

“When All the World’s Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?”

With free choice and human tendencies directed towards sin, how is optimism and pessimism working in the world.

The complexities of living life on earth are vast. There are those who are creating the problems that need solving for us to flourish, yet there are those working tirelessly toward solutions to the very problems created and continuing to exist that plagues our society. There are problems and solutions, but also solutions and problems. With the solving of one problem, I believe another one is often birthed.

Optimism is defined as a hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something. Optimism is necessary all the time - everywhere. There is a different light shining on a situation when an optimist is involved. Regardless of the state of our world, there needs to be people who are working toward things to be better and good, hopeful and bright.

“When the world’s problems are solved”; this statement alludes to the fact that there will come a day, a moment within a day that all people will think the same and have the same beliefs toward how life is viewed. The problem with this thinking, this impossible moment arriving, is that perspective plays a role in our society. Human beings all arrive to where they are from their lived journey. Their perspective on problems and solutions varies from individual to individual. Optimists go to work within this situation, merely living life as an opportunity to improve the current situation.

In a Utopian society there is uniform thinking and a perception of no problems existing. When all the problems in the world are solved, we would have reached a place of perfect Utopia.

Nothing would need to change and no problems would exist and need to be solved; thus, there would need to be no optimism. The thought existing in each person would be the same: all things as they are are perfect.

Let's explore some of the worldly problems that exist today: Gun Control, Abortion and Nuclear Weaponization.

Gun Control is one of the most debatable topics within our society today and holds with it countless perspectives with no one particular solution in sight. While some believe stricter gun laws would reduce the number of gun-related injury and crime issues, others believe the opposite; that enforcing stricter gun laws would be seen by criminals as a "challenge."

Abortion is another hefty topic in which multiple perspectives are present. Abortion is a topic that attacks the female sex: Pro-choice vs. Pro-life. As a Pro-choice woman, you might be seen by some as a monster with no right to make that kind of decision. But by another you may be seen as an empowered female, owning a mistake that was made and making the decision that is best for you. Now, we flip the switch to Pro-life. Some may see a Pro-lifer as a person with no care for the female carrying the unborn, where another may see a Pro-life human being as an advocate for the voiceless fetus. These various scenarios all stem from one's perspective.

The Nuclear Weaponization problem is more international than the others, but also involves many different perspectives. What everyone on the earth pushes for is world peace, and as I referred to earlier, world peace is inevitably a form of Utopia, which is not humanly possible as long as humans are allowed to think and speak freely. From one perspective, Nuclear Weaponization is just a fancy term for war, while another perspective may simply see Nuclear

Weaponization as a form of protection. Like I've stated a number of times - it all stems from perspective.

A solution to problems is like a moving target. When we get to work on solving a particular problem, time will have passed, and when we arrive at the new place where that problem was to be solved, a new problem will have sprouted. This will force the process to start over again: new problems with new solutions will require the thinking of our optimists.

Yet in the end, Romans 8:28 reassures us that "Even though bad, sad, evil, and wicked things will touch our lives, I (God) will use them to ultimately bring about good, both in your life and in the world." Thus, God is the ultimate optimist and the way things are right now, and will be in the future, issues are good and perfect in His sights. As we join him and are in agreement with him, life is perfect as it exists with the perceived problems and pursued solutions. Optimism is always necessary and at work in this world. Praise God!