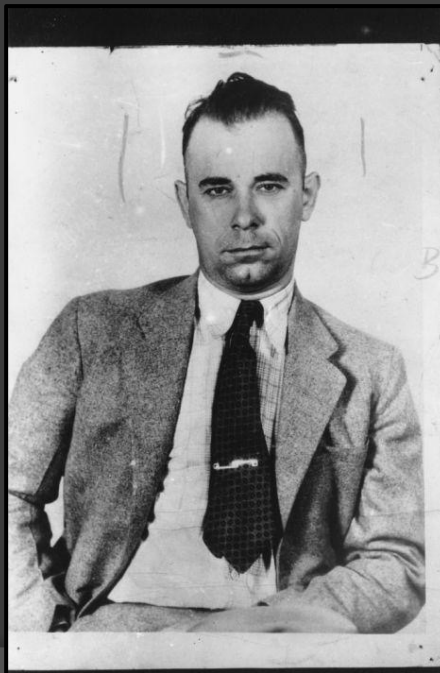


PUBLIC ENEMY #1




History

- “a term to describe dangerous criminals, particularly in the U.S. in the 1930s”
 - Al Capone, John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd, Baby Face Nelson
- “Most Wanted List” – FBI, CIA, Secret Service



WANTED



JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER

On June 21, 1934, JAMES H. CAGNEY, Attorney General, of the United States, under the authority vested in him by an act of Congress approved June 9, 1934, offered a reward of

\$10,000.00

for the capture of John Herbert Dillinger or a reward of

\$5,000.00

for information leading to the arrest of John Herbert Dillinger.

DESCRIPTION

Age, 32 years; Height, 5 Feet 7-1/2 Inches; Weight, 135 pounds; Build, medium; Hair, medium chestnut; Eyes, gray; Complexion, medium; Complexion, swarthy; Scar on nose, 1/2 inch over both left hand, near middle upper lip, brown; mole between eyebrows.

All claims to any of the aforesaid rewards and all questions and disputes that may arise on aforesaid claims to the aforesaid rewards shall be passed upon by the Attorney General and his decisions shall be final and conclusive. The right is reserved to divide and allocate portions of any of said rewards as between several claimants. No part of the aforesaid rewards shall be paid to any official or employee of the Department of Justice.

If you are in possession of any information concerning the whereabouts of John Herbert Dillinger, communicate immediately by telephone or telegram collect to the nearest office of the Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, the local addresses of which are set forth on the reverse side of this notice.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 25, 1934

WANTED
BY THE FBI



WANTED
ALEXEY BELAN

WANTED
FARHAN EL ARSHAD

WANTED
CARLOS ENRIQUE PEREZ MELARA

WANTED
ANDREY NABREVICHI TAASIE

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And from a spiritual perspective?

⦿ Warning terms

- “Enemy”
- “Adversary”
- “Beware”
- “Take heed”
- “Deceivers”, “deceitful”, “deception”
- “False”
- “Destructive”, “destruction”
- “Snare”

⦿ Many potential candidates as we will see...

Starting with the Most Obvious One?

- ◎ “Satan” (adversary), “the Devil” (false accuser), “the tempter”, “ruler of demons”, “Beelzebul”, “the evil one”, “the ruler of this world”, “the god of this age”, “the great dragon”, “the old serpent”, “deceiver”
- ◎ Be sober...
 - *... be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Pet. 5:8*



Atheism, Humanism, and Evolution?

⊙ No need for God

- “A rejection that deities exist.”
- “Humanity is capable of morality and self-fulfillment without belief in God.”
- The universe created itself via purely natural processes according to ‘science’ & public schools.
- *...you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*
Gen. 3:5

⊙ No objective standard for right/wrong

- *everyone did what was right in his own eyes.* Judges 17:6; 21:25
- *The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”* Psalm 14:1; 53:1



False Apostles and Teachers?

◎ Take heed...

- *13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works. 2 Cor. 11:13-15*
- *“Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?” Luke 6:39*



False Apostles and Teachers?

◎ Take heed...

- *29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Acts 20:30-31*
- *1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 2 Pet. 2:1-2*

False Plans of Salvation?

- “Predestination” – God will let you know if/when He wants you.
 - *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Pet. 3:9*
- “Faith Only” – Immersion not needed for remission of sins
 - *... Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins Acts 2:38*



False Plans of Salvation?

- ◎ “Once Saved, Always Saved” – You can’t lose your salvation.
 - *... But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. ... Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.*
1 Cor. 9:24-10:13
- ◎ “Join the church of your choice”
 - *...on this rock I will build My church...* Matt. 16:18
 - *Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.* Matt. 7:13

Friends and Family?

◎ Take heed...

- *My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.*
Prov. 1:10
- *Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”* 1 Cor. 15:33
- *For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.* Gal. 1:10
- *He who loves father or mother ...son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.* Matt. 10:37



But Arguably the Most Dangerous
Public Enemy is ...

Ourselves!

◎ Own desires

- *and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, ... Mark 4:19*
- *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed... James 1:14-15*
- *For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 1 John 2:16*
- *fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, Eph. 2:3*



Ourselves!

◎ Pride and self-blindness

- *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. 16:18*
- *For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 1 Cor. 1:26*
- *Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 1 Cor. 10:12*
- *...And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank (beam, log) in your own eye? Matt. 7:1-5*

Ourselves!

- ⦿ Lack of love for Truth and itching ears (leading to false teachers and doctrines)
 - *and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 2 Thes. 2:10*
 - *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 2 Tim. 4:3*

Ourselves!

- ⦿ Rationalism (leading to humanism, etc.)
There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death. Prov. 16:25
- ⦿ Not resisting Satan
 - *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7*

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 2 Cor. 5:10

Capturing the Enemy

◎ Know the enemy

- *Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.... 2 Cor. 13:5*

◎ Capture our body

- *but I discipline my body and make it my slave 1 Cor. 9:27*

◎ Capture our thoughts

- *We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, 2 Cor. 10:5*



Conclusion

- ⦿ Many spiritually dangerous enemies out there
- ⦿ Most dangerous one we see in the mirror
- ⦿ Should always be on our guard regardless
 - *Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself... Deut. 4:9*

