

# The Sword and Trowel

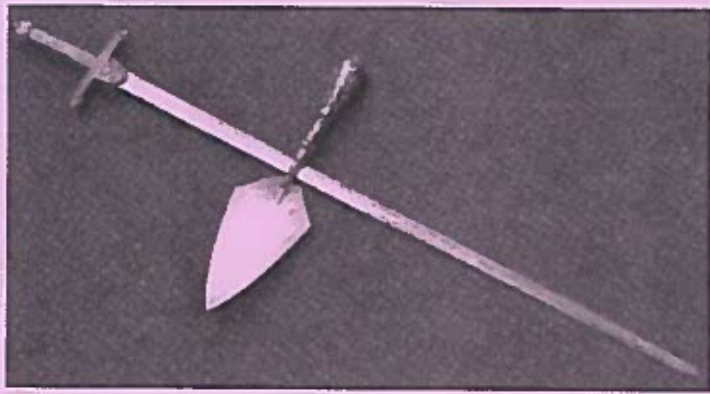
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## Evil Exists

Personally I don't need God to convince me that evil exists in this world. All I need is the newspaper, television, radio or internet. Any one of these sources is enough to convince me. In fact, I would be convinced even without those media sources. Just what I have seen with my own eyes and heard with my own ears would be proof enough for me.

Nevertheless, God does make it clear that man is not to be trusted. In **Romans chapter 3**, Paul quotes from a number of Old Testament passages to demonstrate that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin. When you read verses 10-18 of that chapter you are forced to believe that there is evil in this world. Yet, despite the planned statements of scripture, some try to pretend that evil does not exist in this world. The following examples were chosen to illustrate what happens to people when they try to live as though evil does not exist. Many other examples could be cited.

A couple from Canada were recently traveling to places that their government warned were unsafe for travel. The woman had posted a picture of herself saying that she wanted to show people "that the world is a place where solo females can travel to its far corners". She was also holding a sign that read "hitchhike Iraq" written in Arabic. About a month ago all communication with their families suddenly stopped. They have been missing since then. It is believed that they were either abducted or murdered.

This is not an isolated incident. Sadly, it is just the latest in a long series of such incidents. Two women from Scandinavia traveled to Morocco. One of them had posted an anti-Islamophobia video online saying that we should not judge people by their appearance. Of course, we should not judge people by their appearance, but what about their worldviews? Both women were raped and beheaded by Islamic terrorists.

A Swedish woman who promoted multiculturalism and advocated mass immigration was raped and killed by an immigrant from Ethiopia who dumped her body in a forest.

You may remember the American couple who were biking through the Middle East awhile back. They decried the idea that the world was a scary place with people who are bad or evil. They claimed that evil was a make-believe concept born of bigotry. Last summer they were literally run down and stabbed to death by men in a sedan who had been filming a video pledging allegiance to ISIS. ISIS claimed responsibility for killing them and two other cyclists.

One woman from Italy hitchhiked from Italy to the Middle East to "send a message of peace, and marriage between different peoples and nations". She was raped and strangled to death.

A Belgium psychologist who helped failed asylum seekers to prevent their deportation. She was run down with a truck by a failed asylum seeker in Sweden.

A woman activist traveled to Haiti to raise awareness about violence to women. She was held hostage on a rooftop and repeatedly raped.

A female interpreter who was working on a documentary about the mistreatment of refugees was raped by refugees.

These are examples from videos discussing the tragedy of multiculturalism and cultural relativism. I decided to use these examples because they illustrate just how dangerous it is to ignore the reality of evil in the world as described in scripture. These kinds of things happen all over the world in every culture although they are more common in some cultures than others. They have been happening since the world began. Mankind has always been violent and, yes, evil. To ignore that is to put yourself and others in danger.

Please notice these things all happened to those who did not believe men are evil. But we do not live in a Pollyanna world.

In His Service

Terry Carter, Evangelist

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please write them down and give to one of the elders before the congregational meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please take one of the toy soldiers on the counter in the fellowship hall to remind you to pray for our soldiers.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

George Thurston  
for an evangelist for Grissom church to follow Terry  
Brenda's friend (daughter needs spiritual help)  
Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – doing better/ pray for Christian fellowship)  
Zac Schultz & family (took grandmother off life support)  
Paul McMahon (Mary Sue Friend's son) - spiritual  
Russell Tague (congestive heart failure)  
our evangelist, elders ;& deacons (& their families)  
Christians around the world being persecuted  
Mike White family (he overseas/ wife pregnant)  
Kendall Faull (life situation)  
Alana Gingerich (Lymphoma)  
Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months)  
George Faull (PTL- good doctor visit)  
Theron Teachout (Walt's dad) – lower lung cancer our missionaries  
Roger VanNote (Brenda's step-dad) – for his health  
Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter)  
Rick Wakefield (upcoming surgery, possible cancer - & to find work)  
David Marks (heel spurs, surgery Jan.17<sup>th</sup> – month long recovery, pain)  
Kmart employees (loss of jobs due to store closing)  
Yost family (Dwayne had heart surgery)

Mary Copp  
Richard Kees (Melanoma)  
Mark Whitsett  
Mallory Leak (depression)  
Summit School of Preaching  
Sidney Ramer (wisdom)  
Rodney Freer (serviceman shot in Amsterdam) - in serious condition/ surgery  
Sherry Barker (Brenda's sister) - spiritual  
John Merritt (life situation)  
Carol See (that cardiologist will okay surgery)  
James (Carter's nephew) - spiritual  
our troops  
President Trump & the Mexican border wall  
Jenny Guy & Simon (Lord's help)  
Ladies' Bible study  
Steve Emerick (lung problems)  
Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery)  
Tom Proffitt (George Faull's friend) - cancer  
Logansport church  
Luca (Angel Mercado's nephew) – having trouble breathing  
Angel Mercado  
Joy White (pregnancy issues)



Read us the story about the guy who let his girlfriend give him a haircut.

**SERVICES**

Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
Men's Prayer Meeting	5:30
Women's Prayer Meeting	5:30
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00
Youth for Truth (Wedn.)	7:00

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday School	45
A.M.Church	74
P.M.Evangelistic Service	41
Tithes & Offerings	\$2,665
Wednesday Evening	NA

*Proverb for the Week:*

*Meditate on this Proverb: 2:10, 11      When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee.*