

How can Youth cope with Today's Crisis?

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It started with the engine pinking, you pull out the choke a little and it runs correctly (*in the days of a car with a manual choke*). However you notice that it runs a little hotter. You check the compression and find that it is lower than it should be. After running like this for some while the water starts to boil within the engine - it has over heated! However not to worry, put some water in it. This is all right for a time, but the water boiling becomes more frequent; so you now regularly carry a bottle of spare water with you to replace the boiled-off water. This happens for several more months, and finally the engine head cracks; time for a new engine!

My young child would go out with me in the car and consider this to be a normal occurrence, and hence accept that everyone would be regularly checking gauges while driving and also carry extra water, because this is all my young child would know. This would be assumed by the child to be a normal occurrence for all people to do when they travel in a car – and he knew of nothing else until he went into someone else's car!

Let us imagine the whole **worldly operating system** is that car.

So the experiences you have now at this particular time period are assumed to be normal, but this has not always been so! If this is true – being that things have changed (as suggested within The Bible that they would), then what examples in this world are we able to see?

First, what does the Bible say?

2Tim. 3v1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of stress.

Clearly the Bible is telling us that something different to the 'normal' will occur during the 'last days'.

To find out what these might be, several people were interviewed to find out what their experiences were at the age of thirteen years. They were:-

Group of teenagers now called the 1994 group.

People aged thirteen in 1952, called the 1952 group.

People aged thirteen in 1935, called the 1935 group.

These people were brought up in the East end of London and are able to comment on the change that they have noticed during their lifetime.

(Now in 2007, I hear on The News 'gun crime' and 'gang warfare' is common place in youngsters – where in those times above this was utterly unheard of – but now common place – irrespective of what the politicians and their ilk have tried to cover up).

2Tim. 3v2-5 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, fierce, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding the form of religion but denying the power of it. Avoid such people.

Taking the example of 'lovers of self, abusive' could be used possibly explain the increase of divorce over the last 100 years or so.

In 1900 there was a divorce rate of 8%, now (1994) it is 50% - people are essentially unable to agree amongst themselves or 'climb down' to their partner on issues of disagreement. There is not that agreement necessary for a lasting relationship. The fall-out is normally, disenfranchised children who are psychologically driven to repeat it in their own lives.

The 1935 group agreed that they knew of only one divorce in the whole neighbourhood.

The 1952 group said that it was not common but they knew of a few people - however it was nothing like it was now.

Most of the 1993 group knew of someone within their own family who had a divorce or in the process of divorcing.

Some were on the second or third divorce!

Disobedient to their parents (or authority). This is a problem of today.

(Now in 2007 people just do not get married !!! – perversely improves the divorce figures does it not !!!)

1935 - There was the odd case of vandalism, it was difficult to find, in odd places that were already derelict - awaiting demolition.

1952 - There was much more obedience to people in authority then, graffiti was completely nonexistent.

1993 - There were members of the group who had actually participated in acts of vandalism and 'proudly' explained the meaning behind the graffiti that they themselves had done!

There was an incident on the local news today where a 60 year old Mayor was beaten up by members of a teenage gang (he ended up in hospital with broken bones) just because he asked them not to trample on some flowers in a border!

This would never have happened many years before, the teenagers would have just walked away if they had been asked to stop and possibly apologised!

(Now in 2007 all this occurs everywhere especially on Friday and Saturday nights! 40% of people are afraid to go out at night and similar sort of number have a weapon beside their bed at night through fear of rampant crime!)

What about swearing?

1935 - There was the odd one who would, but nothing like today!

1952 - Some members of the class would swear, about two per class.

1993 - Most members were always swearing and blaspheming.

(Now in 2007 - pandemic through society and mirrored/driven by soap operas and other media 'programs')

Television.

1935 - Commercial system was not invented then!

1952 - More fun to play outside.

1993 - Many children were spending in excess of fifty hours a week, almost a third of all the hours in a week.

These children watch programs that glorify death, horror, immorality pain and suffering. The heroes now personify these as virtues! Life for these particular children is becoming sick, they are becoming a desensitised and brutalised youth. They have their neurons programmed to accept this as normal, they have nothing to balance this extreme view of life.

(Now in 2007 – moved to video games so that you personally can kill people – “but it is only ‘make-believe’” however as this website maintains it creates the synapse construction of unrighteous behaviour – driven by thoughts = a symbiotic relationship, being that one drives the other. And further we have “2nd Life” virtual reality where likewise one can do what one likes as “yourself” or any other character that you choose to be. This and all the other paraphernalia that The Internet can offer takes all your time from the daily personal interaction within your real life).

Fierce and hateful.

A member of the 1935 group went back to where he had lived as a teenager. He parked his car on the side of the road and went off to see the place of his roots. He had not gone fifty yards down the road when a Taxi driver shouted at him:

“You are not from here are you! If you where, then you would know not to leave your car there or walk over there! Your car will be stolen and you will be beaten up or mugged!”

Lovers of pleasure.

Have you seen people in your daily life commit acts of fornication, pretend or otherwise?

However on television we have had hundreds of similar such acts thrust upon us - even the heroes are now immoral.

Youngsters of ‘yester-year’ were not exposed to this as being a standard diet. This standard diet becomes ‘the norm’ and they quite rightly ask:

“Why cannot I be part of ‘the norm’!”

What the sociologists (being very worldly wise and these are of those whom I am speaking of) errantly propose that the media does not effect humans is that they are thinking from their own frame of reference when better standards were instilled into their cortex as children. Thus they base their decision making upon this frame of reference rather the moving/changing frame of reference of society as a whole that these new children of today are growing up within. Thus children of today are basing their future decision making upon the standard set today rather than the standard set in the youth of these ‘apparently so-wise’ sociologists. It is this understanding that they cannot get their mind around when they come out with such foolish statements. However we know from The Bible that Yahweh’s standards are not changing (as the world’s standard are during The Last Days of The Gospel Age – which is precisely why this world is becoming ripe for The Millennium and Christ Jesus’ rule).

The Bible prophesied all these things – that is why I can be so adamant and certain with what I state here.

When cars break down, the cause may likely be due to people not following the instructions within the manual.

The Bible says; society will break down because people become 'lovers of themselves'.

This worldly society is like the old car of the example first given above - it is clearly only fit for the scrap heap.

Parents what are we aiming for, with our children?

Matt 22v37-39 *(and Mark.12v30-31)* And he (*Jesus*) said to him: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

This is what we must surely want our children to be like. Hence we must ensure that we behave as we wish our children to behave. We must set an example for them to follow - we must lead from the front.

Always ask of yourself: “What am I showing to my child?”

The Bible reminds the parents:-

Eph 6v4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

One obvious route to provoke someone to anger is to be unreasonable. There is another route and often over-looked by most people, would be the course of no instruction. A child would like to live in a structured and disciplined regime based upon godly wisdom. What a child would come to hate is inconsistency or an unregulated existence where

'anything goes'. A child will always feel secure knowing where the reasonably placed boundaries are. If these boundaries are solid then you know exactly where you stand – this gives confidence and reassurance.

An example would be the fence along the cliff top. You could argue that your liberties were being infringed by the fence being placed there, or you could argue that for safety reasons you are being protected by the fence being placed there.

Unfortunately in this presently very 'corrupt thinking' world, many people would strenuously argue that people should have the right to be allowed to unconsciously stray in a dangerous place and hurt themselves!

However, God wishes the best for His subjects and would wish them to live in a structured society based upon profitable rules that will edify His people. It is this self regulatory mental state that we should get ourselves into, to understand why we should behave as we should with God's creations, based upon God's Laws as given in The Bible.

Examples of this thinking would be:-

Smoking:- Greater chance of cancer or other diseases.

Immorality:- Illegitimate children, spread of sexual disease

Unforgiving:- Become twisted inside and hateful of others.

It is the addition of the understanding why we should not do it by principal that gives us greater strength of not sinning (definition: missing the mark of perfection) in the first instance.

Similarly we as parents should explain the reasoning behind the restrictions that we place upon them. We should not just impart facts but rather being this understanding behind the facts = the consequences/fall-out from the action. We should also explain God's reasoning as we impart the facts contained within The Bible, in this way are putting 'God's mind' into our children's mind. This understanding then benefits our children, which becomes evident within their behaviour.

First step is to find out what is in the child's mind. This should not be done in an intimidating way. Suggest that one should prompt the child into thinking about the subject, for instance ask:-

What difference does it make if we live by God's rules.

These should be the type of non-threatening questions which should be asked to get the child thinking about the situation around them. All everyday circumstances should be brought up and questions asked, guidance given based upon godly wisdom.

It has been surveyed that the average dad spends about one hour per week prime time with a child, and for a mother its one and half hours! Hardly much time to teach a child!

Try and do nice things with a child to bring this union and bond with each other. Once this relationship has been built up, then even during stormy times there is still this bond that both parties can use to find common ground.

Thus in summary:-

1. Set a good example.
2. Correctly teach them to follow Biblical principals.
3. Spend time with them.

Youths - What can they do?

In this following situation a wise adult (parent) would know what to do, but what would a child or youth do?

1. We have a very large box of sweets each invitingly wrapped
and:
2. We have a similar sized box of plain rice.

The question is:- If you had a choice, which one would you take?

The young child would grab the box of sweets. Clearly the child only goes on feelings. The box of sweets looks outwardly attractive and inviting.

However the older that one becomes the more information is gathered during their life. Facts are known. Now the person is able to make a more informed choice. It becomes:

Do I want these sweets?

The argument becomes more balanced.

I know the nutritional facts but chocolate is natural so it could be all right; - hence one can juggle arguments around based upon the information known. So we could know the facts but it then becomes a decision based upon what I desire rather than what is best for me.

The World is similar to this example given.

God offers a box of rice.

It is good and wholesome throughout.

However its packaging is rather dull.

Satan offers the box of sweets.

Its hard outside contains things hidden on the inside.

The packaging is exciting.

The exciting packaging would consist of smoking, drugs, dating, immorality, drinking, good sports/social life neglecting the responsibility of the family, basically fulfilling our immediate self-indulgencies, etc.

One can use a simile of a film that has recently been released as an example of what I am trying to explain. It was about aliens trying to take over the world without the general population realising what was going on. They were using subliminal messages on the various billboards and bright light adverts. There was a human who had special glasses, who when put these on could read directly what the subliminal message was.

I use this as an example of something that we should keep in mind when we consider how we should react and interact with worldly offerings. Use these imaginary glasses to see the poison contained within the outward attractively wrapped sweets. Similarly, use these imaginary glasses to see the foul and evil person behind the facade of an apparently pleasant person offering those 'lovely and inviting' sweets.

1John 5v19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one.

Unfortunately spiritualistic things occur at schools. Children playing with the Ouija board is personally dangerous and apparently strange happenings occurring as a result of this. But even so, only a tiny fraction of the population partake actively in the occult but The Bible says The whole World lies in the power of the evil one (Satan).

How can you tell that this is the case?

Because, everyone is far away from The Almighty God by the any of the worldly practises that they become slaves to. The sweets of The World say: 'Be smart - so why do you not enjoy yourself (and forget the consequences), partake in drugs, smoking, be selfish, sexual intercourse before marriage, divorce (because one or more partner is selfish), be dishonest, do not be different to other people but follow the latest fashions of society, and generally the lack of self control so that you impose the results of your desire onto other people.

Sweets are nice on the outside but that inside is soft and in the example are like poison. We get told from Satan (through his innumerable duped agents in this world) that this is nice, try it (how do you know if you have not tried it - they say); however as we have seen from so many examples of the fate that has befallen others; that when you get to the middle of that tasty sweet, the poison kills you.

Lets take one pleasant sweet as an example:

Children kissing and flirting.

This appeals to the lack of self control.

We should ask:- Is Satan really behind this apparently benign action?

Question:- If Satan is behind something, then as a result, do lovely and good things flow from this?

The answer is an obvious – **No!**

So apply this to the pleasant sweet above.

Read the advice columns in teenage magazines:-

I am 15, I have been out with him, he was alright but now he beats me up. What do I do?

Ans: Do not date at that age.

I am 14 and he is 18, I have been going out with him for a month but he keeps pressing me to have sex with him. What do I do?

Ans: Do not date at that age.

I am 15, and pregnant. What should I do?

Ans: Do not date at that age.

These children are distraught, unhappy and demoralised,

Why?

Because they took the pleasant sweet of kissing and petting at a young age before they had enough experience of life – by learning from the results of others (both positive and negative).

They now must face the traumas of the future due to their actions of the past. If they followed the Biblical teaching (from God) then this would not have happened.

So put these imaginary glasses on, to see who is offering them.

We are able to see what God is offering and what you get for it. You see His ultimate power, great kindness and faithfulness.

Is this just fantasy?

Or, do you just take this for granted?

If you do not even think about this then you have no belief/commitment/entrust at all.

If you think about things, then ask yourself; surely one line of reasoning that points to the existence of God, is that Satan exists within the Voodoo Magic and other unexplained happenings that occur on the earth at present. This line of reasoning is endorsed by the Chinese Yin and Yang culture/religion (as a counterfeit religion to The Truth being a mere observation of life rather).

Look at creation - who believes it?

If there are books and magazines - these have to be created, then obviously there must be authors. We look behind the Bible and the contents of how it is structured (clearly beyond the ability of individual man) then we see a unified force that points to Almighty God.

If the Bible is truly inspired by The Almighty Entity, then it predicts the future with accuracy (its predictions have accurately occurred exactly how, when and where in history as shown in over 200 instances).

There are future prophesies - so what are these?

You must find out for yourself if you want to demonstrate a committed belief in the Bible.

So what is on offer?

An important thing that we can use is our conscience which should be educated in Biblical ways. This conscience (if correctly used) will enable us to answer questions to our conduct. It is not always “No”, all the time, but you must use it wisely.

John 8v32 If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know The Truth, and the truth will make you free (*Yahweh's Truth in directing YOU to becoming free from the shackles of present false worldly understanding*).

If a neighbour has a six foot fence and some vicious dogs. How would you consider the erection of that fence?

Is it your prison - or your protection?

It solely depends upon your perception of the fence, your attitude (which is most often driven by those of other people who themselves are of a worldly understanding) which should be cultivated upon just-minded things.

Clearly now apply this to the pleasant box of sweets given in the example above. All sexual uncleanness and fornication comes from these sweets.

The answer is:

Do not date before you are ready for marriage, and thus able to carry the responsibilities of a marriage commitment.

Thus apply the ruling:

No sex before marriage because generally the fruitage from this leads to problems, 1, 5, 10, 20, 30 years later!

Is this your six foot fence that becomes your prison or your protection for a happy life when you are ready for marriage. It gives you the freedom to grow emotionally without entanglement.

It gives you the freedom to be wise (from accurately applying knowledge = Biblical knowledge) for a successful future.

Rom 6v16-18 Do you not know that if you yield yourselves to any one as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which lead to death, or of obedience which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once of slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

If you do not control your sinful tendencies then they will control you (being 1. the thought processes leading to an unrighteous synapse construction - and 2. subsequent consequences being the required recompense to society)!

And thus you are obeying Satan, hence a slave to him!

The opposite to this is God. You apply His desires as written in The Bible to your life and then you become a slave to God. In becoming a slave to God, your future is solid, built upon rock. This may outwardly appear a tough route to take because you are turning your back on worldly glitz (thrust upon you by your peers); but you avoid the more difficult problems leading from sinful actions. The crux though, is the mental state and neuron connections at the synapse which are reinforced to operate in a corrupt worldly way unless you operate under the 2 Laws of Jesus.

This the worldly corrupted synapse construction will have to be unlearned in The Millennium.

Those who do not, will not survive into Yahweh's “Granary” – being the most righteous society able now to have intercourse with Yahweh's other creations within The Universe – presently ignoring us because of our pariah state!

Consider this example. Life is like a bicycle!

Some people may be happier riding a bike without brakes. They gleefully overtake you on their bike smiling and laughing all the way. They are having a wonderful time.

However brakes are provided to prevent accidents but they do not stop a True Christian from having a lovely time.

What things are asked for from God?

Gal. 6v22-23 The fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.

In conclusion then:-

Use your head as a teenager.

You know the facts.

You must make the correct decision.

Perhaps you may feel that walking close to the edge in life is safe!

You may take the odd risk.

But you know who is offering these sweets and you stand a good chance of being poisoned!

You know what is on offer from Yahweh God.

You know about God, but it is up to you to make the final decisions.

You know who is influencing the world today, the person who is offering immorality, drugs, smoking, drink, etc.

You know that doing things that harm your body or mind and harming these aspects of other people is not correct thinking – and also it is not God's thinking.

Always look at what is behind that being offered (being the reasons for ... and the final outcome of ...).

Some people fail, but this is not necessarily the end. You can pour your heart out to God and He will listen. If He can see that you are sincere and wish to change your course of action and lead a new life, then He will help you to change.

A life that follows God's way is difficult because you are swimming against the flow in this present world, it is hard to deal with, but not impossible.

You are at an age where you are able to use the power of reason - so then use it for your edification!

Changing the example for an atheist. The child can have a box of sweets now or ten thousand pounds tomorrow. The child would choose the box, perhaps the teenager has more self control and would choose the ten thousand pounds tomorrow.

You should know what you would choose.

Do you want those sweets now or a paradise on earth forever in the future?

The sweets from Satan give you this:-

Ps 37v38 But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed; the posterity of the wicked shall be cut off.

But God gives you:-

Ps 37v37 Mark the blameless man, and behold the upright, for there is posterity for the man of peace.

Take the bag of rice from God and have a peaceful future with God forever!