

THIS CHAOTIC WORLD...LACK OF CONVICTION THE PROBLEM

(Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 1:8, 12;) Main Scripture: Mark 8:38

INTRODUCTION: A look at this chaotic world; 2 Tim. 1:7

*Words filled with Doast. Surmiser & Fear*

1. The mass slayer of eight young women in Chicago.  
1. His lawyer will plead insanity for the slayer, Hicks, and he may be placed in a hospital for the mentally ill, released in a year or so cured to go free.

*Conflict rages on a worldwide front*

2. The massacre of 16 people in Austin, Texas last week, Monday August 1, 1966, by Charles J. Whitman, and the wounding of 31 others.  
1. Whether Whitman was mentally deranged is not especially the question: we say that he was but he is dead.  
2. The fact is that such is somewhat typical of our age.  
(1) Apparently his home was torn with dissension, separation of his father and mother with possible divorce.

3. THE Beatles claim made in Birmingham, Alabama this past week of August 1, 1966

1. We are more popular than Jesus Christ.  
2. Christianity is fast passing out of the picture.  
3. The attitude of some: good when they:  
1. Burned Beatle records, some disc jockeys refused to play their records. Some people in Alabama as well as in other places were highly incensed. This good but:  
(1) The Beatles were speaking as they viewed the situation and the action of people.

4. Statements of the great heroes of faith are greatly altered today. Joshua 24:

1. "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." 15  
Joshua might have said, "The first time I think my wife is in the right frame of mind, I will try to have a serious talk with her about religion, I will let you know." "Be sure you are honest in the matter."  
2. "Whither thou goest, I will go!" Ruth 1:14-18. We will try it for a while...see how it works out ETC.  
3. "Here am I, send me!" Issiah 6:8. Isaiah could have said:  
1. I would like to go if I were qualified. 2. I would go if I had the time. I would go if I had the funds with which to go. 3. Why not send so and so he is qualified, he has the time and the funds.

4. In stead of saying, "He that believeth and is baptize shall be saved!" Jesus might have said, "Belief is good enough, and this matter of baptism is up to the individual anyway, and too there is too much prejudice for me to mention baptism, or press the matter." Mark 16:16

5. In Athens Paul said, "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are too superstitious. (23) For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an alter with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore you ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." Acts 17:22, 23

1. Paul might have said, "Ye men of Athens, you are very religious, I came here to preach to you, but seeing how religious you really are, I will just move on to Corinth. I would advise you that you go to your church and I will go to mine and we will all get to heaven at the same time."