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Scalise Shooting Exposes an Amoral World That Needs God

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The violent shooting that targeted Congressmen and their aides this week on a baseball field in Alexandria, Virginia, gave the country a grave reminder that many are ruled by hate in their heart—and act on it.

Religion and culture expert, national radio host and author Dr. Alex McFarland says the shooter, an Illinois man with a violent history, acted on his hatred and disgust for the current state of affairs.

Former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders said in a statement that the shooter had volunteered for his campaign, but that he did not condone his actions.

McFarland added that Sanders has been a champion of a secular utopia that doesn't need God.

"Unfortunately, some people live out the worldview of the progressives and, in this case, the worldview of Bernie Sanders, where if you don't like what's going on, you do anything you can to stop it," McFarland said. "Those who want to implement a new regime see one way to do it—to get rid of the old regime that was built on Judeo-Christian morals. Today, a breakdown of family, a redefining of marriage, the stealing of innocent, unborn lives and acts of violence like this one have been the unfortunate effects of the pushing aside of Christian values. But one thing is clear—this country needs a moral foundation, and the Founding Fathers thought the nation would be in good care if the Ten Commandments served as that foundation.

"There are always moral boundaries," McFarland continued. "You make your arguments and cast your ballots, but you don't start shooting people when you don't agree with what's going on. We need God, we need morals and we need prayer."

President Donald Trump called the frightening incident a chance for unity, stating, according to CNN, "We've had a very, very divided country for many years, and I have a feeling that Steve (Scalise) has made a great sacrifice, but there could be some unity being brought to our country."

Mike Pence echoed those sentiments by offering prayers for Scalise and praised Capitol Police, CNN also reported, with the vice president adding that the best would shine through at last night's congressional baseball game, which went ahead as scheduled. "While there were always be those who seek to divide," Pence said, "tonight on a baseball field in our nation's capital, the world will see America is better than that."

On the other hand, Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe used the tragedy as an opportunity to call for more gun control, Fox News reported. But to this, McFarland adds, "The right to bear arms is a means to self-defense. Those who would abuse the Second Amendment and use guns to harm people will think twice about it if they know that those they prey upon will protect themselves at all costs.

"The CATO Institute has reported that the 31 states that have 'shall issue' laws allowing private citizens to carry concealed weapons have, on average, a 24 percent lower violent crime rate, a 19 percent lower murder rate and a 39 percent lower robbery rate than states that forbid concealed weapons. In fact, the nine states with the lowest violent crime rates are all right-to-carry states. Remarkably, guns are used for self-defense more than 2 million times a year, three to five times the estimated number of violent crimes committed with guns."