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Moral Decline: The Path to Currency Collapse

The book of Isaiah harshly criticizes Judah's moral failings which is a warning that applies to Western nations today. God, through Isaiah, calls out a "sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity" (Isaiah 1:4), describing a society so corrupt it ruins its own currency: "Your silver has become dross, your choice wine diluted with water" (Isaiah 1:22). This picture of worthless silver coins is like today's practices, despite grandiose verbiage like "quantitative easing" or "Modern Monetary Theory." In the final analysis, it's just central banks printing money, reducing its value and causing inflation as they support dishonest governments that refuse to be fiscally responsible and continually run massive deficits. Such policies flow from the "elite's" greed and their insatiable thirst for power, benefiting themselves at the expense of the middle class and working poor. These policies ignore Isaiah's call to "learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause" (Isaiah 1:17). History and Scripture show that moral decay leads to excessive spending, money printing, inflation and eventually currency collapse. Isaiah 5:20 warns, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" When a society loses its moral foundation, it's only a matter of time before the economy and currency deteriorate and the wealth gaps between the rich and poor increase dramatically.

Fiat currency (not backed by assets like gold) depends on trust in institutions, government, and society's integrity. Ethics build this trust. A society that values honesty, fairness, and accountability supports healthy economic transactions, where contracts are kept, debts are paid, and institutions are transparent. But when these values weaken, the economy suffers. Corruption is often the main cause. When leaders prioritize personal gain over the public good, resources are misused, taxes rise, regulations grow, infrastructure crumbles, and trust fades. This starts a harmful cycle: less trust, higher taxes, and overregulation reduce investment, erode savings, and weaken planning, leading to a devalued currency at home and abroad. A currency's value reflects a society's moral strength—when ethics fail, the currency's worth falls with the culture's decline.

Historical Examples: Moral Collapse Leads to Economic Ruin

History proves this pattern. The Roman Empire's fall is a clear example. By the 3rd century AD, Rome's moral foundation had crumbled—elites lived in luxury, corruption grew, and civic virtues like duty disappeared. Emperors reduced the silver in the denarius to fund lavish spending and wars, showing a lack of justice. This wasn't the cause of Rome's decline but a sign of a morally bankrupt society. As trust in institutions faded, hyperinflation destroyed the denarius' value, destabilizing the economy. The French Revolution is another example. Before 1789, the aristocracy's wealth and neglect of the poor weakened society. The monarchy's reckless spending and corrupt taxes showed moral failure. When the assignat, France's paper currency (1789-1796), collapsed from overprinting, the ruling class's moral bankruptcy had already set the stage for chaos. The currency's failure followed a society that abandoned truth, morality, and accountability.



Since World War II, the U.S. dollar has been the world's reserve currency and has lost nearly 99% of its value over the past 54 years. In August 1971, President Nixon ended the dollar's link to gold, abandoning the gold standard. At that time, gold was \$35 per ounce under the Bretton Woods system, which kept the dollar stable. By July 2025, gold has risen to \$3,350 per ounce, a 95-fold increase, showing the dollar's loss of purchasing power. This comes from loose monetary policies and growing federal deficits. The end of the gold standard allowed the U.S. national debt to grow from \$398 billion in 1971 to over \$37 trillion today, a 92-fold rise. The Federal Reserve also increased the M1 money supply 81-fold, from \$228 billion in 1971 to over \$18.5 trillion today.

How Moral Decay Causes Currency Collapse

Moral decline harms the economy in several ways. First, corruption and favoritism destroy institutional trust. Leaders chasing wealth will print money to cover deficits which devalues the currency, raises inflation and ultimately hurts citizens. Zimbabwe's hyperinflation in the 2000s, peaking at 89.7 sextillion percent, came from Mugabe's corrupt regime and failed land reforms that undermined private property and destroyed their agricultural industry. Moral failure caused the Zimbabwean dollar's collapse. Second, a culture that accepts dishonesty and short-term thinking destroys economic trust. When contracts and debts become unreliable, people hoard resources, speculate, or move money to stable currencies. Argentina's ongoing crises show this: decades of corruption and poor policies eroded faith in the peso, pushing inflation past 140% by 2023. Moral corruption fueled this economic disaster. Today Javier Milei is working hard to reverse these devastating policies and bring back balanced budgets and stable monetary policies. Third, losing virtues like patience and fiscal responsibility leads to unsustainable policies. The 2008 financial crisis, driven by greed and reckless lending, shows how ethical decay sets the stage for economic turmoil.

Restoring Ethics to Build Stability

To avoid or recover from currency collapse, societies must rebuild their moral foundation, rooted in the belief that all life is ultimately under God's control, not the State, requiring stewardship that honours Him. Institutions must show transparency, accountability, and fairness, guided by biblical justice, ensuring government, economy, and community align with truth and moral righteousness. Leaders must prioritize long-term stability over short-term gain, showing integrity based on serving their citizens and not themselves. Education and civic engagement, grounded in truth, must empower citizens to uphold God's order. If the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 1:7), there are massive implications for our educational institutions. All knowledge must begin with the Creator, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3). How can we know what is true apart from the one who is Truth? A currency's value reflects a culture's values—only by renewing our society based on God's truth can a nation restore its economic strength.

Conclusion

A currency's collapse is not a random event but the result of a society's moral decline. From ancient Judah to the US, history shows that when ethics fail—through corruption, dishonesty, and short-term thinking—economic ruin follows. Currency reflects a culture's values; when those values weaken, the economy falters. Only a morally strong society can maintain a stable currency and a thriving economy. The warning for Canada and the West is clear: ignore God's truth at your own risk.