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For nearly four decades, America's approach to social problems has been dominated by a scientific methodology and culture whose practical assumptions require that the material conditions associated with specific human behaviors are to be treated as causes of those behaviors independent of a more fundamental causal connection to the spiritual dynamics of the human person.

This scientific perspective, by denying the causal relationship between the spiritual and human behavior, substantially diminishes the perceived reality of the individual and transforms it into a rough caricature of itself. Devoid of spiritual content, freedom, and dignity, the individual is by methodological requirements reduced to a kind of 'empty vessel' whose sole function in the scheme of research is to act as a locus wherein social and economic forces interact and supposedly determine the course of one's behavior.

Policy-makers, acting within this mechanistic framework, have tended to unduly magnify the role that material causation plays in determining the course of human conduct. Indeed, they have accepted the view that the cause of socially dysfunctional behaviors can be traced to an observed set of social and economic conditions that are correlated to each of these behaviors. Moreover, they have bought into the illusion that such behaviors can be rectified through the proper management of a complex system of incentives and disincentives designed to alleviate the impact these material conditions supposedly have on human conduct.

But, there is a basic fallacy here. The actual causes of behavior are not the same as the material conditions correlated to such behaviors. Correlations only reflect causal activity existing at some deeper level of human reality.

And so, the limitation of this science-based approach for prevention lies in its failure to recognize that there is an inherent spiritual dimension to human problems which is organically and causally related to the material conditions and behavior of the individual. The simple truth is that at their core social problems reflect a radical breakdown in fundamental human relationships (love, compassion, understanding, and mercy), and any attempt to prevent socially dysfunctional behaviors requires a strengthening of those spiritual relationships in the day-to-day life of individuals, families, neighborhoods, institutions, and ultimately human community.

Given the organic nature of human reality, then, it is imperative that we strive to develop a more comprehensive prevention strategy that will address the socio-economic conditions and behavior of the individual within the spiritual context in which they originate. This strategy of prevention need not be inconsistent with the constitutional separation of church and state. All that is required is that we ask

deeper questions and strive to develop through reason a more profound understanding of the spiritual dynamics of human behavior as they unfold in the concrete lives of individuals.

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How To Reduce Crime In Your City

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by: **by Barbara Hall (courtesy of News Canada)** (NC)—During my term as Chair of the National Strategy on Community Safety and Crime Prevention, I have visited cities in the United States, England and Belgium to discuss successful crime reduction strategies with local crime prevention officials. One thing that struck me was how similar their experiences were. In each city there was a serious crime problem, a focussed response and a substantial improvement in both the reality and the perception of safety. Although there are no "one-size-fits-all" solutions, there are common elements at work, chief among them a willingness to involve the community in a meaningful way. As one Chief of Police observed, "I [used to think] that the police fought crime alone and that the community could only get in the way. Now we've got it right. We understand that in order to prevent crime and keep our community safe, we've got to involve the community as our partner." Jack Calhoun, President and CEO of the U.S. National Crime Prevention Council has identified six factors that were present in successful American city programs, even though actual strategies differed. They are:

A belief that all key municipal entities must play a role in cutting crime and violence. Schools, businesses, municipal government and social services must all work together.

The need to engage in specific, trackable actions. Cities need to have clear data on what the problems

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are, where they are and what's causing them. They need to know what's working and what isn't in order to use resources effectively.

The courage to do business differently and to share power. Giving up "turf," while difficult, is essential to working together.

A dual commitment to targeted enforcement and prevention – things like after school programs and mentoring. Law enforcement resources must be deployed consistently with broader crime prevention objectives.

A commitment to the long term. This is a challenge when some offer instant solutions, but helping young people build better lives doesn't happen overnight.

And, as Calhoun puts it, "Clear, passionate, hands-on commitment from the leading policy-makers, prime among them the Mayor and the Chief of Police." Leadership; working together; identifying problems and then attacking them; measuring results; doing business differently; being tough on crime and equally tough on the causes of crime . . . these are the factors that we witness everyday in projects and communities throughout Canada. They produce positive changes here, just as they do in countries around the world. For details on how Canadian towns and cities are working together to reduce and prevent crime, and how your community can get involved, visit

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