

Romans 1 and The Downfall of Our Civilization

The downward trend of the society of the United States of America is clearly shown in Romans 1. Any society of civilization that removes God from His rightful place ends up becoming a depraved society much like the Roman civilization became. Ultimately that civilization will lose its place in the world and cease to exist.

Romans 1:18-32

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

These verses tell us that people knew about God through His creation and have suppressed the truth because of ungodliness and unrighteousness. Watch the movie, "Expelled" and this becomes obvious.

²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

From its foundations, the United States of America has been a Christian nation. All of the original 13 colonies had a state sanctioned Christian denomination. See William Federer and Faith in History. Our founding documents and the writings of the founding fathers make this abundantly clear. The First Amendment to the Constitution protects the freedom of religion and prohibits only the federal government and Congress in particular from establishing a national religion. This was to prevent one Christian denomination from achieving political dominance like many of the national churches in Europe. Our founding fathers would have been horrified to see the extent that we have departed from this in discriminating against Christianity.

Amendment I

Freedoms, Petitions, Assembly

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

This amendment is meant to provide protection to religion and Christianity in particular so that the free exercise of religion could take place.

Secondly, these verses point out that people no longer sought to worship God, but made God in the image that they desired. Evolution also fits into these verses. Professing themselves to be wise that tried to explain how things could have come into being through purely naturalistic means. They tried to explain creation without a creator. The purpose for this is obvious. If there is a creator God and there is, then He sets the rules and decides what is right and wrong. These rebellious people did not want to be accountable to God and so they tried to replace God with evolution. Evolution is not true, unscientific and impossible. I am not going to go into all the reasons for this here. There are a wealth

of resources that are available. Some of those are Answers In Genesis and The Institute for Creation Research. In accepting a failed theory of evolution these people became fools.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. ²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

The truth of God that people have exchanged for a lie is evolution and atheism. Along with this is the religion of Humanism which places the creator man as god. Many evolutionist are also humanist. One well-know humanist and evolutionist states that to Humans belong the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. from the Lord's prayer. These people have made mankind the final authority on what is right and wrong. They have taken God's rightful place.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, ²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

The rise of sexual immorality is the mark of a society that abandons God. What was unthinkable in the 1950s has become a topic of sitcoms and shifting opinions accepting of those sexual immoralities. God condemns homosexuality, adultery and fornication (sex outside of marriage). The United States has moved away from that position. Do we dare think that we know better than God?

²⁸ And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; ³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

We are at the final stage in the degeneration of society. We now are giving hearty approval to those things that are against God's laws. Voting and passing laws that change marriage and make unacceptable things legally acceptable is hearty approval. We see it on TV and in the news. The news media on the whole have become haters of God and His laws. We should not be a part of this hearty approval. Hate crime legislation is an attempt to silence Christians especially on the topic of sexually immorality. These people would have it against the law for pastors to preach against these sexual immoralities.