

**FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH**

**By: Chester E. Brost**

Crime. What is crime? Why do we have crime? Crime is in our newspapers. Crime is on our televisions. Crime is in our courts, our police stations, our businesses and even our government.

The criminal that robs a person on the street for a few dollars gets life. The criminal that steals our life savings gets fined. Who decides what crime is; the people? The state? Big business? A higher power? Are crimes created out of respect of the will, or autonomy of the will? Are crimes created out of dignity, or perhaps the supreme principles of morality?

People become criminals for a plethora of reasons. There are crimes of hate, and crimes of passion. There are crimes of lust, and crimes of jealousy. Men kill their wives, and women kill their husbands. Children kill their teachers, and Holy Men abuse their flock. There's armed robbery, and petty theft. People steal for greed, and people steal to eat. People even steal people.

People drink, and then they drive. People snort, and then they smoke. There's the sociopath, and the psychopath. The antisocial, and the lunatic. But, what is a person when they can do nothing else? When they have reached the pinnacle of realization that nothing in their power can change their circumstance, yet, they must survive?

Survival is a biological imperative, it is the human condition. When we brake we mend. When we bleed we heal. We even callus when we work to overcome the burden. Our muscles grow when we use them so that we may endure. And, our knowledge even becomes vast through our life experiences.

When does a person decide, that in order to survive, they can no longer abide? When all hope has perished? When they have become backed into the proverbial corner? Is a desperate act really a crime?

Must we stigmatize those whom have been remanded to our penal institutions? When does a person become a criminal? When you commit a crime are you a criminal? When you kill a person, are you a murderER, or did you kill a person? You don't become a carpenter by driving one nail.

How do we punish? Why is punishment in the equation of repentance? Is it really for the correction of the offender, or the direction of others? How do decades of banishment encapsulate justice without the inclination for revenge? Why, for the vast array of crimes, is there only one solution? Can there really be only one solution?

Are an injury and an act of justice so related to each other that he who conceives on MUST conceive the other, that one cannot have the notion of injustice without the notion of justice? And, that both justice and injustice lie, as it were, in one line, and resemble the relations of greater, less, and equal?

But, when is justice NOT justice? Who decides moral turpitude? The just? How does the concept of justice disregard the concept of duty and moral obligation? The very conception of Justice implies this obligation. Is there more than one degree of what is just? Or, merely different degrees of those who receive justice?

Why is it an imperative that our medias continuously remind us of the unjust, the police and the system as a whole? And, why are only the unreformed recidivists paraded before us while the rehabilitated are ridiculed for their achievements, and shunned as if there are no offenders that have been restored to useful citizenship, and at liberty within society? Is this our refuge, our safe-zone? Do we seek comfort from this, or do we find it there? This is just FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH.

I also want to thank all of you for your letters and kind words. I really didn't expect quite such a response. My book: WHY ME? A Practical Guide for Protecting Yourself and Your Children from Sexual predators, that so many of you have asked about, will be available soon. I will also continue to do my very best at answering all of your questions and writing about your interests. Thank you. Ride safe and have a happy holiday season.

Chuck

**TIPS & TRICKS By Dr. Gizmo Doodad**

Well gang once again it's time to hear from America's favorite leading expert on Faux-erudition motorcycle sciences. The good doctor will answer your MC questions with enlightenment and true nirvana. So as they used to say on the 12-inch black and white TV screen of the 1950's "Keep those cards and letters coming in." You can email your questions to the Doctor at [drgdoodad@yahoo.com](mailto:drgdoodad@yahoo.com) Without further ado; let's get to this month's mailbag.

**PROVIDENCE SHALL PROVIDE**

Dear Dr. Gizmo Doodad,

Since you are so darn smart how come you're not rich?  
Bill G. via the Internet-Seattle, Wash.

Bill

The answer is simple. I am a humanitarian. A humanitarian is a philanthropist. A philanthropist is a generous person. A generous person is wealthy. Next question.

**TREE HUGGER**

Dear Dr. G

I am very concerned about the environment. I have been reading about the evolution of low pollution and pollution free vehicles. Do you think that the development of a pollution free two-wheeler is on the horizon?

Greasy Joe-Pittsburgh, PA

Grease,

I share your concern about the environment. As a matter of fact a pollution free two-wheeled vehicle has been developed. It's called a bicycle.

**Rubber down, chrome up. C U next time. G.D.**

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