

Rome and America: The Decline of Empires

In a recent video, [evangelist Perry Stone delves into the intriguing parallels](#) between the current state of America and the historical trajectory of democracies, particularly ancient Greece and Rome. Stone sheds light on the cyclical nature of history and the warnings it holds for the United States.

This is a topic often overlooked or mocked by many Americans—the idea that democracies, including the one in the United States, do not endure indefinitely. Drawing inspiration from the roots of Western democracy in ancient Greece, specifically Athens, Stone highlights how democracies are designed to empower the people, allowing them to share power and elect representatives. However, he underlines a significant historical truth: democracies, despite their inherent strengths, have a limited lifespan.

Embarking on a historical journey, Stone traces the roots of democracy to ancient Greece, attributing early democratic ideas to the Phoenicians, showing how democracies have existed off and on for 2,500 years within a cyclical nature of history, a concept rooted in ancient Greek beliefs.

The Founding Fathers of the United States, well-versed in both Scripture and historical texts, drew inspiration from the democratic principles of the Grecian Empire and political patterns of the Roman Empire when establishing the nation.

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What Stone uncovers however is an intriguing list of parallels between Rome and America. From the structure of government to societal practices, the similarities are striking. Both

nations experienced wars over slavery, allowed the killing of infants, practiced the same-sex lifestyle, permitted gay marriage and built stadiums for sports, glorifying their athletes. The list continues, pointing out shared characteristics in areas such as religion, census-taking and the presence of houses of prostitution.

It is no stretch of the imagination that America is currently undergoing the same “democratic erosion” that the Roman empire suffered through. This erosion, as Stone explains, manifests in a variety of ways, including a diminishing work ethic, growing dependency on government support, a decline in Christian values and a waning respect for churches and the Bible. Stone’s historical and biblical analysis serves as a stark warning about the potential consequences of these societal shifts.

To further illustrate his perspective, [Stone draws a parallel between the decline of the Roman Empire and potential challenges facing the United States.](#) Economic strains, similar to those experienced by Rome, are evident in the need for infrastructure repair, including roads and bridges. The historical pattern of an increasing number of people relying on government assistance rings familiar, leading Rome to pass laws to prevent individuals from quitting their jobs to maintain a workforce.

But there was one particularly crucial turning point in the decline of the Roman Empire—the loss of individual responsibility among the citizens. Stone notes that Senators of Rome prioritized retaining power over genuine concern for the people, a trend echoed in the halls of America’s Congress. The tax burden on the rich became so immense that many chose not to have children, fearing the financial strain, a scenario reminiscent of present concerns regarding the national debt.

Edward Gibbon, the author of *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* and was no fan of Christianity, outlined five reasons

for the downfall of great civilizations:

1. The rapid increase of divorce, with the undermining of the sanctity of the home, which is the basis of society (the nuclear family).
2. Higher and higher taxes; and the spending of public money on bread and circuses (food and entertainment).
3. The mad craze for pleasure, sports becoming more exciting and brutal each year (NFL, NBA, MMA, gambling).
4. The building of gigantic armies to fight external enemies, when the most deadly enemy, the decadence of the people, lay within (consumerism, narcissism, lack of education).
5. The decay of religion; faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide it (paganism, persecution of Christianity, rise of religious "nones" and Satanism).

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Perry Stone's comprehensive analysis serves as a necessary exploration of history, democracy and biblical prophecy. It urges Christian and Americans alike to reflect on the patterns of the past, drawing parallels between the rise and fall of civilizations, and consider the potential consequences of current societal, and spiritual, shifts.

Whether one views these connections through a historical, political or biblical lens, Stone's message invites the public's attention toward the resilience of democracies, the lessons of history and the shaping forces that influence the destiny of nations.

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Noises from Brothel Disrupt Church Service, Lead to Prostitution Bust

A recent police sting operation has exposed a disturbing sex-for-pay operation at the Ocean Spa Massage Parlor in San Diego, following numerous complaints from neighboring businesses and residents.

The complaints ranged from “sexual noises” disrupting a church service to reports of people engaging in sexual activities in parked cars near the parlor. The gravity of the situation prompted the San Diego Police Department to launch an extensive investigation, leading to shocking revelations.

According to CBS8, a youth group had previously held their Bible studies next to the parlor.

San Diego Police Chief Nisleit emphasized the seriousness of addressing neighborhood concerns, stating, “Our Vice Unit’s thorough investigation into the operation at businesses like Ocean Spa brings peace and civility back to San Diego neighborhoods.”

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The investigation resulted in four individuals arrested for prostitution, and legal action is being taken to shut down the parlor, with the City Attorney’s Office seeking over \$100,000 in civil penalties and reimbursement for attorney fees and law enforcement costs.

City Attorney Mara Elliott asserted, “The owners of Ocean Spa have been masquerading as a legitimate business for far too long. Ocean Spa is a sex shop—not a massage parlor—and it has no place in our community or anywhere else.”

Amid the ongoing battle against illicit activities, concerns have been raised about the impact of recent legislative changes in California. Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 357 in July 2022, repealing a law that banned loitering with the intent to engage in prostitution. Although it was framed that it would be protecting vulnerable communities, the new law has faced criticism for instead emboldening sex workers and their handlers.

A local San Diego business owner, speaking anonymously to Fox News Digital, highlighted the perceived consequences of SB 357, stating, “It’s always been pretty common with massage parlors to offer more than massages, but with [SB] 357 the whole industry is emboldened because they know nothing will happen.”

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Residents and business owners are grappling with the fallout, with reports of prostitutes becoming more confrontational, even threatening business owners and disrupting public spaces. The situation extends beyond San Diego, with other areas in California witnessing a surge in street-level prostitution and related challenges.

The unsettling rise of lawlessness in the United States, exemplified by incidents such as the sex-for-pay operation in San Diego, highlights the correlation between societal decay and a turning away from God. As the fabric of moral values seems to unravel, parallels can be drawn to biblical wisdom that emphasizes the consequences of forsaking God’s guidance

and righteousness. The book of Judges vividly illustrates a cycle of disobedience, moral decline and societal chaos when Israel turned away from God's commands. The recurring phrase "everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judg. 17:6) echoes the contemporary narrative of a society drifting towards self-indulgence and moral relativism.

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Jonathan Cahn Reveals Reality of Today's Spiritual Warfare to World Leaders

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, world leaders gathered for the National Gathering for Prayer & Repentance.

Each one was introduced to the spiritual battle taking place in the world today, clarified in the [New York Times best-selling book by Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, "The Return of the Gods."](#)

Host Jim Garlow, along with President of the Family Research Council Tony Perkins, revealed to the audience that this was the piece of literature that exposed the plans of the enemy for American culture today.

"This book spoke to me because as we wrestle with so many issues here in our nations capital, and literally around the world, it's a reminder of what Paul said in Ephesians 6, that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against

principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places. Those principalities are still working today, and their grip upon this nation is stronger than I think than ever," shares Perkins.

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"Jonathan lays that out in this book, and I believe Jim, that's why it does lay the foundation to drive us to our knees in repentance. Recognizing that we must battle in the heavenlies before we ever walk in the realm of politics," Perkins says.

Garlow points to the book's exposure of the enemy's plans, and that people must become aware of the most important battle being fought in the world today isn't against nations, but against the ancient enemy of God.

"What you have been given is a book that explains what is happening in America and the other nations represented here, more than any other one single book I am aware of" shares Garlow.

Taking the stage, Rabbi Cahn shared with the world the importance of the time we live in and the spiritual battles being waged.

"We are standing at a critical, dangerous moment. We have opened the door to what we never should have opened it to. We have no idea what we have unleashed," warns Cahn.

"Any civilization, any culture, any nation that has known God, and His word, and His power, and His ways, and His salvation, if it should ever turn away from God...it will not remain empty. That which was cast out of it, will come back into it. It will return to it's former state and worse.

[“And so for a Christian organization or a nation to turn away from God, is a most dangerous thing.”](#)

This turning away, this apostasy in America, this casting out of God, has opened the floodgates to demonic principalities to take up residence in a once-Christian nation.

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People are experiencing increased mental health issues, witnessing sexual and violent content in media, shunning the ways of God for the ways of the world, and the nation is far worse off for it.

“We are now witnessing the paganization of our culture,” reveals Cahn. “Where God is replaced by idols and truth is replaced with many truths or no truth. And where the world is worshipped and man becomes god.”

There is only one path for America to save itself from this battlefield of spiritual assault: repentance.

“There can only be one answer: we must turn back to God,” Cahn says.

“Without that, without revival, America as we know it is gone. And so we must now, in this capital city and around this nation, pray as we have never before prayed, for repentance and revival. And commit to living that repentance and that revival. We must pray for the power of God to cast out the spirits of darkness from our land, from the halls of our capital.”{eoa}

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The Day of the Prophetic Red Heifer is Almost Here

Many people today are unaware of the significance of the red heifer in both Judaism and Christianity. This symbol of purification is deeply rooted in Scripture, including in the book of Numbers (Num. 19:2-10) where God instructs Moses and Aaron about the ritual purification involving a red heifer.

That is why the work of American farmer Byron Stinson, an evangelical Christian from Texas, and Rabbi Ytshak Mamo, an official from the Temple Institute in Jerusalem, Israel, is so important.

Speaking at the [2024 National Gathering for Prayer & Repentance in Washington D.C.](#), the two shared the importance of the red heifer and the ceremony that must take place for ritual sacrifice and worship to resume in the eventual Third Temple.

Finding these unique cattle was no small feat, but once Stinson and Mamo formulated their plan to send the red heifers to Israel, they need to acquire a unique license to do so.

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Discussing this symbol of great importance to the Jewish and Christian communities, Rabbi Mamo explained that the heifer must be in its third year of life to be used in the ceremony, and that time is swiftly drawing near.

“If there is any [mathematicians] here, so you can understand that we are very close to the third year of these cows,”

reveals Mamo. "Which means that with the help of God, we will get permission from God and from the people to make the ceremony. And then we can be pure."

The ashes of the red heifer are used as [a unique purifying agent demanded by the Lord](#), essential for cleansing those who had come into contact with death.

In Judaism, the red heifer's ashes played a crucial role in the process of ritual purity, particularly for those involved in Temple service. The rarity of finding a red heifer without blemish added to its mystique and the meticulous observance of the prescribed rituals surrounding its sacrifice.

For Christians, the bovine holds a slightly different meaning as the red heifer is often seen as a prefiguration of Christ's sacrificial atonement. The red heifer's sin-cleansing symbolism aligns the redemptive power of Jesus' blood. Although not as explicitly emphasized in the New Testament, the red heifer serves as a symbolic link between the Old and New Covenants, reflecting themes of purification, sacrifice and spiritual cleansing in both religious traditions.

Additionally, the red heifer plays an important part of Christian eschatology. When the Third Temple is restored and sacrifices resume, it is because a red heifer, without blemish, has been found and allowed the resumption of temple services. This is a qualifying marker of the end times and the eventual rise to power of the Antichrist, a precursor to the return of Jesus Christ.

Radical Islamists take this biblical prophecy very seriously as well.

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[As Charisma News reported](#), the spokesman for the military wing

of Hamas, Abu Obeida, revealed that the red heifers were targets in the Oct. 7 massacre that saw over 1,200 Israeli's murdered.

"We look back 100 days to remember the educated, the complicit and the incapacitated among the world powers governed by the law of the jungle, reminding them of an aggression that reached its peak against our path (Al-Quds) and Al-Aqsa, with the start of its actual temporal and spatial division, and the 'bringing of red cows' as an application of a detestable religious myth designed for aggression against the feelings of an entire nation in the heart of its Arab identity, and the path of its prophet (the Night Journey) and ascension to heaven," read Abu Obeida.

[The entire process of establishing the Third Temple](#), and the Holy of Holies where the ceremony of the red heifer must take place in front of, is an international diplomatic level perhaps never seen before.

Since the Dome of the Rock sits atop where many believe the Holy of Holies to be on the Temple Mount, many Muslims fear that the Al Aqsa Mosque will be destroyed. If this were the case, which Rabbi Mamo says they are not trying to do, it would embroil the entire world in mass protests and violence from the followers of Islam.

To be clear: no one knows how the Lord will orchestrate these events to unfold, only that they will unfold as biblical prophecy declares.

In the meantime, Christians can continue praying for the peace of Israel in these volatile days, and for wisdom, discernment and strength to navigate the end times.

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Pennsylvania Man Beheads Father in Demonic Rage

In a shocking and horrifying incident, 32-year-old Justin Mohn was arrested and charged with first-degree murder, abuse of a corpse and possession of an instrument of crime after his father, Michael F. Mohn, was found decapitated in their Levittown home.

The gruesome crime came to light when police were alerted by the victim's wife, [leading to a swift investigation that resulted in Mohn's arrest](#) at the Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard training facility in Lebanon County.

According to Middletown Township Police, the victim's head was discovered in a plastic bag inside a cooking pot, with bloody gloves and weapons found nearby. Michael Mohn, a federal employee with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District, fell victim to his son's violent act. The YouTube video posted by Justin Mohn further revealed his disturbing antigovernmental sentiments and conspiracy theories.

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In a troubling twist, Mohn's online writings revealed a history of embracing violent rhetoric and conspiracies. The Associated Press reported his attempt to incite a "bloody revolution" in 2020 and his encouragement of assassinations. The YouTube video, now removed, showcased Mohn's unstable mental state and alarming beliefs.

Neighbors expressed shock over the incident, recalling Justin

Mohn's odd behavior, which included regular walks and unsettling encounters. Some had even reported concerns to the police. Experts emphasize the importance of recognizing signs of mental distress and urging individuals to seek help when needed.

For Spirit-filled Christians, [this tragedy showcases the spiritual implications of unchecked demonic influence.](#) Biblical accounts highlight instances of individuals under demonic oppression leading to tragic consequences.

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Examples abound in Scripture of sons turning against their fathers, such as Absalom rebelling against King David (2 Sam. 15:10-12). Additionally, instances of demonic possession causing destructive behavior are evident in the New Testament, as seen in the Gadarene demoniac (Mark 5:1-20). As Christians, understanding the reality of spiritual warfare underscores the need for compassion, prayer and intervention to prevent such tragic outcomes.

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New Amazon Program Pushing More Unholiness into Your

Home

If you want to see the direction society is heading, look no further than the media being pushed onto it.

With satanically focused, animated shows grabbing headlines over the past year, Amazon figured they would throw their hat in the hellish ring and see if it would pay off.

Sadly, it appears it has.

The new animated series on Amazon, "Hazbin Hotel," focuses on a corrupt version of the creation story from the Bible. One where Satan is the good guy, but misunderstood in heaven. Lilith was actually Adam's first wife, but was too independent and free-spirited to accept his tyrannical rule, and thus she fled the Garden of Eden.

Depicting Satan and the demon Lilith as tragic characters, the show tries to create a warped semblance of love between the two and focuses the storyline on their daughter: Charlie Morningstar, who is a lesbian.

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In the intro to the series alone viewers are pelted with a barrage of radical feminism, demon worship, sexual immorality and much more. The language is so foul in this show it makes other adult animated shows like "South Park" seem tame by comparison.

There is an abundance of immoral and depraved schtick on offer in this show. Yet young girls are being seduced by the show in droves. There is merchandise with the cartoony animation style that draws in young eyes, not to mention attempts at "cutesy" nicknames to the show that are beyond vulgar.

Depictions of sexual violence, all different variants of sexual immorality and heretical storylines that seek to undermine the Bible make this one of the most evil shows ever created for media.

And people are loving it.

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On the movie and television recommendation and ratings site Rotten Tomatoes, the critics and audience scores are sitting at 85% and 86% respectively, making the show “fresh.”

An entire generation of youth are being bought with shows depicting satanic imagery and warped versions of God on a scale never seen before. This constant exposure to such spiritually destructive content will desensitize people to the very real and destructive powers of the devil. Not to mention corrupting who God really is and that Jesus Christ is real and loves them so much He died for them.

In the meantime, Christians may or may not be able to stop this content from coming out, but they can show the world who God is. By living a life pleasing to God, and declaring the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we can put our faith, hope and trust in God and His power, knowing that through Him, anything is possible.

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Independent Report on IHOPKC and Mike Bickle Released

The third party, independent investigation that International House of Prayer, Kansas City authorized through independent investigator and attorney Rosalee McNamara has been released in full.

[Within the pages of the report](#) is the finding that Mike Bickle likely engaged in “inappropriate behavior including sexual contact and clergy misconduct...for a person in a position of trust and leadership.”

The report affirms after credible allegations came to light that IHOPKC “immediately, formally and permanently” separated from Bickle.

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In the report, McNamara also acknowledged that several of the “Jane Does” had been incorrectly named by the Advocate Group, some without their knowledge or approval.

According to McNamara, “Each emphatically and persuasively denied that any inappropriate conduct, attempts at inappropriate conduct or any relationship or conduct other than an appropriate, professional relationship and conduct occurred.”

IHOPKC spokesman Eric Volz also released a message in response to the McNamara findings.

[You can view IHOPKC’s response here.](#)

Healing and Hope in Crisis: Our Response to the McNamara Report [#ihopkc pic.twitter.com/b0NK9vmBnX](#)

– Eric Volz (@EricVolz) [January 31, 2024](#)

Volz reinforced IHOPKC and new executive director General Kurt Fuller's commitment to the investigation and ensuring the truth is revealed and justice is delivered.

"To be clear, this Jane Doe came directly to IHOPKC leadership and she was immediately referred to Ms. McNamara. Regardless of today's findings or any outside pressure, Gen. Fuller and the leadership here have been paying attention and are fully committed to making sure this never again," explains Volz.

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With this report's findings now published, IHOPKC announced through Volz that they have "opened a line of communication to the advocate group to entertain the idea of a commission of mutually agreed upon, well-respected outside leaders in the body of Christ.

"This commission will serve as independent overseers to evaluate this matter and provide direction on the proper subsequent actions. This commission will also receive any new information that comes to light. The talks are preliminary, but things look promising," Volz says.

For further updates in this ongoing matter, Volz announced on Feb. 1, that his role providing crisis management services to IHOPKC had come to an end.

IHOPKC Transitions out of Crisis Mode.

With the completion of several lines of effort, including the McNamara investigation, my time providing crisis management services to IHOPKC has come to a close.

It has been my high honor to serve this precious community and I look forward...

– Eric Volz (@EricVolz) [February 1, 2024](#)

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Is Neuralink Brain Chip Next Step to Mark of the Beast?

In a shocking, and for many terrifying, announcement, billionaire Elon Musk announced on social media platform X, that [the first human has received the Neuralink brain implant.](#)

The post from Monday, Jan. 29, revealed that after the procedure was complete, the patient was “recovering well,” and that the “initial results show promising neuron spike detection.”

Elon Musk, a co-founder of Neuralink, refrained from offering further details about the patient. In September, when Neuralink disclosed its intention to initiate recruitment, the company specified its focus on seeking individuals with quadriplegia resulting from cervical spinal cord injury or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

More information regarding the status of the patient is expected in coming days, but many are already speculating about what this potentially world-altering event holds for the future of “transhumanism.”

Transhumanism is “the belief or theory that the human race can evolve beyond its current physical and mental limitations, especially by means of science and technology.”

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Neuralink is among numerous organizations striving to establish connections between the nervous system and computers, with the goal of addressing brain disorders, overcoming brain injuries and exploring various applications. Clinicaltrials.gov reports that there are over 40 ongoing trials for brain-computer interfaces.

Theories have run wild about the implications of technologically modified humans and the dangers that this presents, most notably a path to the system of the Antichrist and the Mark of the Beast, as described in the book of Revelation.

Causing a stir in 2022, a woman by the name of Burgundy Waller showed how her tech-genius husband had a medical professional implant a chip in her right hand back in June of 2020. This allowed her to unlock doors and drawers throughout her home by simply touching them.

But this is not the end for chip implant limitations, as Waller revealed her husband has an even more technologically advanced version of her chip, which is capable of storing information and interacting with iPhones. Various models of these chips are able to store data for social media accounts, websites and even credit card information.

The fear for many is that as many products and purchasing

options become digitized, while moving away from a physical and cash-based culture, these types of advancements will become mandatory as a way to track and control people's habits.

While Neuralink has been hyping up its medical properties, the company has also announced that it is moving into various fields of human interface technology, including their first product, "Telepathy."

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Musk says that this new implant will enable the user to control phones and computers "just by thinking."

Claiming that these products are to help in a medical capacity only, the competitors of Neuralink will undoubtedly follow in Musk's path of developing additional chip technologies should they gain traction and begin bringing in funding.

Considering that "Chipgirl" has a whopping 4.9 million followers on TikTok alone, these types of implants appear to be gaining traction in both popularity and desire to have as an accessory.

For those who fear the potential threat to privacy, and even more severe the mandated use of such a device in an Antichrist-ruled world, [discernment and wisdom are mandatory in the end times.](#)

Gaining clarity through continuous time spent in the Bible will empower and guide people in a society that is increasingly hostile to the Lord, and will keep one grounded in the righteousness and ways of God.

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Are Worship Restrictions Coming to a City Near You?

What would you do if [an authoritarian state decided that you were not allowed to sing](#) certain songs out in public and if you did you could be cited or even worse, arrested?

Christians in the U.K. are already being arrested for praying silently, all because they are across the street from abortion clinics, but certain police officers have also begun taking issue with people singing worship songs in public now as well.

A volunteer police officer is under scrutiny after wrongly instructing Christian singer Harmonie London that she couldn't perform church songs outside church grounds on Oxford Street. The incident, captured on video and shared on London's YouTube channel, has sparked criticism and calls for the officer to be "struck off" from the voluntary force.

Known for sharing her Christian street performances online, London was approached by the officer outside John Lewis department store. The officer asserted, "No miss, you're not allowed to sing church songs outside of church grounds, by the way." Despite London's correction, the officer persisted, stating she couldn't sing worship songs "unless you have been authorized by the church to do these kinds of songs."

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The exchange was recorded, and the video shows the officer

walking away sticking her tongue out to the camera.

This less-than-professional, and factually incorrect, behavior from the officer has gone viral with people around the world condemning her for not knowing the law, being improperly trained and targeting someone for singing.

Former Conservative Minister Ann Widdecombe said the officer should be removed from the voluntary force, that the officer had “got the law completely wrong” and insisted that London had every right to sing Christian songs in a public space.

“There is no basis at all for saying you can’t sing. I could walk down the street singing ‘Onward Christian Soldiers,’ and I would be committing no offense at all,” Widdecombe commented.

ICYMI:

‘She should be struck off from the voluntary force.’

Ann Widdecombe reacts to a viral video of a volunteer police officer saying ‘you are not allowed to sing Church songs outside of Church grounds’. pic.twitter.com/l2G9gK7VW2

– GB News (@GBNEWS) [January 29, 2024](#)

The incident has raised concerns about the understanding of legal rights in public spaces, especially regarding freedom of expression and religious practices.

The Metropolitan Police Service in the city of London did not help their case either, saying the officer was getting a talking to from her manager. What they did have strong feelings about online was the critics of the officer and posted on X saying “We’re aware of significant social media commentary. Some of the comments are personal and hurtful. This is unacceptable.”

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Yet when it came to the unlawful conduct of the officer, all they could muster was “We’re working to understand the context in which these comments were made.”

What do people get when systems of meritocracy and performance are removed, and untrained, unskilled and unqualified personnel take up positions of authority and law enforcement? Well, you get this. A situation that should have never happened, but perhaps needed to happen, which highlights the incompetence that has begun plaguing agencies around the world, especially here in America.

So, [are Christians in America ready to experience situations like the one that just occurred in the U.K.?](#) When persecution strikes, will the American church stand for the gospel of Jesus because their faith is rooted in the Word of God? Or will it wither before the targeting and harassments believers are prophesied to endure during the end times according to the Bible?

If anyone is unsure of the answer to that question, they would do well to spend more time in the Word and in prayer. Because the question isn’t if Christians will suffer persecution, but when.

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Montana Christian Family Loses Custody Battle Over Daughter's Gender Transition

A Montana couple, Krista and Todd Kolstad, is facing a heart-wrenching battle after losing custody of their 14-year-old daughter, Jennifer, who expressed a desire to transition her gender. The family's ordeal began when Jennifer's statements about suicidal thoughts prompted Child Protective Services (CPS) to intervene in August 2023.

[Krista Kolstad shared with the Daily Mail the devastating impact on their family](#), stating, "It's been horrible... Our family unit will never be the same." The Kolstads argue that Jennifer's troubled upbringing, marked by a tumultuous relationship with her birth mother and instances of bullying at school, contributed to her struggles.

Mr. Kolstad emphasized his love for his daughter, expressing concern about the decision to transition at a young age. He said, "I love my daughter unconditionally and only want her to refrain from making decisions until she has the maturity and life experiences to understand the consequences."

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The Kolstads' case is not an isolated incident, as another Christian family from Indiana, Jeremy and Mary Cox, has also faced custody challenges due to their refusal, for religious reasons, to let their son identify as a girl. The Coxes, evangelical Christians, lost custody in June 2021 after concerns were raised about the teen's physical and emotional well-being.

In a show of support, a California mom, Abigail Martinez, who lost custody of her daughter Yaeli in 2016, filed a document backing Mr. and Mrs. Cox. Yaeli was placed on testosterone and later died by suicide, raising questions about the consequences of such decisions.

The Kolstads allege that when CPS intervened, their objections to Jennifer's immediate gender transition were dismissed. Despite Montana's ban on medical transitioning for minors, the hospital argued that "social transition" fell into a "gray area of the law."

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The situation escalated when Jennifer was placed under 24-hour supervision, and discussions about gender-affirming care were allegedly pushed onto her by an aide. Concerned about facilities in Wyoming, which allows gender-affirming care for minors, the Kolstads found themselves facing removal of their daughter from their care.

Mr. and Mrs. Kolstad were assigned a public defender who advised them to comply with CPS recommendations. Despite their efforts to raise concerns, they ultimately lost custody of Jennifer on Jan.19, with CPS asserting that allowing her to be transgender is in her "therapeutic interest."

CPS now has custody of Jennifer for six months, after which the plan is to place her with her birth mother in Canada. The Kolstads, defying a judge's order to remain silent, continue to speak out about their case, [shedding light on the erosion of parental rights and religious freedom.](#)

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