What Happened to Right and Wrong?
Does it really make a difference?
Murder records spreading to more big cities, suburbs

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The USA rings in the New Year with what’s becoming an annual tradition: the setting of record murder rates.

With two days left in the bloodiest year ever, at least 23 big cities beat records — some for the third straight year.

Eight other major cities are on the verge of joining that list.

Tracking a surge in murders,

Experts see no leveling off until the end of the decade.

“This is not a problem in one neighborhood or one segment of the city. It’s the whole city,” says police chief Bill Rathburn of Dallas, which set a record.

USA TODAY’s survey shows:

► Medium-size cities once thought immune from the murder terror of the Goths are setting their own records.

► Killing has seeped into the suburbs.

Disputes among friends or family members remain a top cause, followed by the drug trade and rising gang activity — all fueled by easy access to firearms, historically used in 3 of every 5 murders.

Experts agree that drug violence has cheapened life.

“We are going to have to work a little harder to convince people that life is worth living,” says police chief John We.

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KIDS WHO KILL

What's behind the epidemic of teenage murder
1. God’s laws no longer apply.
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2. His Commandments have been abolished.
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4. His Commandments are impossible to keep.
HOSEA 8:7

“They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind ...”
PROVERBS 16:25

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”
2 TIMOTHY 4:3

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires,
2 TIMOTHY 4:3

because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers.”
“And they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”
EXODUS 20:2

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”
EXODUS 20:3-17

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

I. You shall have no other gods before Me...
Exodus 20:3-17
The 10 Commandments

11. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. . . you shall not bow down to them . . .
III. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain...
IV. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor ... but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God ...
Exodus 20:3-17

V. Honor your father and your mother...
VI. You shall not murder ...
EXODUS 20:3-17

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

VII. You shall not commit adultery.
VIII. You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.
wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”
“When the LORD finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai,
He gave him the two tablets of the Testimony,
the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.”
“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,
but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.”
REVELATION 12:9

“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world;
he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”
“Bless the LORD, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments . . .”
“...Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?”
GENESIS 4:7

“If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door...”
“... where no law is, there is no transgression.”
Transgression:
“... breach of a law, duty, etc.; sin.”
“Because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”
“...My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife.
How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"
“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?’”
“So the people rested on the seventh day.”
The Ten Commandments
1 Corinthians 14:33

“For God is not the author of confusion...”
1 CORINTHIANS 14:40

“Let all things be done decently and in order.”
“For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God’s sight,
ROMANS 2:13

but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.”
“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”
“...You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”
MATTHEW 22:38

“This is the first and great commandment.”
MATTHEW 22:39

“The second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”
MATTHEW 22:40

“On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”
THE LAW

I
Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

II
Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

III
Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:

I
I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

IV
Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will require him that taketh His name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, thy ox, nor thy ass, nor any stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
Love to God

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- Our worship will be reserved for Him alone
Love to God

- We will respect and reverence His Holy Name
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- We will be anxious to keep our appointment with Him each Sabbath
Love to our Neighbor

- Respect and honor our parents
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- Value life
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- Value life
- Preserve morality
Love to our Neighbor

- Respect the property of others
Love to our Neighbor

- Respect the property of others

- Be honest in our relationships with each other
Love to our Neighbor

- Not covet that which belongs to another
PSALM 19:7

“The law of the LORD is perfect converting the soul...”
PSALM 19:11

“...And in keeping them there is great reward.”
“Law is only the transcript of God’s nature.”

— August Strong
Theologian
The Ten Commandments are but a profile of God’s character — character that is unchangeable!
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II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

IV. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X. Thou shalt not covet;
“And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail.”
“O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments always,
DEUTERONOMY 5:29

that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!"
ROMANS 3:20

“...by the law is the knowledge of sin.”
Romans 7:7

“...I would not have known sin except through the law.”
For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, ‘You shall not covet.’”
“...If there had been a law given which could have given life,
truly righteous would have been by the law.”
ROMANS 6:23

“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”
“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God,
not of works, lest any man should boast.”
“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?”
“God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”
THINK ABOUT THIS:

NO LAW
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NO SIN
THINK ABOUT THIS:

NO GRACE
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NO CROSS
THINK ABOUT THIS:

NO SAVIOR
Law points out sin
HEBREWS 8:10

“...I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts...”
... I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."
“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”
“...O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”
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2. Could not change law.
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,"
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
THE Revelation of Jesus Christ,

which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.

John 3:32 • Rev. 22:6 • John 21:25

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 "I was in the Spirit on the Day, and I heard a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."
REVELATION 14:12

“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”
"Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man,"
REVELATION 14:14

having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.”
REVELATION 12:17

“And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring,
REVELATION 12:17

who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”
THE REVELATION

of Jesus Christ

20:1

Now I saw a great white throne and He who sat on it. The earth and the heaven fled away from the presence of the One who sat, and the sea also fled.

20:2

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and every one received根据其行为报应。...
REVELATION 22:17

“. . . And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”