

life, and no man's right to shorten it. Cain's determination demonstrates that Satan, the Lord of unjust Violence and Death, was his true mentoring father.

Evil spurns just and peaceful coexistence with whatever is inconvenient to its pursuits. It arrogantly adjusts its perverted definition of "good" to justify its own viciousness.

God, the Lord of Life and the Defender of Justice, had no part in Cain's foul deed. He prohibits by His Law of Love any similar life-taking, dehumanizing, hate-engendering activity among His children.

- 13.** So, my brothers, why be shocked that this godless world finds your God-centered way of life ridiculous and unbearable? What else can you expect it to express except unremitting disgust and irrational opposition to your way of life? This disingenuous world system travels a different road of values. They do not parallel or go the way of the Christ.

Based on the supremacy of material-sensual goals, this world invests its time, treasure, and talent to acquire its own temporal goals: possessions, power, and pleasure.

Each generation, motivated by self-interest and the urgent pressure of rapidly passing years, finds any workable means to its ends morally acceptable. The world has little patience for consistent virtue, justice, or integrity, or much concern for after-life eternalities.

The Way of the Lord challenges every one of these worldly projections. Make no mistake, whatever momentary tolerance the world has toward those

