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he could not have been the gunman and that the assassination was orchestrated by powerful political figures.

All three admit to the deed each has been accused of. Despite these confessions, many claim that either someone else committed the crime or that the act was justified in view of the victim's character.

While certain circumstances lend themselves to speculating about conspiracies, and it is increasingly difficult to trust official narratives, the fact remains all these defendants admitted to killing their victims.

Consider an example in Scripture wherein a man admitted to a killing that he evidently had not committed. A certain Amalekite came from the scene of a battle and reported to David, *"Saul and Jonathan his son are dead"* (2nd Samuel 1:4). When asked how he came by this information (5), the man said, *"As I happened by chance to be on Mount Gilboa, there was Saul, leaning on his spear; and indeed the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. Now when he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I answered, 'Here I am.' And he said to me, 'Who are you?' So I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.' He said to me again, 'Please stand over me and kill me, for anguish has come upon me, but my life still remains in me.' So I stood over him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord"* (6-10). After mourning and fasting for Saul and Jonathan, David asked, rhetorically, *"How was it you were not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy Jehovah's anointed?"* (14). Without waiting for a reply, David then commanded a young man, *"Go near, and execute him!" And he struck him so that he died. So David said to him, **Your blood is on your own head**, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, "I have killed Jehovah's anointed""* (15-16).

Truly, the Amalekite had nothing to do with the king's death. More than likely, he entered the battlefield to plunder the dead and, discovering Saul's corpse, thought he could receive some reward or public favor for what he perceived as an act of mercy. Saul did request a mercy killing, but not from this man, and the one whom he made the request to declined to honor it. *"The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was severely wounded by the archers. Then Saul said to his armorbearer, 'Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and thrust me through and abuse me.' But his armorbearer would not, for*

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PREACHING FEAR

John Gibson

One of the strange phenomena of our day is the spectacle of religion dropping the appeal to fear while other human interests have picked it up. Just look around. Everybody is preaching fear except the church.

We are taught to fear everything from AIDS to radon, from the hole in the ozone to the cutting down of the rain forests. We see fear as a good thing, something worthwhile and productive.

We want people to fear except when it comes to religion. Then it becomes a "No, No." We are enjoined to talk exclusively about the love of God. Don't mention the wrath of God. Don't talk about hell. Don't warn the disobedient. So, we are told, don't preach the fear of God.

"Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear" (1st Peter 1:17). Living in fear is the right thing to do!

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he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it" (1st Samuel 31:3-4).

Although Saul deliberately fell on his own sword, the Amalekite claimed to have slain him and for that claim he was executed under David's authority. Thus, those who admit to killing have provided sufficient evidence that they deserve a capital sentence. If others were involved, then they deserve execution, as well, but by admitting to the act, they prove themselves deserving of death.

The rule of God is: *"Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man"* (Genesis 9:6). In the New Covenant, the authority to carry out the death penalty lies in government, Paul the apostle explaining, *"he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil"* (Romans 13:4).

It is right for the State to end the lives of Lindsay Clancy, Luigi Maglione, and Tyler Robinson because they all confessed to taking the lives of fellow humans. If others bear responsibility with them, then they ought to face the same punishment. Regardless of whom else may be involved, though, the duty of the State is, thus far, clear from God's inspired word.

When duty is ignored, all of society suffers. *"Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil"* (Ecclesiastes 8:11).

**"WHAT MUST I DO
TO BE SAVED?"**

ACTS 16:30

LEARN THE GOSPEL

John 6:45; Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

CONFESS CHRIST

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

REPENT OF SIN

Acts 3:19; 17:30

BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

REMAIN STEADFAST

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

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OURSELVES TOGETHER"**

HEBREWS 10:24-25

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**"IF A MAN IS OVERTAKEN IN
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GALATIANS 6:1

CONFESS TRESPASSES

James 5:16; 1st John 1:9

REPENT OF SIN

Acts 8:22

PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS

Acts 8:22

REMAIN STEADFAST

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS
LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN
SETTINGS OF SILVER"**

PROVERBS 25:11

"A man should look for what is
and not what he thinks should
be."

— Albert Einstein

"WHOLE COUNSEL"

ACTS 20:27

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"YOUR OWN BLOOD IS ON YOUR OWN HEAD"

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On January 24, 2023, 32-year-old Lindsay Clancy strangled to death her 5-year-old daughter Cora, her 3-year-old son Dawson, and her 8-month-old son Callan in their Duxbury, Massachusetts home. Clancy admits to killing her babies, but pleads not guilty on the basis of post-partum psychosis. Feminist rallies have been staged in support of Clancy, and many supporters claim the evidence points to the guilt of her husband Patrick, the father of Cora, Dawson, and Callan.

On December 4, 2024, 26-year-old Luigi Mangione shot United Healthcare CEO Brian Thompson in the back, killing him on the sidewalk in front of the New York Hilton Midtown. Mangione recently pleaded guilty to federal charges of interstate stalking resulting in death, but is evading a death sentence due to conflicts between State charges and federal charges, including double jeopardy concerns. Since the day Thompson was murdered, supporters have claimed the victim deserved it, owing to presumed greed as executive of an insurance corporation.

On September 10th, 2025, at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, 22-year-old Tyler Robinson shot political activist Charlie Kirk in the neck, killing him in front of 3,000 witnesses. Robinson's legal defense acknowledges he fired the shot that ended Kirk's life, but he wishes to avoid the death penalty. The internet is filled with rumors that
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