



QA: Why Do Murders Happen? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: "Why do things like this happen?"

38-Year-Old Daniel Walter Kenning (St. Cloud, MN) told police that he met the victim at a wedding and that they communicated over Facebook messenger. He said that he picked Moy up on September 28 and drove her back to his house. He said they went down to his basement on the early morning hours of September 29 where he tied her legs and handcuffed her arms to a table. He admitted to strangling her with one hand while she was tied up. He told the investigator that God told him he needed to kill someone and that he would be able to resurrect them. He said he was "supposed to" kill Moy the previous weekend but was unable to do so, the complaint said. (WCCO-TV, St. Cloud, MN)

ANSWER: Tragic ignorance of God's Word in the Bible

1. **In the Bible, God condemns "murder."** He told Israelites: "You shall not murder" (**Deuteronomy 5:17**);

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness. (**Romans 1:28-29**)

God never contradicts Himself. Jesus reasoned: "If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?" (**Luke 11:18**) God's kingdom stands!

2. **In the Bible, God never speaks to anyone directly anymore.**

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son. (**Hebrews 1:1-2**)

The Old Testament Scriptures "were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (**Romans 15:4**). The New Testament writings concern:

... Our common salvation, I [Jude] found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. (**Jude 3**)

Everything God has said, or will say, to men, He has already said, and inspired the men who wrote it down! Paul wrote:

If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. (**1 Corinthians 14:37**)

If God gave a direct message to anyone, He would only say, "Read The Bible!"

3. **In the Bible, God warns us to protect our bodies from sins of passion.**

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God. (**1 Thessalonians 4:3-5**)

Sadly, the 45-year-old victim had wrongly followed someone she hardly knew into his house and basement, realizing his evil intentions too late. Christians should "put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry" (**Colossians 3:5-7**). Following "fornication...passion, evil desire" a person is blinded so that they will not see that:

Evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. (**2 Timothy 3:13**)

God's Word in the Bible tells us there are "workers of iniquity, Who speak peace to their neighbors, But evil is in their hearts" (**Psalms 28:3**). Unfortunately, not all will heed!

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