

2nd Timothy

Chapter 3

Sign in front of modern church:

- “No old fashioned constraints
- Home of the 7% tithe
- Only 7 commandments, your choice
- 15 minute sermons
- All you ever wanted, and less.”

Apostasy in the Last Days

The Antidote: The Word of God

- In the universe there is God,
and there are people and things.
- We should worship God,
love people, and use things.
- If we start worshiping ourselves,
we will ignore God, and start loving things,
and using people.
- This is a formula for a miserable life.

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 Timothy 3:1

- “Perilous times shall come” = dangerous, hard to deal with; savage. The same word is used to describe the violent demoniacs of Gadara Matt 8:28
 - *“Does this suggest that the ‘violence’ of the last times will be energized by demons?”* 1 Tim 4:1
- Paul warned the Ephesian elders of the coming apostasy in their day! Acts 20:29-30

Kingdom Now?

- It doesn't look like the world will be converted!
 - Not a bright future for the organised church.
- The “last days” for Israel: “the end of the age,” “the time of the end” = the Great Tribulation
- The “last days” for the church: immediately preceding the *harpazo*, “the Rapture”

Kingdom Now?

- The Bible doesn't teach that the Church will bring in the millennium and convert the world.
 - Instead we will see 19 descriptions (following) which are, of course, appearing today.
- The picture Paul paints is that it is going to get worse, not better.
- The heart of every problem is a problem with the heart.
 - Note the next 19 indicators...

For men shall be lovers of their own selves,
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disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2 Timothy 3:2

[1] **Lovers of their own selves:** self-lovers

[2] **Covetous:** lovers of money **1 Tim 6:10**

[3] **Boasters:** swaggerers; Proud

[4] **Proud:** haughty

[5] **Blasphemers:** (or better, railers)

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[6] **Disobedient to parents**

Attacks on the family are part of Satan's essential program

[7] **Unthankful.** (And discourteous)

[8] **Unholy:** profane

They are actually against God in their conversation and manner of life

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2 Timothy 3:3

[9] **Without natural affection:**
Unnatural sexual relationships

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Methodists move towards conducting same-sex marriages

by [Ed Thornton](#)



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London Pride 2019: Should it be a party or a protest?

What does Pride stand for in 2019?

Protest was at the heart of the original marches – and for people such as Andrew Lumsden, who was on the first of the London one in 1972, Pride is about revolution.

But, he says, "a revolution which doesn't also have fun is not a very good revolution".

With London celebrating Pride this weekend, we've been asking him and other people from its LGBT+ community whether it should be a party or a protest.

Pride London?



London Pride 2019: Highlights from this year's parade

Fifty years on from the Stonewall uprising in New York, London Pride 2019 was just as colourful as ever.

Organisers say up to 1.5 million people took to the streets for the parade, which started at Portland Place.

The parade went across Oxford Circus and down Regent Street before arriving at Whitehall via Trafalgar Square.

One man from Uganda spoke about how getting to this day "meant the world".

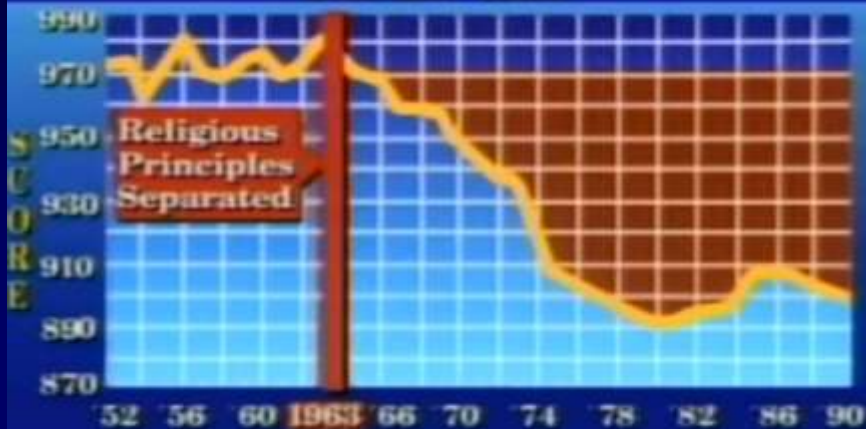
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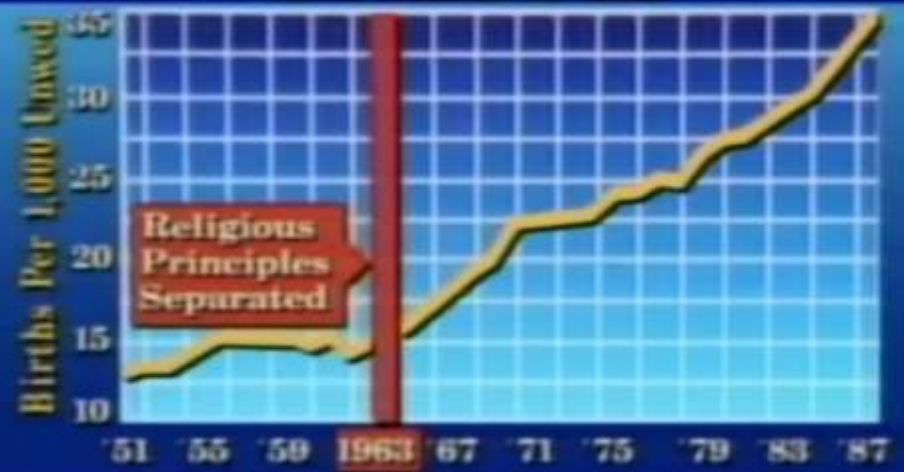
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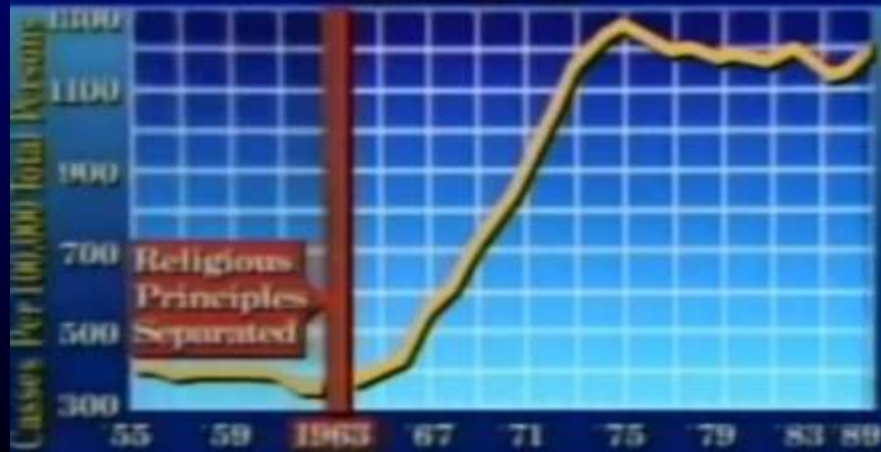


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BIRTH RATES FOR UNWED GIRLS
15-19 YEARS OF AGE



SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES
AGES 15-19



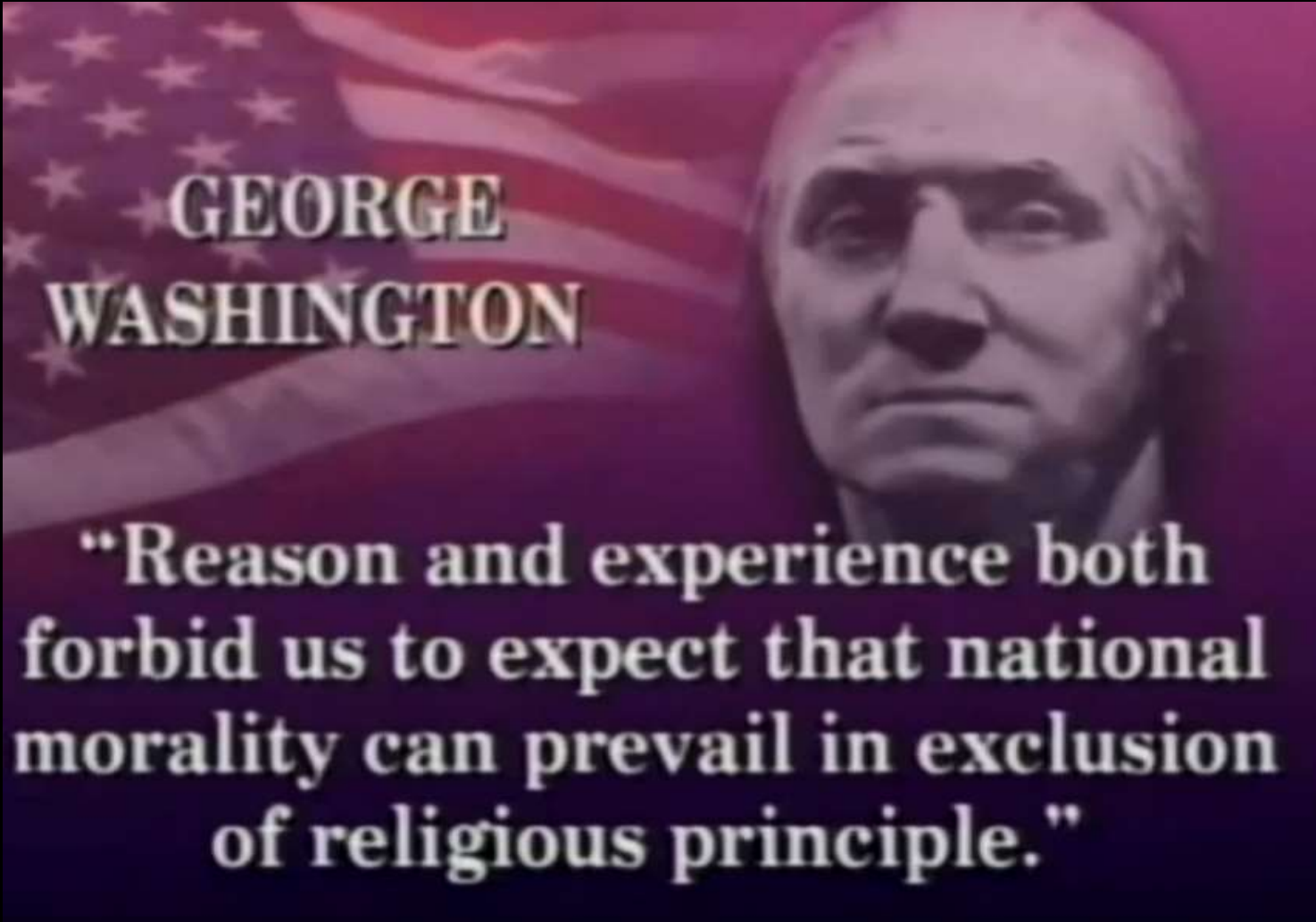
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DIVORCE RATES



DIVORCE RATES UP 117%

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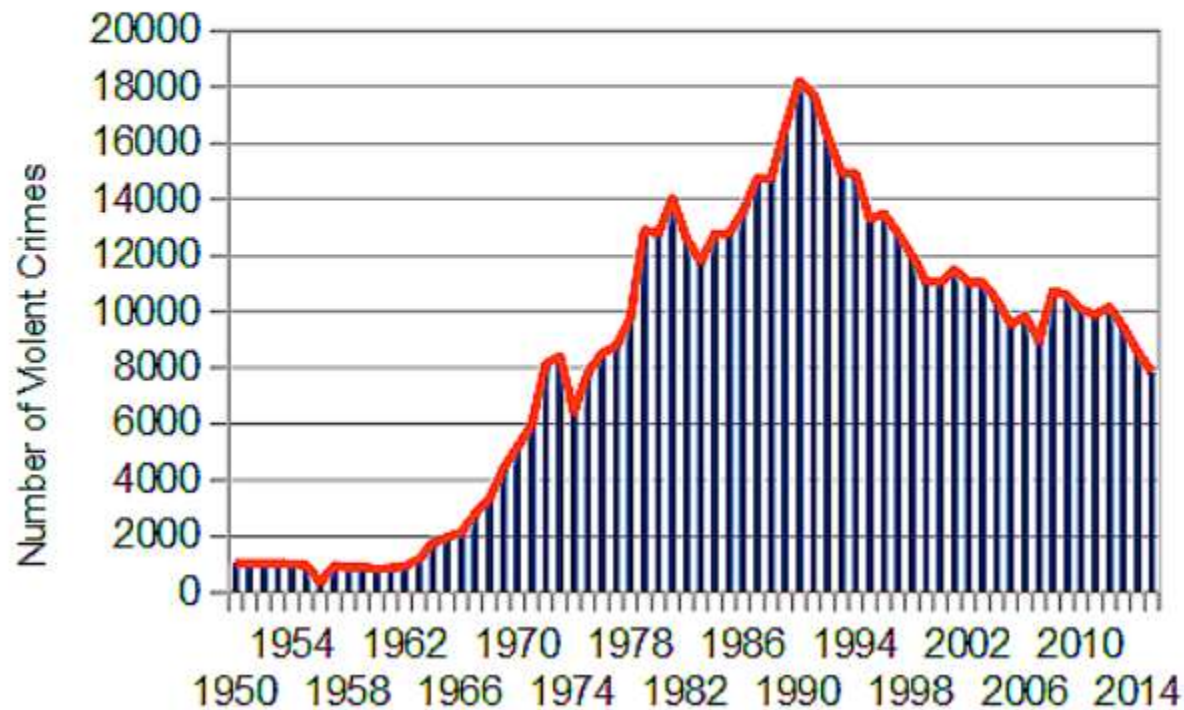
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**“Reason and experience both
forbid us to expect that national
morality can prevail in exclusion
of religious principle.”**

National & Spiritual Decline

Connecticut Violent Crime Index 1950-2015

Data from the FBI Uniform Crime Reort



The Cycle of Nations

“from bondage to spiritual faith;
from spiritual faith to great courage;
from courage to liberty;
from liberty to abundance;
from abundance to complacency;
from complacency to apathy;
from apathy to dependency;
from dependence back again into bondage.”

-- Alexander Tyler, 1750

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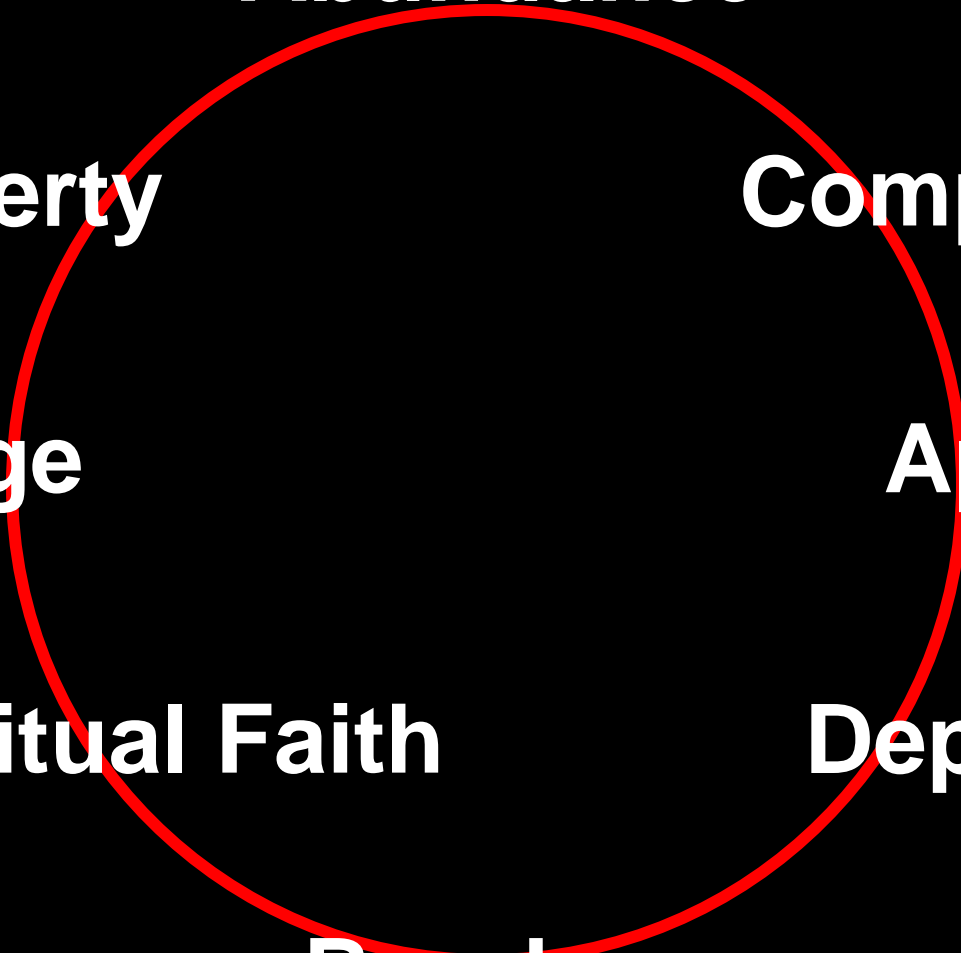
Courage

Apathy

Spiritual Faith

Dependency

Bondage



When Nations Die

Jim Nelson Black

- **Social Decay**
 - Crisis of Lawlessness
 - Loss of Economic Discipline
 - Rising Bureaucracy
- **Cultural Decay**
 - Decline of Education
 - Weakening of Cultural Foundations
 - Loss of Respect for Traditional Values
- **Moral Decay**
 - Rise of Immorality
 - Decay of Religious Belief
 - Devaluing of Human Life

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[10] **Trucebreakers**: (keeping the lawyers employed...)

Just consider our current political landscape!

[11] **False accusers**: slanderers; certainly characteristic of our times—*even within the Body!!!*

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[12] **Incontinent**: without self-control.

Characteristic of our present society.

13] **Fierce**: means savage; untamed; brutal.

Our streets and schools are unsafe, even in daytime. Knife crime is a daily occurrence

[14] **Despisers of those that are good**.

Better translated, “haters” of the good.



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