

Cardiac Corrective

SOULCRAFT SPIRITUAL TRAINING

The Human Heart Problem

“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”

“But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.” Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NLT)

No God

Stephen Hawking: English theoretical physicist, cosmologist, author, and Director of Research at the Centre for Theoretical Cosmology within the University of Cambridge.

“When people ask me if a god created the universe, I tell them that the question itself makes no sense. Time didn’t exist before the big bang, so there is no time for god to make the universe in. It’s like asking directions to the edge of the earth; The Earth is a sphere; it doesn’t have an edge; so, looking for it is a futile exercise. We are each free to believe what we want, and it’s my view that the simplest explanation is; there is no god. No one created our universe, and no one directs our fate. This leads me to a profound realization; There is probably no heaven, and no afterlife either. We have this one life to appreciate the grand design of the universe, and for that I am extremely grateful.”

Shame on You

Marjory Stoneman Douglas students called for a ban on weapons like the one used to kill 17 people at the Florida high school and urged voters to kick out lawmakers who oppose the move or who take money from the National Rifle Association.

Parkland school shooter Nikolas Cruz has not had a protest by students calling out, “shame on you.”

Data from the National Vital Statistics System-Mortality

An average of 16,375 teenagers 12-19 years died in the United States every year from 1999 to 2006. This is less than 1 percent of all deaths that occur every year in the United States.

The five leading causes of death among teenagers are Accidents (unintentional injuries), homicide, suicide, cancer, and heart disease. Accidents account for nearly one-half of all teenage deaths.

As a category of accidents, motor vehicle fatality is the leading cause of death to teenagers, representing over one-third of all deaths.

Among teenagers, non-Hispanic black males have the highest death rate (94.1 deaths per 100,000 population).

Homicide is the leading cause of death for non-Hispanic black male teenagers. For all other groups, accident is the leading cause.

How big is the problem?

In 2015, 2,333 teens in the United States ages 16–19 were killed and 235,845 were treated in emergency departments for injuries suffered in motor vehicle crashes.¹ That means that six teens ages 16–19 died every day from motor vehicle injuries

Time Magazine on School Shootings

All told, since 2013 we counted 6 adults and 35 children killed in these types of school shootings, as well as 12 adults and 92 children injured.

We have a Problem. Human heart problem.

Solution to the Heart Problem

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Psalm 51:10 (NLT)

There is a Religious Right and Wrong

Wrong

Right

10 One Sabbath day as Jesus was teaching in a synagogue,

11 he saw a woman who had been crippled by an evil spirit. She had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight.

12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Dear woman, you are healed of your sickness!”

13 Then he touched her, and instantly she could stand straight. How she praised God!

14 But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day. “There are six days of the week for working,” he said to the crowd. “Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath.”

15 But the Lord replied, “You hypocrites! Each of you works on the Sabbath day! Don’t you untie your ox or your donkey from its stall on the Sabbath and lead it out for water?”

16 This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?"

17 This shamed his enemies, but all the people rejoiced at the wonderful things he did.

Luke 13:10-17 (NLT)

Heart Transformation

Then Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? How can I illustrate it?"

It is like a tiny mustard seed that a man planted in a garden; it grows and becomes a tree, and the birds make nests in its branches." Luke 13:18-19 (NLT)

Heart Change for Life

Living God's Way

22 Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he went, always pressing on toward Jerusalem.

23 Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He replied,

24 "Work hard to enter the narrow door to God's Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail.

25 When the master of the house has locked the door, it will be too late. You will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Lord, open the door for us!' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

26 Then you will say, 'But we ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

27 And he will reply, 'I tell you, I don't know you or where you come from. Get away from me, all you who do evil.'

28 "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, for you will see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God, but you will be thrown out.

29 And people will come from all over the world—from east and west, north and south—to take their places in the Kingdom of God.

30 And note this: Some who seem least important now will be the greatest then, and some who are the greatest now will be least important then."

Luke 13:22-30 (NLT)

Training for Cardiac Corrective

- Realize the tendency of your unchanged heart is toward evil
- Submit your heart to God for His corrective
- Work hard at pursuing God
- Rejoice in your transformed heart and living God's Kingdom way