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I had always believed that the catalyst for the kind of hate that brings someone to kill another human being is rooted in ignorance and fear. However, with further introspection, I realize that ignorance and hate are not enough. At least one of two other variables must exist.

First, the killer must believe that the individual represents a legitimate threat of some type; and, second, the killer must be able to kill without remorse, suggesting that the killer at least has the potential of being a sociopath in the first place. One would hope that such individuals are rare. Unfortunately, we meet them all the time.

All of them do not kill, but they're the kinds of people who hate entire groups and communities of people based on perhaps one isolated experience. However, it doesn't take very much to trigger their hate.

The real danger these people present to each of us is that they are totally unable to see anything wrong with their behavior. They do it for attention. They do it for fun. They even make a game of it. They not only target specific people to hate, but also challenge their kind to see who can deliver the most hurt.

About two years ago, I was astounded when I watched an interview with a convicted hit man. He boasted about the number of people he murdered and how he murdered them. Some of his victims were even people he even regarded as "friends." The sense of values that would make most of us cringe simply did not exist in the psychology of this man. He was as comfortable with hate as most of us are comfortable with love. He had no concept of right or wrong, and easily equated some trivial act performed by his victim as justification for murdering him.

I continue to believe that most people are decent human beings. However, over the past few weeks and months, I've become painfully aware that there are those who have no moral or ethical conscience, no sense of fair play, and no respect for any human being different from themselves.

You cannot reason with them. You can't even enter into an intelligent dialogue with them. They are truly subhuman. The cancer that affects them is not physical, it's psychological and spiritual.

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