

Burundi or Rwanda, they could tell us about ultimate concerns at this level!

2. Safety needs -- These concern the need to feel that our persons and the persons of our loved ones are free from harm.

Think of those Jews during World War II in Germany, in Austria, in Holland, in Italy, in France who lived in a climate of fear, when a knock on the door late at night could mean arrest, deportation, a concentration camp, and the gas chambers! Think of citizens in certain South American countries who live in daily fear of being detained, questioned, tortured, killed, and buried in an unmarked mass grave because of their political opinions! Think of Serbia or Rwanda, where ethnic cleansing seeks to wipe out whole ethnic populations, and where people live in fear that each day may be their last! Think of people who live in certain sections of New York City or Philadelphia or Washington, D.C. or Los Angeles where flying bullets from members of drug gangs can wipe out innocent bystanders or even little children, or where fire bombings can reduce homes and the people in them to ashes! And then ask whether these people have any reason to experience ultimate concern over safety needs!

3. Belongingness and love needs -- Human beings are social creatures. As such, they need to feel that they belong to some group, whether that group be family, fellow workers, schoolmates, professionals, club, church, gang, prison cell block mates, neighborhood, or even the "regulars" at the barber shop or beauty parlor. And they need to feel loved and to give love.

Those who experience ostracism from all groups find that such a cutting off from society crucially affects their welfare and well-being. And those who have never experienced love and affection, and those who once experienced it but have now been abandoned feel how crucially that