

Abstinence Plus Fidelity Equals Civilization

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History and sociology agree that sexual abstinence before marriage and fidelity in marriage creates civilization, and that when these depart, civilizations fall.

In his study of 86 civilizations, historian J. D. Unwin “found with no exceptions that these societies flourished during eras that valued sexual fidelity. Inevitably, sexual mores would loosen and the societies would subsequently decline.” In other words, cohabitation, divorce, single parenting and homosexuality destroys societies.

In Jesus’ day, as Rome began its decline, “it was common for Roman men to have open sexual relations with both sexes, and certainly nobody opposed a man having sex with his slaves of both sexes.”

The United States is following the path of Rome. Divorce prior to 1900 was less than 5%, today it is 50%, and “If the current trends continue, [it] will continue to rise for at least the next decade.” Today, 75% of American women cohabit for a time before they are 30. In 1960’s America, 243,000 children were living with a single parent who had never married; now it is 12 million.

The world is following suit: divorce in China has been rising by 8% to 10% per year since 2003. In Delhi, India, there were 1 or 2 divorces a year in the 1960s; by the early 2000s it reached 9,000.

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J.D. Unwin’s study, *Sex and Culture*, found “a direct tie between monogamy and the ‘expansive energy’ of civilization. ... In human records there is no instance of a society retaining its energy after a complete new generation has inherited a tradition which does not insist on pre-nuptial and post-nuptial continence.”

The Bible concurs. King David’s curse upon his enemies was, “may his children be fatherless.” Ezekiel observed of pagan nations, “They have committed adultery ... they even sacrificed their children, whom they bore to [God], as food for [idols].”

History and the Bible support the strong Unificationist assertion that the human Fall was sexual sin, and that “We may be able to eradicate all other evils by establishing moral codes through religion, by thoroughly implementing various educational programs, and by reforming the socio-economic systems that foster crime. But no one can prevent the plague of sexual promiscuity.”

On Wednesday we’ll share why neither science nor traditional religion can solve this.

(The image is the Great Seal of the State of California. “Eureka” means “I have found it!”
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