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## A Warning From Sweden: Don't Lose Your Christianity

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Christianity and freedom are inseparable, and if you lose one, you will lose the other, warned former Church of Sweden Pastor Helena Edlund in this interview on Conversations That Matter with The American magazine's Alex Newman.



Edlund, a media commentator who was run out of her clerical post for standing up for persecuted Christians, describes a sad state of affairs in Sweden. Once a model of a wonderful society, the nation is rapidly losing its identity, its liberty, and its security as Christianity is replaced by Islam brought in by mass immigration and extreme leftwing policies.

The Church of Sweden has been at the center of this process, as the leftist Social Democrat party hijacked the Lutheran institution and drove it deeper and deeper into extremism and apostasy. Today, Edlund explained, it is not even a church. And real Christians who believe the Bible and worship Jesus Christ are no longer even welcome.

There are powerful lessons for American Christians in this tragic tale. And Edlund warns that much of what occurred in Sweden is now unfolding in the United States. But it is not too late to turn the tide, she said.



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