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AMERICA NEEDS TO HEED THE WARNING OF GODLESSNESS IN EUROPE

By Bill Connor

On Monday, June 1, UK authorities released the body cam footage of the last stages of the death of Henry Nowak. Nowak was a white, 18-year-old university student in Southampton, and had been stabbed by a Sikh named Vickrum Digwa. Digwa stabbed Nowak five times, but took Nowak’s phone and arrested/handcuffed dying Nowak while coddling the murderer. I have seen men die in combat but found it hard to watch the body cam footage of Nowak’s death. Most horrendous was the inhumanity of the police towards Nowak as they essentially called him a liar and cuffed him as he died. This has

brought rioting throughout the UK and even unrest in parts of Europe. Many are now speaking out about the complete failure of UK migrant policies and “two tier” (anti-white) policing. Most now accept that fact of a fundamental darkness pushing out light. The real cause of all the problems in Europe is the turn away from Christianity and what has filled the gap. Turning from God has brought crime, injustice, censorship, socialism, weakness and pervading disorder. America must take the warning.

The evidence of the turn from Christianity and consequences are clear. Up until the 20th century, being British and being Christian were virtually synonymous. Europe was “Christendom” throughout most recorded history due to overwhelming Christianity. This



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has changed drastically over the last few decades. In 2021 only 46.2% of the British identified as Christian. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/culturalidentity/religion/bulletins/religionenglandandwales/census2021> It’s worse now. The UK is primarily non-Christian and on track to become Islamic. The issues lamented by the British now (crime, censorship, two-tier policing, socialism, etc.) have grown while Christianity has plummeted.

American religious decline is not a drastic as with Europe but bad and getting worse. A year and a half ago, both Gallup and Wall Street Journal conducted surveys of religion among Americans. The results were shocking. In 1998, 62% of Americans rated religion as “very important”. By 2019 it was only 48% and dropped to 39% by 2024. <https://news.gallup.com/opinion/polling-matters/544508/measuring-trends-americans-personal-values.aspx> Like in Europe, the decline of religion in religion in America is steep and speeding up. Also like in Europe, America has suffered a steep moral decline while religion plummeted. In 1970, the overall American marriage rate was at 76.5%, yet sunk to 31.1% a half century later. <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/u-s-marriage-rate-has-declined-60-percent-since-1970-study-shows/> The decline in marriage started in the 1970s but sped up substantially as religion declined. In the 2000s, states began to expand the definition of marriage. By 2012, then President Obama openly supported gay marriage and by 2015 it was made a Constitutional right. Around this time the ideological extremes of transgenderism, including forceful demands for minor transsexual medical procedures, were mainstreamed. Like in the UK, uncontrolled immigration pervaded, particularly the non-Christian, non-Western.

With this religious and moral decline came attacks on those upholding traditional American Biblical morality. Parents at school boards attempting to fight drag queens and transgenderism, became targets of Federal law enforcement under Joe Biden. Patriotism and Biblical morality came to be stigmatized as “extremism” or “white supremacy”. After Elon Musk purchased Twitter, Americans learned about rising censorship that was like the UK experience. Under Biden, the Federal government had been pressuring big tech to censor and suppress conservative and religious voices, particularly if those voices opposed progressive ideology. Traditional Biblically and morally based organizations, like the Boy Scouts, were undermined. Children were taught to question their God-given sexuality. Those opposing this depravity were called “bigots” and worse. All with the drop in Christianity as in Europe.

The Trump administration has been fighting the moral decline from within the Federal government through new orders reversing the damage. As expected, the resistance has been immense. This is particularly with regards to immigration enforcement but also fighting corruption and protecting children. The other side fights desperately to put America back on the track we see with Godlessness in Europe.

Throughout our nation’s history, we have risen to greatness as uniquely Godfearing people. As Alexis de Tocqueville put it in the 1830s “there is no other nation on Earth in which the Christian religion retains greater influence over the souls of men as

Family & Marriage

The Bible and Marriage

“Marriage was once a sacrament, then it became a contract, and now it is an arrangement.” – James Q. Wilson

“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female,” and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” – Bible (Matthew 19:4-6)

Hypothetical but realistic conversations between friends at a reunion:

Sarah and Tom just had a lavish destination wedding.

Alex proudly announced he’s happily single and will focus on his career.

Jamie and Chris have been living together for years with no plans to marry.

Pat and Jordan recently separated but are co-parenting beautifully.

George and Jack are having problems in their live-in relationship.

What is your view of marriage today? When we try to live life on our own, we have a multitude of choices about our lifestyles. We can choose to live together as a man and woman without marriage. We can choose to live with someone of our same sex. We can choose multiple sexual relationships with partners, both female and male. The world tells us we can choose whatever we want. There are no guidelines.

Unfortunately, much of today’s society applies the idea of no guidelines across the board, in any relationship. Any disagreement between two (or more) people can lead to violence, and this societal behavior definitely affects mar-

riages today. Just do whatever feels right at the moment; whatever pleases me, myself, and I.

Even when a man and a woman eventually choose to marry, a study by George Barna (barna.org) reported that 70 percent of couples decide to cohabitate first; it’s like they want to run a test drive. It’s similar to buying a car; we want to see if connecting long term with this particular person will be good for us. However, cohabitating couples were 48 percent more likely for their marriages to end than those who at least wait until they are engaged to start living together.

There is a better way than all the options described above. The first and most important component for a long and successful marriage is to recognize that marriage is an institution designed by God. If we take God out of the picture, it simply becomes another human organization that we can operate as we choose.

Marriage was created so that a man and a woman can enter into a covenantal relationship, ultimately serving God through faithful intimacy, children, and a life that demonstrates God’s plan for our lives.

We may summarize the Bible (God’s) definition as follows.

Consent. Marriage is a voluntary union. A man and a woman willingly choose to be married to each other.

Public. Marriage is a public union. While intimacy is private, the nature of the union is to be public. The man and the woman promise before witnesses that each will be faithful to the other until one of them dies.

One man and one woman: heterosexual and monogamous. Marriage is between a man and a



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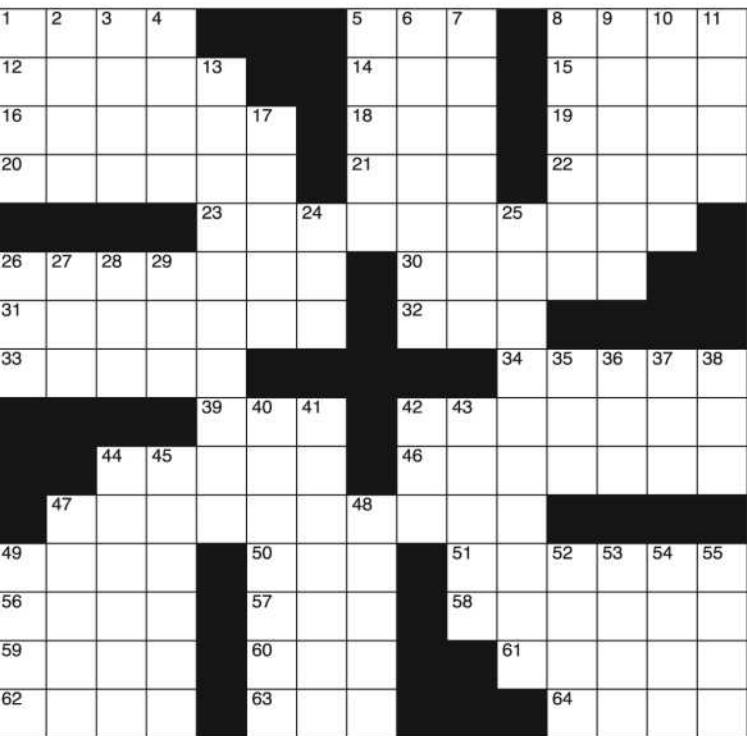
woman, one of each. This is how God created humankind.

From different families. The Bible consistently condemns incest, which is sexual intimacy between non-spouse family members or close relatives.

Lifelong faithfulness. Faithfulness, or faithful love, lies at the heart of the marriage relationship. Marriage is not at root about our feelings (which come and go) but about keeping a promise. Scripture speaks of marriage as a covenant to which God is witness. When a man and a woman marry (whether or not they are believers), they are joined together by God. Neither one of them nor any other person is to separate what God has joined. Marriage has, of course, many culturally variable expressions.

People enter marriage through varied ceremonies and engage in marriage in different ways. But, in its essence, the institution is established and designed by God and will only succeed with His intimate involvement.

Family and Marriage Coalition of Aiken (FAMCO) was created to provide resources for you to succeed in your marriage and families. Roger Rollins, Executive Director, FAMCO, 803-640-4689. Let us know how we can help.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Sealed with a kiss

5. Large sandwich

8. Swiss city

12. Japanese persimmons

14. When you hope to get somewhere

15. Wings

16. A name of God

18. Elected official (informal)

19. Abnormal breathing

20. “Seinfeld” character

21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)

22. Something for sale

23. Gets rid of

26. One who touts

30. Blemished

31. Less than exciting

32. Born of

33. N. German town
34. Notes

39. Move away from land

42. Vulcanite

44. More ignoble

46. Child actor Kirk

47. Written works

49. Sea vessel

50. Residue

51. Engraved

56. Having sufficient skill

57. One and only

58. Erase

59. Broad inlets

60. Nightmarish street

61. Play again

62. Formerly (archaic)

63. Add a color to change the color

64. Move swiftly and lightly

CLUES DOWN

1. Scottish island

2. River in the Netherlands

3. Asian people

4. Fuzzy fruit

5. Ninth month (abbr.)

6. An idealistic social reformer

7. What you owe

8. Colorless mineral

9. Overjoyed

10. Rattling breaths

11. Tropical Old World tree

13. A citizen of Senegal

17. Greek mythological beauty

24. Wrath

25. Instrument to measure wind speed

26. Luxury carmaker

27. Bitterly regret

28. Not or

29. Google certification
35. Midway between northeast and east

36. Space station

37. Relating to the ears

38. Congressman

40. Yelled at

41. Rudely assertive

42. Defunct European money

43. Shared one’s soul

44. Onion rolls

45. A way to state clearly

47. Relating to a lobe

48. Underlying message

49. Hollywood pig

52. Indicates pitch

53. Filament of a feather

54. Small ornamental ladies’ bag for small articles

55. Diminish



SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

2	7	9	7	1	5	3	8	6
1	3	8	9	2	6	7	5	4
6	7	5	4	8	3	9	1	2
8	6	4	3	9	2	7	5	1
5	2	1	7	8	6	1	4	3
9	1	3	5	4	7	6	2	8
4	5	2	6	7	8	1	9	3
3	8	6	1	5	9	2	7	4
7	6	7	2	1	3	4	8	5

ANSWER: