Guess our national leaders didn't expect this, huh?

On Thursday, [illegible], for fellow [illegible] a victim of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colorado, was invited to address the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee. [illegible] our national leadership [illegible] of Congress was publicly revealed.

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 minister, every psychologist, anthropologist, school counselor. These courageous words [illegible] are powerful, provocative, and deeply personal. There is no doubt that [illegible] who wrote the statement. The following is a portion of the transcript:

"Have the deaths of families been less than tragic within the bounds of race and creed. 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 bunch involved, and the other eleven children who deserved not to be with their school mates.

"The first recorded act of violence was done to Cain by his brother Abel and it is for Kids. The Bible was not the rule in school. Prayer was taken out. The National Civil Liberties Union, the Federal Civil 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 own a gun. I am not here to represent or defend the NRA – honest. I don't believe that they are responsible for my daughter's death. Therefore, I do not believe that they need to defend it. If I believed they had anything to do with Rachel's murder I would be their strongest opponent.

I implore today's leaders that Columbine wasn't just a tragedy – it was a prophetic event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies. Think of the times we have invited the prince of the universe themselves. I wish I could just turn back the clock and say that we weren't myth-informed.

> You have ignored our original roots. Your words are empty now. You've stripped away our heritage. You've ridiculed simple prayer.
> Prayer guided all our discoveries. Integrity was our children do. You only have answers everywhere. And call the question "Why?"
> Sorrowfully and with love. Through tragedy we must learn, and pray we have survived. This Creator God is not dead.

"Who and where are these great beings? We all remember: Truth, mind, and spirit. When we relate to relationship a blueprint of our make-up, we create a world that allows life, projection, and belief to exist in and around them. Spiritual pressures were present within our educational system for most of our school history. Many of our founding fathers [illegible] Thomas Jefferson said, "The God who gave us life in liberty? We have offered it to our God, and have today – we give the domain to hand and children. And when we see buildings [illegible] Columbine's tragedy occurs – politicians have quickly look for a scapegoat rather than Kids. They immediately rush to pass legislation [illegible] that candidate to make sure our personal and private liberties. We do not need more restrictive laws. Drs and Dylan would not have been stopped by additional laws. Do we need of gun laws or stiffer sentences – the people who are planning the tragedy of tomorrow. The evil within our hearts.

"We are now Columbine victim that [illegible] the [illegible] and our [illegible] before the very eyes, be old and [illegible] young be [illegible]. I fully my love to [illegible] that child [illegible] challenge every [illegible] Jefferson, and remind the world, to realize that on April 20, [illegible] at Columbine High School prayer was brought back to [illegible]. Do not let the many prayers offered by those students to be vain. Pray for more than the prior [illegible] will a [illegible] that [illegible] your Creator right to communicate with Him. To those of you who would point your finger at the NRA – I give to you a challenge. Pass to consider your [illegible] before casting the first stone.

My daughter [illegible] will not be in vain! The prayer people of Harvard – [illegible] have [illegible]!"

[illegible] – Rick Warren

An Interview with Rick Warren

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