

Greed, arrogance are destroying us

Though I graduated from high school in the Joe McCarthy era, I can never remember such a scoundrel-filled time as the present.

New corruption is revealed in the business world almost daily, also in the church.

At Guantanamo, prisoners are dragged around hooded, with no idea where they are or what the charges against them

are. They have no access to attorneys, and more than 20 attempted suicides have been reported.

What would you do if that happened in the local jail? It's a national disgrace; U.S. citizens should demand such Nazi-style treatment cease.

In Washington, we have a presidential administration that epitomizes corruption. "Seizing power." Then backed by lies as to the necessity they manipulated us into a pre-emptive war.

More than 500 Americans have died needlessly, not to mention the wounded, or the thousands of Iraqis killed or injured. It's not to protect us, but to spend a fortune so that a handful of Haliburton-types can get even richer or rule the world — they dream! "Might makes right" in today's Imperial Washington.

We're back to the schoolyard bully approach to foreign policy. President Bush says we ask no one's permission. After 9/11, everyone supported us. Now, everyone loathes our arrogance. Do we feel safer?

I heard the Rev. Calvin Butts on Martin Luther King Day say, "Greed and arrogance are destroying us." I agree!

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