

The Truth About Natural Laws: How To Find Joy And Peace

Prologue

America, we have a problem.

Our society is disintegrating.

God is missing from the public square.

Abortion on demand.

Homosexual marriage.

Marriage numbers declining.

Offensive language.

Church attendance.

Teen-age pregnancies.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD).

Pornography

Drug use epidemic.

Mass Shootings.

Black-on-black shootings.

Poverty.

National debt.

Other indicators? Probably.

There are three U. S. Supreme Court rulings that are largely responsible for this societal disintegration. While it would be impossible to assign objective blame to any of these rulings, actions do have consequences. Decisions such as we are about to discuss do not exist in a vacuum and will inevitably have far-reaching effects.

U.S. Supreme Court Rulings:

1. 1962: Prayer in public schools ruled unconstitutional: Engel v. Vitale.

This is the most devastating of the three decisions we will discuss. Since 1962, the ban on God has come to include His exclusion from most activities taking place on government owned

property, that is, public property. Also banned in public places, such as a courthouse, are The Ten Commandments, this in spite of the fact that those Commandments constitute a partial basis for our laws. Nativity sets have been permanently removed from most public areas and just the mere wishing of a 'Merry Christmas' is banned in most public areas. This has even spread to the private sector where businesses are afraid to 'offend' anyone.

Over 60% of the current population was not even alive when the godless Supreme Court ruled to expel God from the public square. If you are part of that 60%, you probably think I am some sort of religious wacko and you cannot even imagine starting your school day with a short prayer; but that was indeed the case prior to 1962. Their teachers led generations of schoolchildren in prayer every day and scripture readings were common.

Can I make a case that prohibiting prayer in public school has led to the disintegration of our society? Yes, I will. It seems like a no-brainer to me. We are going to remove any influence of God or reference to Him and expect behavior to remain unchanged? That is the argument that seems like a stretch to me!

It is a Natural Law that 'You Reap What You Sow;' our actions do have consequences. The result of this decision and its ramifications are being felt more intensely the further we get from 1962. Much of our society's disintegration can be traced to this one decision. If, for 50 years, we have taught people that there is no God, than how can we be surprised when they act as if there is no God?

By the way, please do not hit me with the 'separation of church and state' argument, unless you are prepared to tell me in which Article and Section of the Constitution the phrase can be found. Let me help you - it is not in the Constitution.

2. 1973: Restrictions on abortion ruled unconstitutional: Roe v. Wade.

We will discuss abortion more as the book develops. However, it is amazing to me that we are still allowing the murder of three thousand babies per day, given the scientific research that has occurred and resultant education since Roe v. Wade and call it a 'women's health issue'? You still think removing God from our lives has no effect on our behavior?

3. 2015: Ban of same-sex marriage ruled unconstitutional. Obergefell v. Hodges. First, we remove God from our lives; then we legalize murder; and then change the definition of what constitutes a family; the cornerstone of all societies since Adam and Eve. What is next? You still think removing God from our lives has no effect on our behavior?

All Christians are invited to read **Addendum II** of this book **entitled "Christians: Where are you? Where have you been?"** If you are not a Christian, it really does not apply to you but you are still welcome to read it, of course.

I do not want to leave you with the impression that I think the Supreme Court is wholly responsible for the disintegration of our society. We, the people are complicit in this disintegration. Worthy of note is my generation; also known as Baby Boomers. If my parents and grandparents, quite deservedly, are known as The Greatest Generation, how should we refer to the Baby Boomers? How about the Most Narcissistic Self-Absorbed Generation? (*Google defines the term "The Greatest Generation to describe the generation who grew up in the United States during the deprivation of the Great Depression, and then went on to fight in World War II, as well as those whose productivity within the war's home front made a decisive material contribution."*) Think of it: to go from the Great Depression's 25-30% unemployment and bread lines and jump right into World War II, where in three and one-half years, we defeated the Nazis and the Japanese, on two separate fronts, saving our society and Europe. Can you believe it? Three and one-half years? Amazing! Unbelievable! World War II was the only time that I am aware of, perhaps in our entire history, when we, the America people, were so completely unified for such a long period. Yes, we were completely unified after 9/11/2001, but that was short-lived.

Before we leave The Greatest Generation, I would like to comment on something. I recently learned that my mother and my in-laws (father-in-law and mother-in-law) grew up without electricity in their home until they were teenagers. All three of them grew up in different areas of the country, but with similarities, that is, all three grew up in rural America and all three saw electricity installed in their homes during the period 1942-1944. Electricity installed was a single electric line with a single light bulb hanging from the ceiling, with a pull-string as the on/off switch. I know that people who lived in the cities had electricity well before this time. I mention this to highlight how great a distance we have travelled in one generation. To my knowledge, I have never had a time when electrical power, complete with wall outlets, was not available where I lived. I understand that, today, we are used to rapid technological advances, but to go from zero to where we are today, leaves me feeling very blessed. Thanks for your attention.

Unification was certainly not the standard of my generation, where the Vietnam War was the defining issue. Over 50,000 Americans died in Vietnam and those who survived their tour of duty there were welcomed back to our shores with jeers, eggs (and worse) being hurled at them, being called 'baby killers' and 'murders'; all this by the 'Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll' arm of the Most Narcissistic Self-Absorbed Generation.

If we are going to call the Baby Boomers the Most Narcissistic Self-Absorbed Generation (can we shorten that to: MNSAG-I?), then how do we refer to subsequent generations, who do not seem to me to be any less narcissistic or self-absorbed? I am going to suggest we refer to the Baby Boomers' children as MNSAG-II and to their grandchildren as: (wait for it): MNSAG-III and so on.

Now that I have disrespected and insulted pretty close to 100% of my reading audience, and any chance of being number one on the New York Times Best-Sellers List has been eliminated, I would like to give a 'shout-out' to a group of people I really admire, but first, some background.

Since 1973, the United States Military has been an all-volunteer force. Prior to that, 'conscription' was utilized to fill vacancies in the armed forces, which could not be filled by volunteers. Conscription or 'the draft', as it was known, was utilized four times: The Civil War, World War I, World War II and the Cold War (including the Korean and Vietnam Wars).

Incidentally, for any of you men who are between the ages of 18 and 25, the Selective Service System is still active and you are required to register just in case a draft is ever deemed necessary.

Therefore, our military, as this is being written, is 100% staffed by volunteers; men and women who have volunteered to serve their country. They have put aside their desire for ease and comfort; not to mention personal safety to protect you and me. They are the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen that have chosen to stand between us and the Forces of Evil that are intent on doing us harm. To those selfless volunteers I say thank you, each and every one. I congratulate you for your courage, unselfishness and willingness to serve. I pray for each and every one of you. Thank You.

I had better get back to 'societal disintegration'. The period after World War II enjoyed an economic boom and level of prosperity, which had not been experienced in generations, if ever. The MNSAG-I's grew up in a time of prosperity and affluence. Their parents were not all rich, of course, but there were plenty of jobs, salaries were good, business was expanding - life was good.

I am going to stick my neck out a bit here, as I have not seen any studies on the following and so I have only my own observations to go on: During this period, when the MNSAG-I's were coming of age, it seems to me there was a shift in the work ethic. Up to that time, you were expected to work hard, get an education and be successful. The result of this was that your parents worked hard to provide for their families and to give each of their children a better life. That is, our parents worked hard and were willing to sacrifice to give us, their children, more opportunities. Now I know that there are many people reading this who are working hard to provide for their families and I am not trying to insult you; but you know that there are also many people who are not working hard and who are not doing their best to provide for their families. Quite simply, I think this shift in the work ethic started with the MNSAG-I's.

What I am calling our society's disintegration has many causes and effects. In this Prologue, we have discussed a couple of perceived causes. The rest of this book will be about Natural Laws and our Society. I do not expect you to agree with everything I have to say, but I do hope it will cause some serious thought and reflection.

Is this the kind of stuff that belongs in a Prologue? I do want to get your attention. If you are still with me, we are going to move on to the “**Introduction**” where we will start talking about **The Truth About Natural Laws: How to Find Joy and Peace.**

By the way, I really appreciate you reading this.