

THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM

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THE PROBLEM

Whatever your background, political viewpoint, disposition, economic wellbeing, social standing, family circumstance, education, world view, nationality, religion, race or culture, the one thing we can all agree on is that something is wrong with the world we live in.

It is a world full of evil, pain and sadness. Marriages and families break up, addiction takes hold of people, pornography dominates the internet, paedophilia, rape, murder, lies, deceit, theft, greed, the abuse of power, are all around us. Rates of depression, mental illness, suicide and anxiety among children and young people are on the increase. People get ill, suffer pain and heartache; natural disasters leave countries and peoples devastated.

It is a world that knows no peace. Wars and terrorist attacks are never far away. It has been estimated that in the last 4,000 years there have been less than 300 years without a major war.

Politicians let us down and despite all our best efforts to improve our lives, things don't seem to be getting any better.

We bow down to fame, power, body image, money and sex, believing they will make us happy, fulfil us and satisfy us, but they don't. We cannot seem to find ultimate satisfaction. The best the world can offer and the biggest achievements we can possibly have, fail to fulfil our deepest needs. The actor Jim Carey said, 'I wish all people could get rich and famous and have all they ever dreamed of, so they would know it is not the answer.'

Markus Persson, the creator of *Minecraft*, described himself as a miserable billionaire, trapped in a world as lonely as the one he created. He has been on a spending spree in which he has bought everything from a fleet of supercars to a 23,000 square-foot Beverly Hills mansion that cost £46m. But it has not made him happy.