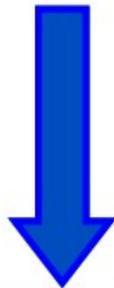




BRITAINS DOWNGRADE



Britain's Downgrade

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THE 1960'S saw a major historic shift of belief in Britain. No longer did our erstwhile politicians and their unseen masters, see our country's laws as being of divine origin based on God's Law, and therefore were fixed. Rather, they were seen as being of human origin, based upon "the will of the people." Therefore, they could be and were changed.

Since the end of the second world war, a great deal of Bible-based legislation has been removed from British Law Books and replaced by very inferior and permissive laws. Today there are, at least in the mind of British Parliamentarians, and its behind the scenes law makers, all absolutes the restraints are off, an action that is in open defiance of God and His Word. The general consensus is that "morality is what you make it"

However, historically, God's Law has shaped particularly the English statute book. In Anglo-Saxon times Alfred the Great laid down a sound foundation. He added to his laws a free translation of the Ten Commandments and an abridgment of the enactments of Exodus chapters 21-23. Alfred took his responsibilities as a Christian ruler seriously, and the spiritual welfare of his subjects was important to him

The true significance of the removal of biblical restraints and replacement by inferior laws is well summed up by Rev David Samuel who wrote: **"When a law is passed by Parliament and put upon the statute book it can still be lawlessness when it is judged by that higher law - the Law of God. Yet we have witnessed this kind of thing repeatedly in recent years.... Iniquity, lawlessness. in our society today is no longer merely the aberration of the individual, but it is the structured, codified and deliberate lawlessness of society itself."**

Roy Jenkins, former Labour Home Secretary, wrote a leaflet in the late 1950's, entitled "Is Britain Civilised?" In which he attacked what he called, "Britain's "archaic" laws on censorship, homosexuality, divorce and abortion, as well as arguing for the abolition of capital punishment and changes to the country's "Victorian" criminal justice system.

He went on to claim that "*The permissive society is a civilized society.*" He sponsored homosexual law reform and the legalisation of abortion as well as legislation outlawing racial discrimination. He helped create what its supporters called the civilised society. Jenkins was convinced that a "permissive society" was a "civilised society". However what supports a civilized society is not permissiveness, but self-discipline, an expression detested by those who have low or no moral principles be they Left, Right and Centre of the political spectrum What Jenkins advocated has lead to the degeneration of British society.

What would this so-called Father of the Permissive Society, think today with gun crime, juvenile criminals, live-in boyfriends, child abuse, child pornography, murder, soaring rape statistics, teenage pregnancies, gambling debt, drunkenness, STD's and AIDS, amounts to "a civilized society?"

One marriage in three now ends in divorce.

Almost 40% of children are now born out of wedlock, the highest figure in Europe.

Since the 1967 Abortion Act, more than six million children have been aborted.

The legalisation of homosexuality is merely the beginning, with an aggressive "gay rights" lobby demanding more and more concessions.

The policy of early release of prisoners has resulted in 14% of violent criminals who are freed early being convicted of more violence within two years of release.

No longer is our society leavened by God-fearing respect for His commandments, a clear sense of right and wrong, and just views of crime

and punishment. Now, every man does that *which seemeth right in his own eyes*. "Therefore; the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore, wrong judgment proceedeth " Habakkuk 1:4.

British society from the 1960's went from the absolute to relativism, and throughout those days the phrases such as "The Permissive Society" and "The New Morality," became the in words. It was a systematic repudiation of one biblical law after another.

The political powers caught the Jenkins permissive bug and began re-legislating the nation's moral standards, which were and are detrimental to the nations moral and spiritual health.

Below is a list of some of this legislation, and the relevant divine commandments they abandoned.

SOME OF THE UNGODLY LAWS PASSED IN BRITAIN SINCE

1950 1951: The Fraudulent Mediums Act This 1951 Act of Parliament effectively legalised witchcraft in Britain which had for centuries been banned for centuries and made all occult arts legal. Witchcraft is offensive to God and we are severely warned against them in Scripture. **Deuteronomy 18:10-13** "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations die LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God."

1959: The Obscene Publications Act: This was a very weak Act and had the effect of making it more difficult to prosecute pornographers, as lawyers had to prove that the publications had "a tendency to corrupt and deprave". **Mark 7:21-23** "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders. Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

The Act's Amendment in 1977 and The Broadcasting Act 1990 extended the law to cinema and television respectively, preparing the way for the Internet. This Act allowed all kinds of offences to be screened into our homes that certainly are an offence to God. "**Colossians 3:5-6**, "*Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things ' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:*"

1965: The Abolition of the Death Penalty, this removed the death sentence from the Statute Book for all kinds of murder and sent a message through the nation about the social acceptability of violence. Yet the Word of God upon which the Law of Britain was established, states "*And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death. And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it he done to him; Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again. And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killed a man, he shall be put to death. Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for die stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the LORD your God.*" **Leviticus 24:17-22**

1967: The Abortion Act, the Parliamentarians and their murderous allies had abolished the death penalty for murder but in 1967 they said it was acceptable to murder unborn babies. Doctors were now allowed to perform abortions if they complied with certain conditions. About 450 abortions take place daily in British hospitals, bringing to more than 6 million the number of unborn children killed since abortions became legal. In other words the equivalent of the entire population of the British Isle has been slaughtered since 1967

The horrific practice of child sacrifice has been committed worldwide for hundreds of years. Generally, the sacrifice of a child was intertwined with the worship of a pagan deity, often a fertility god. This is still practiced under the guise of abortion, where men and women worship self and self-satisfaction, but without the consequences, such is forbidden by God

The Bible makes it quite clear that God hates human sacrifice. The pagan nations that surrounded the Israelites practiced human sacrifice as part of

the worship of false gods. God declared that such "worship" was detestable to Him and that He hates it Deuteronomy 12:31 *"Thou shalt not do so unto the **LORD** thy God: for every abomination to the **LORD**, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods."* and ch 18:10 *"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch."*

*Furthermore, human sacrifice is associated in the Old Testament with evil practices such as sorcery and divination, which are also detestable to God look at 2 Kings 21:6 "And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the **LORD**, to anger".*

1967: The Sexual Offences Act was a further offence to God and direct violation of the Word of God where homosexual practices are said to be detestable to God. It decriminalised homosexual acts between consenting men over the age of 21, if done in private.

(a) **In 1994, the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act** reduced to 18 the homosexual age of consent

b) **In 2000, the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act** equalised the age of consent for homosexual and heterosexual sex at 16. Both sexes were consequently allowed to be exposed to paedophiles and sexual predators. Furthermore and children in schools are taught that all forms of sexual intercourse were permissible according to each individual's wishes.

Leviticus 18:22 "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." Then in Romans 1:22-27 we have *"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory' of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth*

of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men”

1967: The Obscene Publications Act Amendment further opened the way for all kinds of pornography and literature to be published of an explicit sexual nature. Ephesians **5:4-6** *“Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.”* Then in Romans 13:13 we have the exhortation *“Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.”*

1969: The Divorce Reform Act introduced the principle of the irretrievable breakdown of marriage as the sole ground for divorce, to be proved by adultery, unreasonable behaviour, or desertion; or by two years separation with consent to a divorce, or five years separation without consent to a divorce. In other words, it opened the way for easy divorce, the floodgates were opened by this Act for widespread marriage breakdown.

Mark 10:2-12 *“And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and*

marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.”

1972: The European Communities Act, the EC (Amendment Acts of 1986 and of 1993) took Britain into the European Economic Community (EEC), and by which the Single Market and Maastricht Treaty both became law. All these measures contributed to increased political control over Britain by unelected non-nationals in Europe.

1990 Amendment to the Abortion Act reduced the age at which an unborn baby could be aborted to twenty weeks and legalised the abortion of 'disabled' babies at a much later stage than that.

King David spoke about God knitting him together in his mother's womb and Jeremiah speaks about being called into ministry from the time of his conception Jeremiah 1:5. This Act showed society's total disregard for the principle that life is a sacred gift of God.

1990: The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act legalised the creation of embryos for experimentation or storage in laboratories. This Act also amended the Abortion Act 1967, resulting in abortion on demand for handicapped babies right up to the time of birth, **Ecclesiastes 11:5** *“As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all ”*

1993: The Sunday Trading Act, allowed widespread trading on Sundays which is directly against God's command to observe a Sabbath day, a day of rest each week. Sunday became just another day which inevitably weakened family life and reduced church attendance. **Exodus 20:8-11** *“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But die seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven*

and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

1994: The National Lottery Act instituted the State Lottery. It pays out 50% of its taking to winners, but is an intrinsically regressive form of voluntary taxation, as the burden falls most heavily on the poor. Furthermore, many of the 'good cause' recipients, who receive 28% of the takings, have agendas directly opposed to Biblical values. The National Lottery has become an obsession for millions wanting to get rich quick and it encourages people to gamble, often with money they cannot afford, I Timothy 6:10 *“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. ”*

1995: Licensing Sunday Hours Act virtually abolished Sunday observance and was another direct Act against the Word of God, more or less legalising anything to happen on Sundays, but with some restrictions on the number of hours that shops could open for business.

1997: The Amsterdam Treaty further eroded national sovereignty, bringing Britain increasingly under the rule of a humanist, anti-Christian law. This was one more step in Britain being mied from Brussels rather than by our own elected Members of Parliament. It was selling our birthright for a mess of pottage, Psalm 1:1-2 *“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, ”*

2001: Regulations to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 permitting embryo research for developing treatments for serious diseases. Effectively, this allows cloning of human embryos and experimenting with creating human life. Exodus 23:7 *“Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.”*

2004: The Gender Recognition Act 8 granted transsexual people legal recognition as members of the sex opposite to their birth gender, either male or female. From a medical and scientific perspective there is no such thing as a "transgendered" person. This is a mental problem, not a physical condition.

This allowed those with a twisted conception of who they are to acquire a new birth certificate recognising their new gender within the law and allowing them to marry a person of the opposite sex.

The act was a further assault on God's act of creation of human beings in his own image, both male and female. Genesis 1:27 ***“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”*** Genesis 5:2 ***“Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.”*** Genesis 6:19 ***“And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female .”***

2013: The Marriage (Same-Sex Couples) Act, redefined marriage which had always been between a man and a woman. It allowed two persons of the same gender to enter into legally recognised marriage. This Act crossed a red line in British parliamentary history. It passed a law that directly contradicted God's act of creation in creating men and women as complementary beings to be united in a faithful marriage covenant through which the physical expression of love would produce the procreation of children to ensure the health and well-being of future generations of the human race. Romans 1:6-27.

“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people”

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The Maastricht Treaty



The Maastricht Treaty (officially the Treaty on European Union) was signed on 7 February 1992 by the members of the European Communities in Maastricht, Netherlands, to further European integration. On 9–10 December 1991, the same city hosted the European Council which drafted the treaty. The treaty founded the European Union and established its pillar structure which stayed in place until the Lisbon Treaty came into force in 2009. The treaty also greatly expanded the competences of the EEC/EU and led to the creation of the single European currency, the euro.





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