

Another Mass Murder

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We were informed by national media of *another* mass murder by a deranged young man in Aurora, Colorado. Twelve people were killed and fifty-eight others wounded as a man claiming to be the “Joker” unloaded his weapon on the patrons of a movie theater. The movie was a popularly-advertised Batman movie, “Dark Knight Rises.”

This phenomenon was unheard of in America thirty years ago, and one must wonder what has *changed*. Let me suggest to you that it is a lack of respect for *God* and *one’s fellow man* that causes these repeated murders. Group murders even of one’s own family members are now occurring at dizzying rates, and the media cannot possibly keep up with them all!

Now just consider a *few* of the major incidents in recent years: Columbine massacre, Virginia Tech massacre, Amish school shooting, and now this one in Aurora, Colorado. Admittedly, there have been massacres by religious zealots who were misinformed. But a healthy belief in Jehovah God and the biblical study of His Word will lead the normal person to never consider carrying out such acts. How deranged the Aurora perpetrator was at the time of his bloody act is yet to be determined.

What We Hear

It is interesting what we **hear** from the national media about such incidents. We will hear about the tragedy in all its gruesome details. We will hear from eyewitnesses to the tragedy, and even see some amateur video recorded by those at the scene with their smart phones. We will hear from some of the victims who survived. We will hear from the loved ones of those senselessly murdered. We will hear about the perpetrator -- what was his motive, his mental state, his family history, his personal history, his work history, and anything else that might draw attention by a blood-thirsty media. (After all, such events spike ratings! Yes, the media is not innocent of the bloodshed. They purposefully report the tragedies with feigned grief while thinking how great this will be for ratings!) You will...

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