



Why Is Nothing Secure? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

Question: *What can "the gospel" do with so much turmoil and trouble unraveling lives?*

Answer:

The world has always tended toward the chaotic, since created mankind sinned in it (**Genesis 1:31; 3:9-19**). It is God of whom it is said:

You have made the earth tremble; You have broken it; Heal its breaches, for it is shaking (**Psalms 60:2**).

And occasionally, when someone who seemed to have the world at his feet is taken down,

[Humanity] will gaze at you, [And] consider you, [saying: 'Is] this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms...? (**Isaiah 14:16**).

Our personal worlds are shaken by what once seemed unshakable: divorce (no parental constant), home abuses (no personal protected "space"), abortion (no maternal love and devotion to each child), company "downsizing" (no income constant), wars and crime (no safety constant). In fact, police and metal detectors in schools, militia presence and intimate searches in airports, stacks of quadruplicate forms in pharmacies, mountains of government regulations on marketable items all prove one thing: people do not trust people to do right. Our own personal safety has become our focus instead of helping others.

From the Second Amendment, U.S. Constitution of 1791 which said, "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed" to Police & Fire Departments in every community; from locks on house doors and windows to computer virus detectors & Internet firewalls; of this we may be certain: there is nothing on earth of which we may be totally certain!

WHY IS "SECURITY" NOT SECURE?

People want to hear "security," whether truth and facts are on their side or not. This is reflected in the following:

Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, the "Iraqi Information Minister," as American tanks rumbled into Baghdad, was telling many microphones, "We are in control," he said. "They are in a state of hysteria. Losers, they

think that by killing civilians and trying to distort the feelings of the people they will win. I think they will not win..." Safwan Intaher, a legal researcher who was relaxing after work on Monday at a coffee shop in downtown Cairo, Egypt, said: "He makes us feel better." (From *Knight-Ridder Newspapers*, Washington Bureau, April 8, 2003)

Al- Sahhaf disappeared from the public April 8, 2003. Other "Sahhaf-isms:"

"They're not even [within] 100 miles [of Baghdad]. They are not in any place. They hold no place in Iraq. This is an illusion... they are trying to sell to the others an illusion."

"We made them drink poison last night and Saddam Hussein's soldiers and his great forces gave the Americans a lesson which will not be forgotten by history. Truly."

"No! We have retaken the airport! There are no Americans there! I will take you there and show you! In one hour!"

"Their forces committed suicide by the hundreds... The battle is very fierce and God made us victorious. The fighting continues."

"Yesterday, we slaughtered them and we will continue to slaughter them."

The Devil falsely guarantees:

- no fault sin (**Genesis 3:4, 9-19**);
- guardian angels to protect from life's dangers (**Matthew 4:5-7** [**Psalm 91:11-12**]); or
- that "godliness is a means of gain" (**I Timothy 6:5-6**);
- that there will be no final Day of Judgment (**Acts 17:30-31**).

Because people see only "surface" security, they completely ignore the truth spoken by our Creator's word. "There is no truth in" the Devil, and all who lie are his children, not God's children (**John 8:44- 47**).

MORE WORLDLY EXAMPLES SHOW INSECURITIES:

"Entertainment" is derived from TV programs that graphically depict the agony of rejection most school children and adults try to avoid (e.g. types like "Survivor," "Bachelor," "Bachelorette," "Married by"). It is ludicrous to think a solid "relationship" of any worth can be based upon one in a couple only being glad not to be rejected by the other couple member! This makes it fear-based, not a giving relationship.

However God's Word says:

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us (**1 John 4:17-19**).

The only secure human relationships are those grounded in love as God intended it to be (**Matthew 19:1-10**; **Colossians 3:18-25**).

Politically, representatives who uphold Federal/ State Government control over every aspect of life are elected by people who will:

- remain a "voting bloc" continually frightened by threats to deplete and/ or shake-up Social Security;
- tolerate intrusive personal searches at airports and schools;
- pay for cars having a plethora of mandated self-limiting equipment;
- desire total regulation of air, water and food;
- let government and/ or insurance companies determine health-treatments and medications --
- all "guarantees of health and safety."

However God's Word says:

There is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God (**Romans 13:1**);

We ought to obey God rather than men (**Acts 5:29**);

[and Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar learned] the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses (**Daniel 4:32**).

All government programs and medical schemes that obscure God's hand from the peoples' sight are Devil- centered and not God- centered.

Societally, people:

buy armloads of insurance policies for material possessions and lives; load courts with lottery- like litigation; want government doles and minimum wage increases without work; expect passing school grades without learning, and undeserved scholarships. They all seek one goal: material security.

However God's Word says:

Jesus said, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (**Luke 12:15**).

God decreed men should work for a living (**Genesis 3:19**); share with the needy (**Ephesians 4:28**); and refuse to support the lazy (**2 Thessalonians 3:10**). Reward without earning it destroys self esteem and society! In **Matthew 6:19-21** Jesus taught that earth's treasures cannot be completely protected on earth. The only lasting investment is what is given in heavenly service. Economic "ups and downs" are man- made, but heavenly investments have only "ups."

Religiously, some mistakenly use:

- 1) wars and rumors of wars to signal the end of the world;
- 2) "once-saved- always-saved" to teach a "security of the soul";
- 3) material prosperity to secure one's spirituality and God's blessing;
- 4) "heroic deaths" to secure salvation in eternity;
- 5) worshiping God to entertain humans.

However God's Word says:

- 1) The End and Judgment will come unexpectedly (**1 Thessalonians 5:1-4**);
- 2) practicing righteousness (known as "obedience") makes one born again (**1 John 2:29; 3:7; Romans 16:25-27**);
- 3) material gain is not godliness (**1 Timothy 6:5-10**);

- 4) not dying for someone else, but appropriating Christ's death for one's own self gives hope in eternity (**John 15:12-14; Hebrews 5:8-9; Romans 6:1-12**);
- 5) "spirit and truth" rule (**John 4:24; Colossians 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 1 Thessalonians 2:4**).

THERE IS NO SECURITY WITHOUT GOD.

Religious and government leaders ordered Jesus' tomb to be made "as secure as you know how" (**Matthew 27:62-66**), but to no avail (**Matthew 28:1-6**). Government leaders surround themselves with "defenders" yet know no true security (**Job 24:22-24**). General Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964) said: "There is no security on this earth, there is only opportunity." Job said life's uncertainties are in God's hand, whether a person is weak or strong (**Job 21:22-26, Cf. verse 30**).

Without God, there is no guarantee of tomorrow (**Proverbs 27:1**), continued jobs or business (**James 4:13-17**), good health and prosperity (**Luke 12:16-23**), or salvation (**2 Thessalonians 1:7-10**).

The only true security lies in the fulfilled covenant and promise God made to Abraham, which gives hope for now and in the hereafter to those whose obedience places them "in Christ" (**Galatians 3:15-29; Hebrews 6:9-10; 10:19-31; Hebrews 12:1-11**). This gives security of the soul, not soil, that regardless of events on earth that may jeopardize life or cause death, one's soul is committed to God (**Luke 23:46; Mark 10:28-30**). Paul declared,

Godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come (**1 Timothy 4:8**).

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