

## A CHALLENGE TO EACH ONE OF US

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

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Report of the address given by Darrell Scott to the United States House Judiciary Committee's sub-committee. Darrell is the father of Rachel Scott a victim of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colorado on 20 April 1999,

In his message he directly attributed the violence in American Schools to the prohibition of prayer in U.S. Schools and suggested that the blame for the violence lay with the legislators who retained that legislation.

It is a powerful and challenging message which requires that each of us who call ourselves by the Name of "Christ" examine our hearts to assess whether we are willing to be outspoken and tell the world the truth, no matter what the audience.

## KEY WORDS / KEY PHRASES

United States Congress, Columbine High School shootings, boldness, courage, speak the truth, prayer, school violence, legislation, violence.

## SUMMARY

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## INTRODUCTION

The article was received by us as an email on 25 April 2001 under the heading: "What The World Needs Is Jesus". The date the address to Congress took place is unknown and there is no independent confirmation that this address to Congress took place. However, the message is valid and extremely challenging to each one of us who call ourselves by the Name of "Christ".

In essence, each must ask themselves the question: "If presented with an opportunity to address a National Forum where matters of Spiritual significance are implicit. Am i prepared to stand up and be counted for God or will i seek to avoid offending men?"
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## WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS IS JESUS

On Thursday, Darrell Scott, the father of Rachel Scott, a victim of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colorado, was invited to address the House Judiciary Committee's sub-committee. What he said to our national leaders during this special session of Congress was painfully truthful. They were not prepared for what he was to say, nor was it received well.

It needs to be heard by every parent, every teacher, every politician, every sociologist, every psychologist, and every so-called expert!

These courageous words spoken by Darrell Scott are powerful, penetrating, and deeply personal. There is no doubt that God sent this man as a voice crying in the wilderness.

The following is a portion of the transcript:
"Since the dawn of creation there has been both good \& evil in the hearts of men and women. We all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence. The death of my wonderful daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, and the deaths of that heroic teacher, and the other eleven children who died must not be in vain.

## "Their blood cries out for answers.

"The first recorded act of violence was when Cain slew his brother, Abel, out in the field. The villain was not the club he used. Neither was it the NCA,
the National Club Association. The true killer was Cain, and the reason for the murder could only be found in Cain's heart.
"In the days that followed the Columbine tragedy, I was amazed at how quickly fingers began to be pointed at groups such as the NRA. I am not a member of the NRA. I am not a hunter. I do not even own a gun. I am not here to represent or defend the NRA - because I don't believe that they are responsible for my daughter's death. Therefore I do not believe that they need to be defended. If I believed they had anything to do with Rachel's murder I would be their strongest opponent.
"I am here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy - it was a spiritual event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies! Much of the blame lies here in this room. Much of the blame lies behind the pointing fingers of the accusers themselves.
"I wrote a poem just four nights ago that expresses my feelings best. This was written way before I knew I would be speaking here today:
"Your laws ignore our deepest needs,
"Your words are empty air.
"You've stripped away our heritage,
"You've outlawed simple prayer.
"Now gunshots fill our classrooms,
"And precious children die.
"You seek for answers everywhere,
"And ask the question "Why?"
"You regulate restrictive laws,
"Through legislative creed."
"And yet you fail to understand,
"That God is what we need!"
"Men and women are three-part beings.
"We all consist of body, soul, and spirit.
"When we refuse to acknowledge a third part of our make-up, we create a void that allows evil, prejudice, and hatred to rush in and reek havoc."
"Spiritual presences were present within our educational systems for most of our nation's history. Many of our major colleges began as theological seminaries. This is a historical fact. What has happened to us as a nation?
"We have refused to honor God, and in so doing, we open the doors to hatred and violence. And when something as terrible as Columbine's tragedy occurs - politicians immediately look for a scapegoat such as the NRA. They immediately seek to pass more restrictive laws that contribute to erode away our personal and private liberties. We do not need more restrictive laws."
"Eric and Dylan would not have been stopped by metal detectors. No amount of gun laws can stop someone who spends months planning this type of massacre. The real villain lies within our own hearts.
"Political posturing and restrictive legislation are not the answers. The young people of our nation hold the key. There is a spiritual awakening taking place that will not be squelched!
"We do not need more religion. We do not need more gaudy television evangelists spewing out verbal religious garbage. We do not need more million dollar church buildings built while people with basic needs are being ignored.
"We do need a change of heart and a humble acknowledgment that this nation was founded on the principle of simple trust in God!"
"As my son Craig lay under that table in the school library and saw his two friends murdered before his very eyes - He did not hesitate to pray in school.
"I defy any law or politician to deny him that right!
"I challenge every young person in America, and around the world, to realize that on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School, prayer was brought back to our schools.
"Do not let the many prayers offered by those students be in vain. Dare to move into the new millennium with a sacred disregard for legislation that violates your God-given right to communicate with Him.
"To those of you who would point your finger at the NRA - I give to you a sincere challenge. Dare to examine your own heart before casting the first stone!
"My daughter's death will not be in vain!
"The young people of this country will not allow that to happen!"

Do what the media did not - let the nation hear this man's speech.
Please send this out to everyone you can!!!
>>> ARTICLE ENDS $\lll$

## FOOTNOTE

It is hoped that you have found this article is of relevance.

Father, in the Name of Yahshua may all that is according to Your Will and Your Word in this article find deep root in the hearts of the readers and that if there is anything that is not of You let it find no root at all.

It is our prayer ${ }^{17}$ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ [YAHSHUA MESSIAH Adonal ], the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ${ }^{18}$ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ${ }^{19}$ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ${ }^{20}$ which He worked in Christ [MESSIAH] when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ${ }^{21}$ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ${ }^{22}$ And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ${ }^{23}$ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJ)

May Yahwer bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you. In the name of Adonai Yahshua Messiah (the Lord Jesus Christ), King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

Shalom

James Robertson

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