

The Nashville Shooting: Looking Straight into the Face of Hate

Evil came to Nashville, Tennessee.

Children looked straight into the face of death ... and the face of hate. The mass murderer shot through a side door that was locked to gain entrance to the school. Three children died and three adults died in a horrific murder at a Christian school.

It was 27 minutes of terror.

The school was the murderer's second choice. The first choice had too much security. The killer was disturbed, deranged, but not stupid. She went after the easy target... a place where she felt she could kill without being stopped.

This was a hate crime against Christians. This is evil. But the politicians and media refuse to call it what it really is: a hate crime.

Here are 5 things you should know about the Nashville mass shooting:

1. A profile of hate.

Audrey Hale, the shooter, was 28 years old... and filled with hate.

She was living with her parents and loved gaming, which probably helped fuel her ability to plan and strategize.

She was born a biological woman but claimed to be "transgender" and used the pronouns he/him.

2. An evil plan was set in motion.

The shooter was purposeful and knew what she was doing.

She had been a student at the Covenant School in Nashville's Green Hills neighborhood and knew the layout well.

She actually created a map with plans, and even did surveillance to learn security protocols in order to make her assault on the Christian school.

The police did an incredible job. They arrived within 10 minutes, and within six minutes of their arrival the killer was dead... and lives were saved.

3. More gun control legislation would not have prevented this tragedy.

All murder is a hate crime. This is no different, except the target was Christians.

The pastor's 9-year-old daughter was killed. The head of the school was killed. The weapons didn't kill the children... The killer did.

Gun control would not have stopped the murders.

The killer's actions were intentional and fueled by radical-transgender ideology.

4. Why this isn't being called a hate crime?

This is not being called a hate crime since it doesn't fit the narrative.

If it were a Jewish school, it would have been labeled a hate crime.

If it were a Muslim school, it would have been labeled a hate crime.

If it were against a LGBTQ member, it would be labeled a hate crime.

But if it's a Christian church or individual, it's not a hate crime.

And since the shooter doesn't fit the media's narrative of a lone crazy male... It's an attack on the gun manufacturers and a call for more gun control.

5. This could happen again.

The killer wrote a "manifesto" and left information about her motives in her car.

As of this writing, they have not been released to the public. The FBI and police should release the killer's manifesto, letters and other documents at once. There should be no coverup to hide the truth.

 In the midst of this crisis, it's important to remember that no one is beyond redemption. Audrey knew of Christ's love for her, but instead of walking in truth and love, her response was to end the life of as many innocent humans as possible. In her mind, her rebellion became justifiable. She must now face God. Hebrews 9:27-28 says that "Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him."

This will likely happen again as the chasm between light and darkness is growing. Don't be fearful. Just live in and display the light of Christ.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).

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