**SCHIZOPHRENIA**

***Per Wikipedia: Schizophrenia is a mental disorder characterized by abnormal social behavior.***

**You mean like ...**

**Burning women at the stake until they are charcoal.**

**Killing gay people for the heinous crime of loving each other.**

**Committing genocide against those of other religions (Crusades).**

**Torturing those of their own faith with whom they disagree,**

**for heresy and blasphemy (Inquisitions).**

**Genital mutilation (female genital cutting and circumcision).**

**Reveling in the belief that those who will not join you, will be tortured for eternity.**

**Disowning your own children because they refused to worship your God (nonbelievers)?**

***and failure to recognize what is real.***

**You mean like believing the following are real ...**

**Unicorns?**

**Fire-breathing dragons with multiple heads?**

**A man living inside a fish for 3 days?**

**The sun freezing in the sky for a whole day,**

**and going backwards on another occasion?**

**Talking snakes and donkeys?**

**Invisible ghosts?**

***Common symptoms include false beliefs* (see previous list), *unclear or confused thinking* (google 'biblical contradictions'), *hearing voices* (this would include many of the top Conservative politicians)**

***reduced social engagement***

**Exclusivity is a hallmark of religion. Those outside the cult are often demonized; and regarded, not as just different, but as evil.**

***and emotional expression, and a lack of motivation.***

**Matthew 6:34**

**Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.**

***People often have additional mental health problems such as major depression,***

**That describes the state of tens of millions of Conservative Christians when gays were given the right to marry.**

***anxiety disorders, or substance use disorder.***

[**http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/anxiety-disorders/index.shtml**](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/anxiety-disorders/index.shtml)

**(take your pick)**

***Symptoms typically come on gradually, begin in young adulthood, and last a long time.***

**The cure: rational thinking skills**

**(as history proves ... that's not as easy as it sounds)**