



**Lessons From the  
Aurora, Colorado  
Shooting**

*Is There Anything We Can  
Learn From This  
Devastating Tragedy?*  
By Robert G. Yetman, Jr.

One of the features that characterize massacres like the one that recently took place in Aurora, Colorado is that they occur in circumstances where none of the victims had even the remotest expectation of trouble. Consider where things like this have previously occurred: at the workplace, on school campuses, and at other locations where there was no apparent reason to be concerned about trouble. Not only is there nothing about these places that suggests fertile ground for an attack like this, but there is also a “safety in numbers” feeling we get when we are surrounded by so many who seem to be like-minded about why they’re there and what’s going on. Unfortunately, it is in just these sorts of settings where we are most vulnerable.

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**Parking Lot Safety**

*Don’t Neglect Taking Smart Precautions  
When Moving About These Danger Zones*  
By Robert G. Yetman, Jr.

The number of people who don’t seem to prioritize safety when utilizing a parking lot is troubling. There’s a lot of “it will never happen to me” that seems to characterize their thinking, and that’s a mistake; not only have parking lots always been fertile ground for criminal activity, but the continued debasement of the culture in which we live is seeing to it that the *nature* of the criminal activity continues to become more brutal. In April, a mother carrying a newborn to her vehicle was confronted by a gun-wielding woman who wanted the baby. In the violent confrontation, the mother was killed, and the baby was kidnapped. Ultimately, the baby was found unharmed and the alleged perpetrator arrested, but this horrific event speaks to the “open season” type of environment that characterizes parking lots.

Here are a few tips...reminders, perhaps...about how to stay safe when moving about parking lots:

***Make it a habit to not talk on a cell phone when walking through a parking lot.*** If you’re on a call while sitting in your car and preparing to go into a store or office, finish the call before you exit your vehicle. This also applies when you’re moving in the other direction; don’t make any calls until you’re back

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in your car with the motor running and the doors locked, and if you see a call incoming, ignore it until you're back in your vehicle.

***Try to avoid having both hands occupied when leaving a store and returning to the parking lot.*** This is particularly important if you're a woman. If you have a lot of packages, don't be shy about asking for assistance to your car. If there is no one who can help you, contact mall or site security for an escort, if you feel that is appropriate. That may seem extreme to some people, but it is not... not in this day and age.

***When you are walking to and from your car, walk with purpose, keeping your head up and looking around you at all times.*** This is *very* important. Even if you are not engaged in an obvious distraction, like talking on a cell phone, chances are pretty good you're lost in your own world with one thought or another as you walk through the parking lot. Avoid that. Walk confidently and briskly (don't run), being sure to look around you and otherwise demonstrate to someone who may be watching that you are clearly aware of your surroundings and will not make an easy target.

***Be especially aware of people who seem to be sitting idly in their vehicles in the parking lot.*** There can be 1,000 different legitimate reasons why someone is doing that, but it is no secret that someone who is looking for a convenient victim will do that, as well.

***When leaving a store or office and return-***

***ing to your car, do not wait until you arrive at your vehicle to begin fumbling with your keys - have your keys already out as you begin the walk.*** That way, your re-entry into your vehicle can be as seamless as possible; in as much of a single motion as you can pull off, put the key into the lock, turn, swing the door open, get inside, shut the door, and turn on the engine. Even if you want to take a minute or two to get some things in order, with you back in your running car with the doors locked, you can step on the gas and make a quick exit, if you see that you're being approached in a suspicious manner.

A few more things to remember: As much as possible, park as close to the main entrance of wherever you are; the greater the distance from your car to the entrance, the greater the opportunity for you to be victimized, especially if your car is parked very deep in the lot. Also, when parking at night, be sure to do so in an area that is as well-lit as possible; not only should the spot where you leave your car be well-lit, but so should the area where you must walk, as well. Additionally, be sure to back in to a space, if it's appropriate to do so; it just makes for an easier getaway.

Rules that were once viewed as being generically good rules about safety carry a great deal more weight than they once did. Don't just blow these off with the same "it'll never happen to me" attitude that you've perhaps always had. As the level of disregard for one another seems to increase in society (sadly), so, too, should your vigilance about safety.

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From what we know, the shooter was having a field day picking off those people who were explicitly trying to flee. Fleeing targets make especially good ones. For one thing, their backs are turned. Plus, they are obviously frightened and perhaps even disoriented, making them easier to engage. Does this mean that you should not try to run in a situation like this? Not necessarily. If you are an unarmed citizen, it's fine to run, but try to do so with some presence of mind (I know, easy to say). For example, try to run in as much of a zig-zag pattern as you can. Remember that in a case like this, the shooter is not likely going to be overly-focused on getting any one particular person. If you present yourself to be an even more slightly challenging target, you will significantly enhance your chances of survival.

If you are an armed citizen, your course of action here would be different. Ideally, you would remain in place, staying as calm as realistically possible, and prepare to counter-attack the shooter. While the shooter is focusing on a fleeing victim, it would be easier for you to engage him at the moment he is focused on someone else.

The difficulty in this case is that the theater had a strict "no weapons" policy in place. That said, I always make it a habit, as much as possible, to stay away from places where I cannot lawfully carry a firearm. I will never accept that my right to self-preservation is supposed to come at the behest of a merchant or business owner, or, indeed, any government. My right to be here, to live, is endowed by the Creator. Second, as we see so often when attempts to disarm the populace are in place, it is the law-abiding who are disadvantaged, while the criminally-minded care nothing about such laws to begin with.

It's a good idea to stay away from crowds, but if you do find yourself in a crowded environment, pay close attention to egress points. If you're indoors, know where the exits are, and remain as close to them as you realistically can. If you're outdoors, don't get yourself in a situation where you're trapped from accessing a good escape route. Even when you're in a place as seemingly innocuous as an average restaurant, make note of the closest exits, and try, as much as possible, to sit in a way where you can keep a casual eye on the traffic moving in and out of the main entrance.

Also, pay attention to the hours at which you're out. How many times have we heard things like, "Nothing good happens between midnight and 5 a.m.?" Certainly not everyone who's up at those hours is a bad person, but you'll surely find a higher percentage during that time who are, compared to those who are out and about during more "normal" hours. It's just not a good time to be away from home, and it never will be. We all enjoy having fun at night from time to time, and it's too bad that a few have to ruin it for the rest of us, but those few have simply made it too dangerous, sad to say.

I decided long ago that I wanted to live a different sort of life from that lived by others who love the thrill of big events...concerts, downtown festivals, and the like. Does that make me a boring person? Not to my wife. She's the same way, and we are perfectly happy with the way we live our lives. I guess the truth is that I've never been a "crowd" sort of person to begin with, so it comes easy to me, but when I hear about the kinds of things that happened recently in Aurora, Colorado, I'm even more grateful for keeping that posture.

# **The Jim Paris Perspective**

## ***Notes and Thoughts on the Realization of Bible Prophecy in the Current Day***

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### ***Making the Decision to Carry a Firearm***

After the Aurora, Colorado shooting, I made the decision to take the plunge and apply for my concealed weapons permit. I am not sure why it has taken me so long to join the ranks of those packing heat. Perhaps I am like many that choose to believe that violent crimes happen to 'other people.' In Florida we are required to take a gun safety class and then we can make application for the license.

I grew up hunting and have been around and owned guns my entire life and am amazed how many people have absolutely no experience with firearms. I was surprised to learn from my fellow classmates that none had any firearms experience. Yes, they knew which direction to point their weapon on the range, but that was about it. The class was so full that the owner of the gun shop was pulling out lawn chairs from the trunk of his car to provide seats for the last to arrive. There is a growing feeling of insecurity in our nation and I could see it in the eyes of those in attendance. There was even an elderly woman that appeared to be about 80 years of age who brought along a large pistol with a laser sight. The masses are now beginning to view carrying a weapon as a necessity, just as it was for ranchers in the 1800's. I believe that taking ownership of one's personal protection is not just good for the individual, but good for society as well.

### ***Safer in Afghanistan Than Chicago?***

Crime in Chicago has reached the point that regular analysis is being made that you would be safer in Afghanistan over a weekend than in the Windy City. Last week, the city's mayor, Rahm Emanuel, decided to go so far as to enlist the assistance of the radical and militant Louis Farrakhan. Farrakhan a well-documented racist, is now apparently the last remaining option left to tame the streets of Chicago. Chicago is one of many cities seeing more and more of the so-called 'flash mobs,' which are random attacks perpetrated by large groups of young men (generally). Chicago is another false utopia, having made it a crime to carry a weapon to defend yourself while unable to protect its own citizens. Hey Rahm, how's that working out for you?

### ***Chicago Says Only Pro-Gay Businesses Allowed to Operate***

Chik-fil-a President Dan Cathy recently shared his personal views on the subject of gay marriage. Since he does not support gay marriage, the chain was denied the approval to open a store in the city of Chicago. Cathy clarified that this was his personal view and that, as a business, Chik-fil-a does not discriminate against gays. This was not good enough for city leaders and Chik-fil-a was denied the required permission to open a Chicago location. What's next? What about existing businesses? I know that Muslims don't approve of gay marriage. Will all

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Muslim businesses be forced to close in Chicago? Will churches not supporting gay marriage be forced to close? The gay agenda now requires us to approve of their values or be punished by our own government. The persecution of Christians in America is indeed underway.

### ***What We Can Learn From the Batman Movie***

The latest chapter in the Batman series glorifies the mob mentality. The police are locked up below the city and the mobs are allowed to begin rounding up the affluent and killing them. The notion of class warfare has become more than a campaign theme this election season. Many in our culture have been waiting for a narrative such as this. Those that are wealthy got there on your back and you have every right to your pound of flesh. This past month in Jacksonville, Florida, a mob of 300 stormed a Wal-Mart and, in riotous fashion, destroyed the store and left with whatever they could carry home. The authorities are simply unable to deal with crimes committed by hundreds of thugs at one time. I believe that this is just a small glimpse of what we will see when the economy collapses and the necessities of life end up in short supply.

### ***The Mother of All Battles***

At the time of writing of this issue, the news media is describing what is happening in Aleppo, Syria as the 'Mother of all Battles.' Aleppo is Syria's most populated city and this battle is shaping up to be one of the bloodiest in the history of that region. We continue to monitor the civil war in Syria and its significance in Bible prophecy.

### ***The Reality of Demons***

As a young Bible college student, I will never forget a conversation that occurred one day during lunch at the cafeteria. We were talking about the reality of demon possession and opining about whether such visible occurrences of possession really happen today. An African student chimed in and asked us if we really had any doubts about a present-day demonic influence. He then began to share stories of demonic possession that are commonplace in Africa.

We know that as we near the end times that Satan and his army of demons will have greater and greater influence. When I take a serious look at the Aurora, Colorado shooter and the Gabby Giffords shooter, there is no doubt in my mind that there is a demonic influence in both of these men. Some may call it 'mental illness' but I see two men possessed by demons. Demonic possession is something we simply don't consider in our western culture. Demon possession is real, is burgeoning, and will continue to grow until Satan himself possesses a world leader that the Bible calls the Antichrist.

### ***Demonic Possession and Penn State***

I cannot think of any more heinous crime than the rape of a child. In fact, I will go so far as to

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say that a soul so depraved to commit such an act is almost certainly a person possessed by a demon. Mind you, this by no means takes away any responsibility of that individual for their deeds. In fact, I believe that demon possession occurs only when an individual opens themselves up to it by embracing evil in the first place. How could Jerry Sandusky have openly raped young boys on the campus of Penn State for decades? This is one crime that I would especially hold enablers equally responsible for. You really have to ask how this could have gone on so long and so transparently. It really defies any explanation other than a powerful demonic influence on multitudes of people throughout this University.

On a much larger scale, the Catholic Church has not only turned a blind eye to pedophilia, but has, as a matter of practice, relocated offending priests so that they could continue to rape more children. Pedophilia has very deep connections to Satanism and the occult. I cannot even comprehend how an individual can be aware of such an atrocity and look the other way. When we even raise the idea that entire organizations can be under demonic influences, we are quickly dismissed as 'conspiracy theorists.'

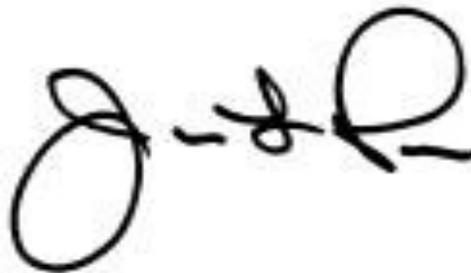
What is perhaps even more troubling is the lack of a unanimous societal outrage. I happened to listen to a few discussions on sports talk radio about the unprecedented sanctions levied against Penn State (including the removal of Joe Paterno's statue last week). Callers were actually asserting that the penalties were too severe, would likely not do much good, etc... Can we really give any consideration to a 'game' when dozens of young boys were openly raped and nothing was done? Not only would I dismantle the entire football program at Penn State, I would suspend all sports programs there indefinitely. Is taking away 'wins', removing a statue, and levying a fine, enough justice for these boys? Blame for this goes far beyond Sandusky.

### ***Tracking the Mark of the Beast***

Excerpted from *The Wall Street Journal* -

“Starting next month, the retailer will place removable "smart tags" on individual garments that can be read by a hand-held scanner. Wal-Mart workers will be able to quickly learn, for instance, which size of Wrangler jeans is missing, with the aim of ensuring shelves are optimally stocked and inventory tightly watched. If successful, the radio-frequency ID tags will be rolled out on other products at Wal-Mart's more than 3,750 U.S. stores.

‘There are two things you really don't want to tag, clothing and identity documents, and ironically that's where we are seeing adoption,’ said Katherine Albrecht, founder of a group called Consumers Against Supermarket Privacy Invasion and Num-



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bering and author of a book called ‘Spychips’ that argues against RFID technology. ‘The inventory guys may be in the dark about this, but there are a lot of corporate marketers who are interested in tracking people as they walk sales floors.’”

## The Growing Infectious Disease Crisis in Modern America

By James L. Paris & Robert G. Yetman, Jr.

Last month, we spent some time going over the things you can do to help better insulate yourself from the new epidemic gripping the nation: the return of once-defeated diseases to our shores, courtesy of illegal aliens and unfortunate hospital sanitation. In response, some readers wanted to know more the risks themselves, and just what sorts of health troubles now beset the United States.

Health facilities, once places you would obviously feel safe from the risk of disease, have, in many cases, become disease *factories*. Are you familiar with the MRSA (“mersa”) bug? Strains of MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) are wreaking absolute havoc, and the general consensus is that the health community has no way to effectively deal with it. It is, perhaps, the deadliest threat you now face when you go the hospital for care. Where did it come from? It is a form of staph infection that mutated into an impenetrable monster by virtue of a combination of factors, including poor hospital sanitary procedures and shoddy (and often “no”) screening of immigrants.

The horrific, flesh-eating disease called *neurotizing fasciitis* that we hear so much about nowadays? Thank MRSA for that. Remember tuberculosis? For many, it is simply a footnote in history, but not so fast: TB is back. So is leprosy. So are a lot of diseases that were once considered thoroughly defeated throughout these United States.

One of the big culprits has been the relatively indiscriminate use of antibiotics. It’s a good

idea to avoid them unless absolutely necessary. Stay healthy and strengthen your immune system on your own, so that when you do need antibiotics, your body has built up no tolerance to their beneficial effects.

Another culprit has been the essentially “open borders” policy of the United States. Diseases like Chagas and dengue fever are very common in so-called border states, as is cysticercosis, which is contracted by ingesting the larvae of tapeworm. These larvae, when in the bloodstream, can cause all sorts of damage to vital organs.

Chagas can be very insidious. It is transmitted by an insect known informally as the “kissing bug,” prevalent throughout Latin America and the American South. The bug often carries a parasite that, when the bite victim scratches the affected area, will work itself into the wound and cause an infection.

Even head lice, mononucleosis, and influenza are now present in forms that are more difficult to treat than ever before.

Unless you’re paying attention, you may be missing just how dangerous things are right now. It is *so* important that you take the steps necessary to keep your immune system as strong as possible, and do your best to avoid environments containing high-risk people. These diseases will gain a surer foothold in the American landscape...including the “safe” heartland...as attention to hygiene continues to go down and the arrival of illegal immigrants continues to increase.

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## This Month in Financial Roundup: Trading vs. Investing

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As you assemble a personal financial portfolio for yourself, it is important that you make note of the kinds of information that are going to be useful to you over the long haul, and make note, as well, of the kinds of information that might not be as useful to you as a long-term investor. What is particularly important here is to be able to distinguish between trading and investing, and how the information that is of use to each can actually differ quite a bit.

Overall, the best way for you to manage your money is to seek to maintain what might be called “core” positions that will change infrequently over time. This does not mean they will *never* change, but that they will change far less frequently than if you were approaching your portfolio with the mindset of a trader.

One of the difficulties now in a world where news comes at us in more ways than ever before and is presented in overly-dramatic fashions, at times, is that it becomes much more difficult to maintain perspective. It often seems that what happened yesterday is all that really matters, without regard to the matter of long-term fundamentals.

If you are a *trader*, you will seek to take advantage of the very short-term price swings of markets and securities to secure small profits, and maintain that level of activity as you seek to build on previous gains. Here’s the problem, however: Active traders don’t typically do very well. Even if they are using a trading strategy that sees them getting out of “down” positions at only small losses,

those strategies do not generally net profits long term with any degree of reliability.

If you are an *investor*, you will be mindful of the overall fundamentals of the economy, markets, and individual investments, and will make your decisions on those bases. You will have much less regard for the shorter-term fluctuations in the markets and investment prices, because your portfolio reflects an understanding of the longer-term fundamentals that you believe are accurate.

For most investors, then, core positions in diversified, larger-capitalization mutual funds will be appropriate, with smaller positions in various sector or specialty funds rounding out the portfolio.

Trading is more exciting than investing, no doubt about it, but few among us are really seeking excitement when we invest. We want to have a portfolio that we feel is positioned to help us grow our assets over the long run, one that is also built to withstand some of the negative pressures without causing us to have to make dramatic changes.

One of the problems, too, with trying to “time” the market is that no one without a working crystal ball can really do that. Not everyone will admit that, but there are numerous problems with such an effort, to include the simple, broad reality that there are so many influences now on economic markets, both direct and indirect, that it is difficult to account for all of those factors in the course of whatever “science” you might be trying to apply to your timing efforts.