

Cultural Alzheimer's In American Churches

Alzheimer's is the scourge of The Greatest Generation. My wife and I both lost our mother's to this insidious disease. As many of you have experienced it is devastating to watch a parent fade away into oblivion even as their heart continues to beat.

As part of the Baby Boom generation I have fond memories of all of my grandparents. To the best of my recollection they all died with their minds still intact. I do remember that there was an "old folks home" in the town where my grandparents lived, but I never knew of anyone who ever had to go there and live.

Our grandparents got old but it was unusual for their mind to die before their body did.

Today "nursing homes" are popping up all across town as more and more of my friends find their parents slowly losing their way. During the last 10 years of my mother-in-law's life she was nothing more than a shell. It was a tremendous burden on my wife.

For what it is worth, I think it has to do with what we are eating...or what our food has been saturated with. Genetically Modified Foods (GMO) certainly has something to do with it. Any time you tamper with nature the results will not be good.

In my research for this article I came across the [10 Early Signs of Alzheimers](#).

- Short term memory loss.
- Problems solving simple problems
- Difficulty completing daily tasks.
- Confusion with time and location.

- Difficulty with sight and spatial which effects motor skills.
- Loss of communication skills, especially conversational.
- Miss placing items around the house.
- Loss of judgment and safety issues.
- Withdrawal from normal social activities.
- Changes in mood and personality

"Wow," I said to my wife the other day. "That sounds like what has happened to America. This nation is a shell of what it used to be. Especially the church. It is as if we have forgotten who we are. Could it be that America is suffering from Cultural Alzheimer's?"

As many of you know, my wife and I have a ministry that focuses on the culture. Although we have a great concern for the lost we are constantly amazed by how little the average Baby Boomer cares about what is going on around him/her.

It reminds us of our mother's in the latter years of their lives. They were oblivious to their surroundings and the only thing we could do was to make sure that they were, comfortable, well fed, and taken care of.

Alzheimer's steals the soul.

Before you get your underwear in a bun, ask yourself if it could be possible that the lack of concern by the average church goer could be caused by the GMO's that they are being fed from America's pulpits.

Christians are certainly suffering from short term memory loss. It wasn't all that long ago that we considered it our job to point out what was right and what was wrong. Today, we seem to have no memory of "normal." We let our nurse (the government) determine what the proper course of action for our lives will be.

We certainly have lost the ability to solve problems. In

fact, the church no longer seems to be able to offer solutions for drug abuse, sexual miscreants, or unplanned pregnancies. The Cultural Alzheimer's causes folks to allow their pockets to be picked, without complaint, to pay for problems that a simple lesson in Biblical morality could eliminate.

I could run down the entire list of symptoms and show exactly how the same disease that stole the mind of our mothers is now stealing our nation from us. The Church has become nothing but a shell of her old self...filled with confusion and the inability to properly react to outside stimuli.

America seems to have lost her way because older Americans seem to have lost theirs as well. The older I get the more feisty I become and the less I care about what others think of me. That is the natural tendency of getting old.

My own mother got grouchy in her later years...a complete change in personality. My wife's mother got happier. She was very stoic and guarded in her middle age but as she got older she became more light hearted and pleasant. The less both of them remembered about the past, and the less they cared about the present, the easier they were to manipulate.

America's churches are rapidly turning into nursing homes for senior saints. Just as Michele and I experienced with our own mothers, when Alzheimer's settles in the less you care about what is going on around you.

The phrase "you are what you eat" has never been truer than it is today. While our nursing homes are filling up with those who's minds have been stolen by what they have consumed, our churches are filling up with those who couldn't care less about what other's consume.

Cultural Alzheimer's has crept into the American Church and we have forgotten who we are. It is just a shell of what it once was. America is suffering because the salt has lost the savor.

Why should we be surprised? Most Christians have forgotten that we were called to be salt. The average Christian feels comfortable and well fed.

Our churches filled with padded pews are becoming nothing more than nursing homes for those with Cultural Alzheimer's.

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