

ODE TO MEDIOCRITY

How many of us in our quiet moments stop to say to ourselves – when did our society get to this stage?
Too many times I am sure.

When we reflect upon a simpler lifestyle, basic human decencies and care and courtesies were once extended to one another –saying good morning, opening a door or holding a door open for a physically challenged individual was par for the course. We were outraged by our children being harmed, now it is the norm coupled with the exponential growth to human trafficking – a very frightening and very real multi billion dollar ring - selling our young children into modern day human bondage.

Can we trace back to when this callous behavioural pattern crept into our societies. Very simple, when mediocrity took over! When family life values broke down a whole new paradigm was replaced – when the family nucleus doesn't wrap itself around certain family values, what sets the stage for the development of a child to grow up and claim its rightful place in society? Many cultures around the world place this burden on the school system – but is that the real responsibility of the teachers at school? Let's humour this notion for a few minutes when this becomes the responsibility of the school – on the home front who continues the training? The fundamental premise I am getting to is who is being held accountable?

When children are having children – who are being held accountable?

When the educational system unleashes a mass of graduates who neither have basic literary and mathematical skills sets – who are being held accountable? Coupled with the fact that at least one percent of them go into tertiary institutions and the same poor foundation is being transported to higher learning and follows them into the professional work environment. Who is being held accountable?

When the leadership at all levels break the law – who is being held accountable? When they are brought to justice, very few applaud at the efforts of the law makers to uphold the law – the general thinking is how did they allow themselves to get caught.

When we have replaced solid value systems with fleeting frolic upheld and perpetuated by the BLING CULTURE! a new set of norms have been inculcated and this bedazzled limelight spreads false hope and a very oppressing euphoria of what is right or wrong.

When people who know what is better turn their heads the other way because they feel secure in their own "false nucleus" beware these angry people sense your scorn and will strike – this is the only way they know how to be noticed and when they do where is your justice and vindication after the pain is inflicted.

Ode to mediocrity has spawned a creature that is uncontrollable and a cancer that is spread in seconds exponentially around the globe thanks to technology that can transmit this information instantly. Shall we the responsible citizens now try to band a culture to filter this mindless poison to save our future? Can we look at ourselves and truthfully say we stood up and did the right thing? Have you too been held accountable!