

GOD'S WILL?

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Our hearts go out to the people who lost loved ones in the senseless shooting in Las Vegas this past Sunday. We are also praying for those who were injured for healing and wholeness. Regrettably, these senseless tragedies seem to be happening far too often nowadays.

For the past two weekends we have had killings at a church here in Nashville and in Las Vegas. None of those people, either attending church or the Country Music concert, had asked for or prompted the behavior of these mentally ill individuals who, for whatever reasons, took it upon themselves to massacre as many people as they possibly could. Many of us are wondering how God could allow such tragedies to happen?

The miracle and wonder of our lives is that we are all individuals--with free will to live our lives in any manner we please. We are not programmed robots--with designated duties to perform while we are here. As I have written about before, our lives consist of choices--and our choices determine the outcomes of our lives. God will guide us in our decisions but, unfortunately, there are those who shun even the belief in a higher power. Then, there are those who, for whatever reason, believe they have been directed by God to perform such heinous acts.

God, or The Creative Presence And Power Of The Universe, will not intervene in the creation of our free wills. It's up to us, as a society, to help and guide others who may not believe that we are all here to make this world a better place. There had to have been persons who knew these shooters "were up to something" but they remained silent. The girlfriend of the shooter in Las Vegas is conveniently in Japan at this time where she cannot be questioned about what she knew, when she knew it, etc. I'm not blaming her, but if she had had any inkling that her boyfriend was going to do such a horrible thing, I would hope she would have said something to someone.

My heart breaks too because some of our politicians are attempting to use these events as political tools instead of praying for and sending positive thoughts to those who lost loved ones and those who were injured. We have politicians now calling for stricter gun laws--before anyone knows how either these shooters acquired the weapons they used. It seems to me that, until the investigation into these people and their weapons is farther along, we need focus on those who were injured and reserve any judgements until a later time.

At this point none of us know that stricter gun laws would have prevented either situation. I know this though--if people were not allowed to purchase guns that the man in Las Vegas and the man here in Nashville would have had them anyway. And, if they hadn't

had guns, they would have used explosives or some other form of violence to kill as many people as possible!

If a mob of people hang someone would we cry out to have all ropes destroyed or banned? Of course not! The rope didn't kill anyone--it was only a tool in the insanity of those who were intent on doing away with another human being. If they hadn't hung the person they could have stoned him/her--they would have found a way if it was what they really wanted to do.

My point here is--it's up to us, as human beings on this planet, to do our parts in protecting others and making life as wonderful for everyone as we possible can. If we see or sense that "something isn't right" then it is our duty, not only as citizens but as Children of God, to report it to the proper authorities. We don't live in a vacuum--and neither of these killers did either. Someone knew something!

These types of events are NOT God's will--nor are they punishment because human kind that has "strayed from the fold". God set this universe and world in motion and gave us all the free will to live our lives as we choose. Choosing the next right thing, a la reporting others and situations that we know "don't look right", are our duties as stewards of this planet and God's Children.

God Bless--

All my best--

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