

Let's Talk - Madness of Our Times

Part Two

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Deuteronomy 28:28 (ESV)

28 The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of mind,

Ecclesiastes 9:3 (NLT)

3 It seems so tragic that everyone under the sun suffers the same fate. That is why people are not more careful to be good. Instead, they choose their own mad course, for they have no hope. There is nothing ahead but death anyway.

"Collective madness is called sanity .."

—Paulo Coelho, *Veronika Decides to Die*

"Crazy people don't know they're crazy.

I know I'm crazy, therefore I am not crazy. Isn't that crazy?"

—Johnny Depp as Captain Jack Sparrow, *Pirates of the Caribbean*

Transgender Madness

Genesis 5:2 (NLT2)

2 He created them male and female, and he blessed them and called them "human."

Romans 1:22 (NLT2)

22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools.

Let's Talk Madness

1. You're _____, Not Crazy

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Jesus' own family—

Mark 3:21 (NLT)

21 When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.

The religious crowd—

John 10:20-21 (TEV)

20 Many of them were saying, "He has a demon! He is crazy! Why do you listen to him?" 21 But others were saying, "A man with a demon could not talk like this! How could a demon give sight to blind people?"

What we don't know about, we fear. And what we fear, we attack.

Paul was labeled a crazy fanatic—

Acts 26:24 (NCV)

24 While Paul was saying these things to defend himself, Festus said loudly, "Paul, you are out of your mind! Too much study has driven you crazy!"

Paul's response—

Acts 26:25 (NCV)

25 Paul said, "Most excellent Festus, I am not crazy. My words are true and sensible."

2. Mob Madness is _____

Luke 23:18-42 (GNB)

The whole crowd cried out, "Kill him! Set Barabbas free for us!"

**"Madness is something rare in individuals —
but in groups, parties, peoples, and ages it is the rule."
—Friedrich Nietzsche**

3. Jesus Makes the Insane _____

Luke 8:35 (NLT)

35 People rushed out to see what had happened. A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been freed from the demons. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid.

Luke 8:37 (NLT)

37 And all the people in the region of the Gerasenes begged Jesus to go away and leave them alone, for a great wave of fear swept over them. So Jesus returned to the boat and left, crossing back to the other side of the lake.

**"I can calculate the motion of heavenly bodies,
but not the madness of people."
—Sir Isaac Newton**

Big Takeaway from the Message—

Your mind needs a mask to protect you from the mad-virus! Keep drinking the water from the well of salvation, not what the world is offering.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Application Point—

Constantly cultivate a biblical worldview, allowing your assumptions and beliefs to be challenged by Holy Spirit and the Holy Scriptures, while seeking godly and wise counsel from godly leaders.

ANSWERS:

1. PECULIAR

2. CONTAGIOUS

3. SANE