

Between Iraq and a Hard Place

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We are facing a far worse problem than the war in Iraq...apathy. In the past, it has eaten nations alive from the inside out.

We are without purpose...set adrift...without morals.

We let our president set our national goals and we follow his leadership without scrutinizing his motives, too caught up with our own problems, as he slowly steers our country from war to war.

Americans will not hold their political leaders accountable, because they do not want their standard of justice set too high. Since most in our society try to get away with immoral behavior, they let their government get away with it as well.

Today, we are gorging ourselves with stimulants in the form of prescription drug habits, which includes mood enhancers and emotional suppressants, gambling and pornography. In this generation, our youths are inheriting the rage of their parents and they act it out through violent video games or at school with guns.

People today are looking for ways to escape the pain within their souls. Through the guise of improving mental health, psychiatrists are prescribing massive amounts of drugs to control people's mental pain and torment, which, in most cases, are the consequences of their own sins.

Many doctors today mis-diagnose an illness in order to prescribe a drug they know will net them a large kickback from the major drug companies. The doctors take this money through deception, in order to pay their high malpractice insurance premiums. The insurance companies charge so much for this type of insurance, because of the excessive court settlements they have to pay out. Attorneys manipulate the judicial system, to get rich and pay off the sitting judge on the case, in the form of "campaign contributions". The judge uses this money to increase his personal wealth and pay for his prescription drug habit, which he needs to quiet his raging spirit from the stress he endures from perverting judgment. It is a vicious cycle.

We need to judge our own wrong doings, before we can have the wisdom and the clarity to judge other nations.

If we continue to press into a world conflict we are not ready for, our worst enemy will be ourselves. In the last two World Wars, we, as a nation, began to revitalize ourselves by turning to God, through the promotion of national prayer. If we think a war at this point in our country's history will not cost us dearly, then we are turning a blind eye to history.

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