

Sun Valley Bulletin

Sun Valley Church of Christ

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Birmingham, Alabama

Evil Argues For God

Every time I hear of some idealistic fool strapping on a bomb and blowing himself up in order to maim and kill innocent women and children, I am more convinced that there is a God who is just and good and there is a devil who inspires evil, laughing at the inhumanity of humans toward one another. Peter wrote, **"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."**

If you judge that it is evil for Adolf Hitler to slaughter six million Jews just because they were Jews, then you are confessing that there must be a standard of good and an ultimate Judge of all right and wrong. Have you ever looked into the eyes of someone blind with hatred? What can cause someone to fill his heart of such rage? You might tell me that this poor soul was wronged or abused or betrayed and now he seeks blood revenge. The wrong done to him may have been caused by mere self-interest, but then again, that was evil. Evil tends to cascade like dominos: one evil deed leading to another and to another without end. Ingenius, no?

We have this little guy in Iran, strutting

around with great power, huge body-guards scrambling around him everywhere he goes. Israel has done nothing to him but exist, but he declares that he will not permit peace on this earth until every Israeli is dead and the nation has disappeared. His intentions are pure evil although he proclaims to be doing the will of God. Satanic.

In Afganistan, the Taliban announce that they will execute a man in a remote village for being a colaborater with the government in order to lure the soldiers into an ambush. During the ambush, an airstrike is called to target certain pockets of Taliban, but anticipating that, the Taliban have rounded up at random a great number of village women and children and kept them prisoners in the compound that will be struck by the bombs. Those who survive the airstrike are summarily shot in order to incite the people against the soldiers accusing them of killing innocent civilians. Sixty die but they report 200 civilian deaths. Evil. Lying, murder, crazy suicides so that one people may impose their will over another. Look into their eyes if you can and tell me what you see.

Is evil relative? Is there no law that says that this is sin? Is there no God to whom man must give account? tp

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News and Notes

The sick and injured

Unaking and James Currier
Jim Padgett's brother Milton
Paul Stallings' sister-in-law Rhonda
Elaine Phillips

The shut-in

Bernice Odell
Elsie Kirkpatrick
Varina Corbin
Francis Walling
Arranelle Meisner
Osburn and Marjorie Holt

Gospel Meetings

Eastside in Athens

June 12-13

"A Well-Rounded Christian"

9th grade through college age

For study materials, go to the website:

www.eastside-church.org

Southside Lectures

Pasadena, Texas

June 15-18

"Our God, He Is Alive!"

Chuck Durham, Leon Goff, Buddy
Payne, Tim Jennings, and R.J.Stevens

Worship Leaders

Lord's Table: Lee Roy Golden, Larry Courington, Wayne Odell, Joel Resendez

Song Leaders: May 17-Roger Golden, 20-Terry Partain, 24-Fred Watts, 27-Roger Golden

Bible Study Scripture reading
Bible Study Prayer
Sunday AM opening prayer
Sunday AM dismissal prayer
Sunday PM Scripture reading
Sunday PM opening prayer
Sunday PM dismissal
Wednesday PM Scripture reading
Wednesday PM Opening prayer
Wednesday PM Offer invitation
Wednesday PM Closing prayer

This Week

Charles Bain
Fred Watts
Paul Stallings
Bill Lammons
Larry Courington
Roger Golden
Brad Golden
Wayne Odell
Bryan Golden
Roger Golden
Herb Palmer

Next Week

Terry Partain
Don Womble
Jim Padgett
Fred Watts
Roger Golden
Charles Bain
Bill Lammons
Paul Stallings
Larry Courington
Bill Lammons
Forrest Berry

Announcements for May: Herb Palmer - 854-2029