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A PREFACE¹ TO CIVILIZATION AT RISK: SEEDS OF WAR²

The evil that permeates sex trafficking, prostitution, pornography, sexual assault, and attendant murder is not going to stop; but, it can be discouraged and abated and people's lives spared the "incalculable damage"³ such evil inflicts. I challenge you to take on the fight. Reading this book will bring you into the fray; and, you will garner any number of ideas, as to how to carry yourself in this battle, whether it is through Criminal Justice; the Law; Medicine, to include Nursing; research and writing; serving a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) involved in the fight, or a governmental organization; politics, local, regional, state, or national; the choice is yours. And, for those of you who are able, a donation goes a long way: The Justice & Mercy Initiative at Bryan College is just one of many worthy initiatives to fight trafficking in persons; please, consider: www.bryan.edu/jmi.

It is important for you to note that all of the author's proceeds, for the writing of this book, go directly to the Justice & Mercy Initiative. I cannot, will not, profit from the misery of the victims of human trafficking; so, any donations go directly to create awareness, to educate, and to fight the battles that are possible to fight.

The scourge will continue; and, tomorrow's press will detail more abuse, more crime, and more tragedy for the victims of human trafficking. Many, not in the media, have equally important ideas, and some have more important ideas to share on the subject; their words will be well worth considering. Thank you for considering mine.

INTRODUCTION

Because Lawlessness Will Be Increased,

The Love of Many Will Grow Cold⁴

There are five areas of immediate concern that link directly to the spectre of human trafficking; these are the core premises.

An overarching canopy covering, yet integrating, these areas of concern,⁵ is the field of economics; and, the question that is raised: “Is human trafficking, today, the result of unjust economic structures?”⁶ The corollary to this question is: To what extent is poverty⁷ the underlying cause of human trafficking? Accordingly, the impoverished are the first concern of this paper: Much is being written and spoken about the poor, today; and, this is a very good thing.⁸ The second area of immediate concern is the plight of the orphan and the orphan’s vulnerability to human traffickers, e.g., orphans in Ukraine may be among the most vulnerable children in the world today. Couple this with the turmoil that is roiling the country, driven in large part by Russia’s threat to Eastern Ukraine, and the plight of these children begs for a solution that goes beyond diplomacy and multinational agreements. Save the children⁹ takes on new meaning in this light. The third area of immediate concern involves the missing child and the runaway. The fourth area is that of the homeless in our civilization and their vulnerability to being trafficked, which state is exacerbated almost beyond comprehension with the worst migrant crisis since World War II¹⁰ spreading across the continent of Europe, as well as across parts of the United States. The fifth area of immediate concern, which is inextricably linked to homelessness, is immigration; and, I will raise an immigration conundrum that needs to be addressed.

OVERVIEW

In Part I, Core Premises, i.e., the impoverished; orphans; missing children and runaways; the homeless; and, the sojourner, asylum seekers, refugees, migrants, and immigrants; comprise the collective most vulnerable to human trafficking. As tragic as their situations are and will be, “Seeds of Hope” offer a counterpoint. Finally, common morality, politics, model building, and equality, come into play to conclude Part I.

In Part II, I address a crime all too prevalent in Western Civilization, as well as in the world at large: Rape. The focus for this report is rape in American culture. The female victim of rape shares a tragic bond with the female victim of human trafficking. As in Part I, there are “Seeds of Hope,” which are offered as counterpoints to the horrors these women and children face.

Part III illustrates the dark side of human nature, the *Heart of Darkness*. “Because lawlessness will be increased” and “wars and rumors of war” prove all too true, “the love of many will grow cold.” The African menaces unleash a depth of evil that is hard to grasp, but which must be confronted. Unfortunately, for all the horrors playing out in parts of Africa and the Near East, “Seeds of Hope” are not emerging. It will take time, brave hearts, and strong wills to counter such evil.

In Part IV, I present models of honor and courage; of faithfulness and integrity. Utilizing a fictional case study, followed by a real life case study, the virtue of sacrifice is joined to the expectation of hope, to offer models from which male and female, young and old, can take inspiration. A beautiful film is set as counterpoint to a real life of honor and courage, faithfulness and integrity, which came to an all too brief and violent end, but not before these virtues crystallized in a defining heroic moment, in 20th Century history.

In Part V, I offer two case studies in *Leadership, Ethics & Decision Making*¹¹: Two United States Senators, standing as William Wilberforces, against the Spectre of human trafficking; and, a husband and wife team doing for the victims of human trafficking what few would want to attempt. The last shall be first.

In Part VI, I revisit a remarkable life; a hero’s words of encouragement; and, present these lasting memories, as a vision, which you, the reader, can grasp, hold on to, and use, as a challenge in your own life to “go the extra

mile” for a stranger. As for my part, in my concluding words to you, expressed in the final chapter, the “Author’s Final Note,” I have no idea what I am going to say to you; so, just read on.

And, Part VII is too important to ignore; so, don’t.

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

¹ This Preface originated, almost in its entirety, in the Thirty Third Chapter of *Civilization at Risk: Seeds of Strife*, more specifically, the “Author’s Note.” With the exception of a few deletions and the changing of a few tenses, I have brought “One More Dawn” to the beginning of this manuscript for the express purpose of asking the reader to give it the attention, I fear, it did not receive in *Seeds of Strife*. Thank you for this consideration.

² Credit: Letter from Samuel K. Alexander, J.D., M.Phil., PhD. The theme for the 2008 Oxford [University] Round Table was, “Civilization at Risk: Seeds of Strife. Dr. Alexander served as the 2008 Round Table Chairman. I took the title for my original abstract and paper from his introductory letter to me, of October 8, 2007. This, then, became the title for my first book. *Civilization at Risk: Seeds of War* is a continuation of this theme.

³ Judge Paul Barbadoro, from Chapter Thirty Three of *Civilization at Risk: Seeds of Strife*.

⁴ The Bible. English Standard Version. Crossway Bibles, Wheaton, Illinois. 2008. The quotation is from Matthew 24:12.

⁵ My initial draft had “research,” but I concluded that this would be a pretentious use of the word, certainly, this early in the manuscript.

⁶ Tyler-Wigg Stevenson, “The World Is Not Ours To Save,” Bryan College, April 9, 2014.

⁷ It should be noted that this is the latest research area for Gary Haugen, founder of the International Justice Mission (IJM), which operates world-wide to rescue victims of human trafficking, i.e., *The Locust Effect*, by Gary Haugen and Victor Boutros has, as its subtitle, *Why the End of Poverty Requires the End of Violence*. In a dust cover comment, former U.S. President Bill Clinton inveighs that, “we cannot turn a blind eye to the violence that threatens our common humanity.”

⁸ Pope Francis has the poor at the top of his agenda and rightly so. Bill and Melinda Gates are investing their fortune heavily in an attempt to relieve poverty. These world leaders [and, I include the Gates in this category] are doing invaluable work in this area of immediate concern.

⁹ An international organization devoted to the rights of children.

¹⁰ I am remiss in not being able to attribute this statement beyond a news cast from National Public Radio (NPR), on this date, 22 September 2015, which ran at 5:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. I do not multitask well [Actually, nobody does; multitasking is a myth. See, *The Digital Invasion*, by Hart and Hart Frejd.]; and, as I was driving to Bryan College to hold an evening class [The Public Administration of Criminal Justice] I, probably, averted an accident by not trying to search for pen and paper to write more than I am at this time (7:40 hours, according to my laptop clock). This said, I have read *The Economist* since 1969,

when I taught school in Den Haag (The Hague) in The Netherlands (at The American International School of The Hague). It even is difficult for me to recycle [I never could throw away] old copies of *The Economist*; so, being a few weeks behind in my reading, I discovered a reference to this very subject, i.e., 15 million refugees after World War II. See Leaders, “Exodus,” as found in the September 12th, 2015 edition, P. 13.

¹¹ Edited by Douglas M. Brattebo and Eloise F. Malone and published by Lanahan, Baltimore, Maryland.

THESIS:
“BECAUSE LAWLESSNESS
WILL BE INCREASED,
THE LOVE OF MANY WILL GROW COLD”¹

PART I:
CORE PREMISES

**THE FIRST PREMISE:
THE IMPOVERISHED**

CHAPTER ONE

“FOR YOU ALWAYS HAVE THE POOR WITH YOU”²

In the Introduction, I cited five areas of immediate concern, which are interconnected and which, accordingly, link directly to human trafficking. As an example of this interconnectedness, the first area of concern, for the impoverished, is inseparably linked to the second area, the plight of the orphan; and, so the linkage continues, through the five areas of immediate concern. Consider, if you will:

“To what extent is poverty the underlying cause of human trafficking?”³ To begin this discussion, let me use the words of a missionary to Ukraine:

Ukraine is a poor country, many struggle financially – how do you imagine orphans, with no familial help, will fare, entering the world that costs money, on their own, at such young ages?⁴

Again the missionary speaks to the problem. Consider this, if you will:

My friend, whom I previously mentioned as having graduated from the orphanage and trade school, said that girls in the orphanage usually end up in one of two camps, those who become tough and hard and fighters, in order to protect themselves and others; and, those who give in, also a mode of survival, but this one giving in to the requests and demands, in order to get something in return, or just to get by. The life these children live steals their innocence – steals their childhood, steals the security children naturally should find and seek in a family.⁵

Please, note this caveat:

As grad orphans they are treated as second class citizens. They are not given the same opportunities as others.⁶

If there isn't a clearer scenario, as to how poverty can be a root cause of human trafficking, exacerbating the plight of the orphan, I will listen to your argument.

Poverty is relative to time and place, e.g., consider the contrast in what

is considered poverty in the United States (U.S.), versus what is considered poverty in Ukraine; regardless, extreme poverty, such as exists in many countries around the world, is a breeding ground for human traffickers and their evil schemes.⁷

Regardless of the progress that is being made to stem the tide of poverty in the world, there is a little known factor that is integral to poverty and which needs to be considered:

Research has found that social integration is more important for well-being than income, and also decreases poverty.⁸

Consider this:

Income can be a misleading measure of need because poor people end up living in different degrees of hardship depending on their intangible resources. Having strong social bonds eases financial deprivation. Friends and relatives can lend money, pool risk, mind children and bring news of job openings.⁹

But, unfortunately:

The more concentrated the poverty, the less helpful social networks tend to be. In Atlanta, living in a poor neighborhood decreases the chances of having a friend with a job by almost 60 %¹⁰

This intriguing research serves to focus the plight of the orphan, missing children and runaways, and the homeless, who are three of the five immediate concerns of this author, and who well may prove to be the more vulnerable to being trafficked for the very reasons that this research serves to highlight: Having the strong social bonds referenced above may serve the sojourner, as well as the victim of sexual assault in ways that the orphan, the missing child and/or the runaway, and the homeless person cannot expect to be served. In conclusion:

The United States has the strongest economic structure, in the world, today. All this said, do not, for a second, think that the United States is immune to human trafficking: There are estimated to be 300,000 child prostitutes in the U.S., to include free trade zones and military bases;¹¹ trafficking is rife on our border with Mexico, as gangs prey upon innocent families trying to enter the United States, kidnapping the women and children to be sold as sex slaves; and, 66,000¹² children have made their way into the U.S. from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, “to find shelter from mental and physical abuse, torture, rape, sex trafficking, and murder.”¹³

**THE SECOND PREMISE:
THE ORPHAN**

CHAPTER TWO

THE PLIGHT OF ORPHANS AND THEIR VULNERABILITY TO HUMAN TRAFFICKERS

Focus: “The Plight of the Ukrainian Orphan”¹⁴

The following story “depict[s one of] the lowest places humanity can descend to”.¹⁵

It was reported that the director of an orphanage in Ukraine offered two men, who met with him, before they led a team of volunteers to stay and work with the orphans, “any girl at the orphanage, if they wanted.”¹⁶ To these men’s credit they were “appalled and heartbroken over this reality that the girls in the orphanage . . . face.” These men showed the integrity of Joshua’s spies in the presence of the prostitute, Rahab. Needless to say, it is an “often-heard statistic that . . . girls . . . leave [the orphanage] and become trafficked, prostitutes, or taken advantage of.”¹⁷ This latter reality, an innocent girl being taken advantage of, is the invisible statistic, a sin, if not a crime,¹⁸ that we know happens; but, one which we cannot begin to quantify, as we can, to a certain extent, the victims of modern day slavery.¹⁹