

Introduction

I Love You. More importantly, God Loves You and He works all things for your benefit. If your life experiences cause you to doubt what I just said, please read on. We are indeed created to love one another and to love God and have a relationship with Him.

The preceding paragraph is partially summed up in The Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” We do not hear much about The Golden Rule these days.

We have gotten off the path we were intended to walk and it is time to get back.

The part above about our Creator loving you (us) and the part about Him expecting you (us) to love one another is an Absolute Truth - that is - Always True - you can count on it. No matter what you do or have done or will do in the future, God will always love you and desire a relationship with you and expect you to love your neighbor. It is however, up to you. You do have the gift of Free Will.

This book is ***The Truth About Natural Laws: How To Find Joy And Peace***. We think of Natural Laws as occurring in nature. As an example: the sun rises in the East and sets in the West - this is a Natural Law. Another is the law of gravity. Both of these examples are Natural Laws and Absolute Truths.

The point of this book is Absolute Truth as it relates to human beings. We are created - we are meant to live according to Absolute Truths; earlier I gave you two of them: God Loves You and He expects you to Love your neighbor, but He created us with Free Will; so you have to decide - will you Love Your Neighbor? Will you comply with His Absolute Truths?

Following is a quote from a speech given by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger to the College of Cardinals; at the Vatican Basilica on April 18, 2005 (this was shortly before Cardinal Ratzinger became Pope Benedict XVI) “Today, having a clear faith based on the Creed of the Church is often labeled as fundamentalism. Whereas relativism, that is, letting oneself be ‘tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine’, seems the only attitude that can cope with modern times. We are building a dictatorship of relativism that does not recognize anything as definitive and whose ultimate goal consists solely of one’s own ego and desires.”

Cardinal Ratzinger was speaking out on what he considered Western Civilization’s most serious problem: Moral Relativism.

If you believe, if you have been taught, that the idea of Good and Evil is outdated and does not exist in the modern world; you have been misled. Absolute Truth does exist. Absolute Truth does not depend on where you are, who you are, it does not depend on your circumstances, nor how you feel about things.

The Truth About Natural Laws: How To Find Joy And Peace is about Truth, with a capital “T”. Truth does not change; the Truth is the same today as it was yesterday and it will be the same tomorrow. It was evil to lie 100 years ago, it is still evil today and it will be evil 100 years from now. Unchanged.

To Find Joy And Peace requires living a Moral Life. I am talking about a deep-felt sense of Contentment, Joy and Peace. A satisfaction in a life well-lived. I do not believe you can achieve this sense of satisfaction, of contentment, while living an immoral lifestyle. For example, if you have a problem with telling the truth, after your first lie, your conscience troubled you; you knew you were doing something wrong. Your sense of right and wrong warned you that you were getting off the moral path, but you persisted and told the lie anyway. You probably felt guilty for a while, but you eventually got over it. At the occasion of your next lie, your conscience still

bothered you, but not as much - your recovery, if you will, was quicker; the guilt was more short-lived. As you persisted in lying, you eventually got to the point where you experienced no guilt. You had successfully short-circuited your conscience in regards to your lying. You are still lying. You just do not feel guilty about it. You are living an immoral lifestyle, as least as far as telling the truth is concerned. You may not feel guilt, at least on a conscious level, but you are not feeling Contentment, Joy or Peace. You are feeling just the opposite; discontent, dissatisfied, unsettled. In the upcoming chapters, we are going to talk about some issues affecting our society. Our purpose is to get you to recognize and think about Right and Wrong and, if applicable, help you Find that elusive Joy and Peace, we are all looking for. The goal is straight-forward: to get as many people as possible moving in the right direction and, if not, what can be done to stop the disintegration of American society. We will talk about this for the remainder of this book.

If you will think about this, I believe you will have to acknowledge the wisdom of what I am saying. That in your heart, you know I am telling you the Truth.

It is important that you accept The Truth: Important for you, for your family and for our society - our culture. You see, America's culture is in moral decline - our society is disintegrating. Our country today is almost unrecognizable from what it was just 60 years ago.

If I were a young man, which I will describe as being less than 60 years old, I likely would not recognize the moral decline. It has not happened overnight or in a year or even a decade. It is as if you lived in a castle, you are the Lord of the Castle. Unbeknownst to you, one of your neighbors has daily been stealing a small bucket of earth and rocks from under the castle, barely a noticeable amount. After 60 years of these daily thefts, the castle collapses. Who is at fault for this destruction? The people who are living in the castle at the time of the collapse or the 60 years of theft? Both parties are responsible: the perpetrator is certainly responsible, but so is the lazy owner for not being diligent enough to put a stop to the vandalism. The end result is the castle has collapsed and cannot be put back the way it was.

This book is a meager attempt to put a stop to the destruction. Nevertheless, there is a larger issue at stake, our relationship with God, the most important issue for any of us, and will be discussed at length in Book Three of The Truth Trilogy.

When our societal decline began cannot be identified with any certainty, although the restructuring of our public school system by the Progressives of the 19th and 20th Centuries could be considered a starting point. The work of Horace Mann, John Dewey and others to change education's focus from God, Family and County to Self-Awareness has led us to our current level of decline. However, three U. S. Supreme Court rulings, issued in my lifetime, must bear a major share of the responsibility. 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 significant 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 progressive, 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. 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 almost 60 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. As this is being written, over 61 million babies have been aborted. 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, ultra-sound machines, and resultant education since Roe v. Wade and call it a ‘women’s health issue’? How can anyone think removing God from our lives has had 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? I say again: how can anyone think removing God from our lives has had no effect on our behavior?

These three Supreme Court decisions happened over a period of 53 years and so the tendency is to think of these as separate occurrences, but they are not. Each decision moves us further from the principles our country was founded upon: Freedom of Religion, Freedom to pursue Life, Liberty and Happiness and changing the basic definition of what constitutes a Family. We will talk more about these in subsequent chapters.

I want to conclude this Introduction with the following:

How to Create a Socialist State

By Saul Alinsky

“There are eight levels of control that must be obtained before you are able to create a socialist state. The first is the most important.

- 1) Healthcare - Control healthcare and you control the people.
- 2) Poverty - Increase the Poverty level as high as possible, poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them to live.
- 3) Debt - Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.
- 4) Gun Control - Remove people’s ability to defend themselves from the Government. That way you are able to create a police state.
- 5) Welfare - Take control of every aspect of their lives (Food, Housing, and Income).
- 6) Education - Take control of what people read and listen to - take control of what children learn in school.” (Think: “Common Core.”)
- 7) Religion - Remove the belief in God from the Government and schools.

8) Class Warfare - Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to take (Tax) the wealthy with the support of the poor.”

See anything in this list that looks familiar to you. I found this online by searching for Saul Alinsky’s (1909 - 1972) ‘12 Rules for Radicals.’

See you in Chapter 1, where we talk about The Family. Thanks for being here.

Quotation:

***“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil
is for good men to do nothing.”***

Edmund Burke, 1729-1797, British-Irish Statesman

Quotation:

***“Turn us back to You, O Lord, and we will be restored;
Renew our days as of old,
Unless You have utterly rejected us,
And are very angry with us!”***

Lamentations 5:21-22

LENO Watch: Liam & Emma have long thought our society is heading in a dangerous direction, especially as it affects their children. With the ever present threat of school shootings, the availability of drugs, the increasing incidence of youth suicide and unrelenting pressure to accept homosexuality as normal behavior they felt led to opt out of the public school system. They tried private, parochial school for William’s first three years of elementary school and Charlotte’s first year of school. This was satisfactory at first, but was very expensive, and some of the same negative influences were working their way into the children’s lives. Eventually, both Liam and Emma decided that Home Schooling seemed the best option for them. This was not an easy decision. Both knew this would mean that Emma would have to cut back on her hours at the hospital and would have a financial impact on the family. They were willing to make that sacrifice. Home schooling does not eliminate the dangerous things happening in society, but does somewhat insulate the children when they are most vulnerable.

Noah & Olivia are just as concerned about the dangerous trends in our society for their children; after discussing the situation and options the decision was made to send the two children to the public schools. Olivia could not bring herself to send her children to a private school when she is employed as an Assistant Principal in the public school system. Seemed almost dishonest; or at least disloyal. Emma ensures she develops relationships with Ava and James’ teachers and works hard to keep up with what is going on in their lives. Fortunately, Noah is well compensated as a Regional Sales Manager for his company. They live in an affluent Chicago suburb with a highly rated school system.