesticides & Fertilizers, Household Cleaners, home-generated Needles in approved container, Computers, TV's, Microwaves, Fluorescent Bulbs, CPU's, Printers, Clothes Irons, Cell Phones & Telephones, Space Heaters, Stereos, Radios, VCRs & DVD Players. Behind LV Fire Station, 33269 Old Woman Springs Road. For info call 1-800-OILY CAT.

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