

There is a law in Washington D. C. that prohibits the killing of...are you ready for this...RATS. Yes, “Virginia,” ‘tis true. Their Wildlife Protection Act of March 2011 mandates that pest control people cannot kill certain kinds of rats that they find. They must relocate them. Not only has the D.C. Council determined that rats can’t be killed, but pest control folks must not break up the rat’s family. Just search for *Ken Cuccinelli and rats* on your computer if you are skeptical. This is another classic example of the loss of the ability to reason, in my opinion. One of my college professors used to say that the problem with common sense was that it was very uncommon. How many jobs have been lost in our country protecting the non-existent rights of snail darters and owls and other creatures? In Washington D. C. rats must be protected, but babies can be exterminated by a trip to the local abortion clinic. I have been very frustrated over the years with these insane decisions by politicians and their ilk. How has this come about? I believe it is because our people and the leaders of our nation have decided to try to run their lives and ours without God and His wisdom. God is very displeased when an individual or a country or a nation deliberately decides to travel down life’s path without **HIM**. God tells us in His word that trying to live your life without Him is wicked.

Psalm 10:4 *The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.*

There are over 250 verses in the word of God that speak of “*the wicked.*” Here are just a couple.

Psalm 9:17 *The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*

Psalm 7:11 *God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.*

Over the years I have been asked many times why people make such stupid decisions which make no sense whatsoever. It has been a puzzle to me. However, recently, while listening to one of the talk show pundits found on AM radio, the self proclaimed “*big cracker on the right,*” a reason was propounded for many of the problems that we are confronted with here in our country. It seems as if there is an epidemic of “*bird-brain flu.*” Eureka! I shouted, startling my sweet wife. “*Bird-Brain Flu.*” What else could account for the ‘great’ decisions made by our leaders almost on a daily basis? It is obvious that “*bird-brain flu*” is a highly contagious disease. How could the CDC have overlooked this malady? Maybe we should call for a quarantine? Just recently one of our illustrious leaders decided that in order to create more jobs for Americans we should cancel the opportunity for Americans to build an oil pipeline from Canada to Texas because China needs the cheap oil more than we do. At least that appears to be the reason. Or could I be wrong?

I think that “*bird-brain flu*” is contagious because just a couple of years ago one of the leaders in our Congress decided that we should pass a bill, which had several thousand pages, before reading it, so that we could find out what was in the legislation. Most of the members of Congress voted to pass the trillion dollar bill only to find out that it was too long to read anyway. Is it an epidemic? So they went merrily on to the next piece of folly

which only their diseased wracked brains could dream up. What was that? Myriads of examples come to mind. How about the decision to let people vote without any photo identification? Sure, just drive up to the window and cast your vote for the politician of your choice. You know, the one who promises you the greatest number of benefits and money for your vote. Just ignore that silly constitutional requirement that only legal citizens of our country should be allowed to vote? Only “*bird-brain flu*” could account for such “*brilliant idiocy.*” Yes, I’m convinced that “*bird-brain flu*” causes complete loss of ability to reason normally. What else could account for the decisions made by our elected officials? Just in the past few days one of our elected leaders implied that because women have the potential to become pregnant they have problems with their health. Therefore we must let them have taxpayer funded access to contraception and other means of terminating an unwanted pregnancy if it should happen.

“*Bird Brain Flu*” appears to be leaking out of Washington D. C. In Wisconsin they are trying to decide whether to recall their Governor. Since his election, he and his people have enacted policies to reduce the State budget from 3.5 billion in the red to 300 million in the black, but they appear to have collected enough signatures to initiate a recall election which will cost the state 9 million or more. The only conclusion? “*Bird-brain flu*” has leaked! What if it comes to your state? It is here in Colorado. Headlines recently seem to confirm the diagnosis. It is reported that photo ID’s to vote is an effort to keep minorities from voting. Only “*bird-brain flu*” could be responsible for bringing about this

kind of cultural disconnect. What is to be done about this terrible epidemic?

Brain transplants. Yep, that appears to be the only solution. Oh, we can't do that yet? Well, maybe we should give constitution exams before we let anyone run for public office. Or maybe we should get inoculated against this terrible problem by teaching some good old common sense in our schools based upon Biblical principles. Then we should look for leaders who have been Biblically inoculated and thereby immune to this terrible disorder.

Some of the above tongue-in-cheek comments are, of course, intended to be humorous, but there is a very serious problem in our country. There is a serious lack of Biblical insight and understanding which underlies the insanity on parade in our country. As mentioned above, people who have no connection or understanding of Biblical principles will make stupid decisions.

Hebrews 5:12-14 *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.* These verses teach us that the ability to reason comes from God and His word. Without them chaos will reign. We see this played out literally around the world, but especially here in our country. Even if a person is not a born-again Christian, when he or she applies Biblical principles to their world view they have a much better

possibility of making right choices. But if you leave God out, then disaster lies ahead. People are naturally inclined to do wrong, and without God influencing them to do right, they will end up on the wrong side of sanity.

Psalm 14:1 *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.*

People need to turn to the LORD before it is too late:

John 5:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

Romans 10:9-10 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Romans 10:13 *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

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