

OLYMPIC ATHLETE BEAMING JOY

M It had been a long time since I saw an Olympic athlete infused with so much joy that it was nearly bursting from them. Alysa Liu, retired from figure skating in 2022 at the fresh age of 16 after becoming the youngest U.S. figure skating champion. Yesterday, I saw her perform one of the most inspiring Olympic performances I have seen, after she had taken two years off from the sport! The pressure, the relentless workout schedule, and the lack of a personal life, in favor of skating all the time, caused her to quit. During those two years, she found balance in life between social and personal activities. She returned to the sport, but with an agenda: to have fun! She wanted to skate joyfully, and wow, did she do that in these Olympics!

A Her gold medal performance in the individual women's figure skating event was the first since Sarah Hughes' in 2002. She smiled throughout the entire skating performance, not a stiff, forced smile but the kind of effervescent smile that a child has when involved in an activity they love. These are the athletic events that capture the best aspects of sports! Her exclamation at the conclusion of the skate, "Now that's what I'm F-n talking about," was not a great Olympic moment. It is a reminder that though we might be entranced by an athletic performance, we must not put the athlete on a pedestal! Point to ponder: her father estimates he spent at least \$.5M for all her years of skating!

R <https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/olympics/2026/02/19/alysa-liu-wins-gold-figure-skater-come-back/88766880007/>

IRAN'S BARBARISM WILL DRIVE PEOPLE TO CHRISTIANITY

C As of February 2026, the bloody suppression of the public uprising in Iran has led to the deaths of an estimated 50K+ citizens! Today, at least 19 Christians were killed by the regime's security forces. Christians who evidently stand for true freedom are increasingly being seen by younger Iranians as the holders of a worldview that is more positive and loving than Islam.

H Christianity is considered an existential threat to Islam, and many Muslims are converting to Christianity. The attempt is being made to intimidate and dissuade them from doing so. I believe that will backfire, and that tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of young Iranians will see the bloodthirsty aspects of Islam and reject it wholesale.

2026 In the West, millions of apostates from Christianity are embracing atheism and alternative religions, which is in part why our country is becoming politically and socially unstable. The beneficiaries of the conservative Christian worldview who built America are rebelling, having been duped by enemies of our country to hate the values that make it great! Meanwhile, people who



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His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.*

have suffered under a pure form of Islam in Iran have had enough and finally are waking up to the reality that suppression and lack of true freedom are endemic in Islam! Wouldn't it be ironic if in 50 years, formerly Muslim countries were turning Christian while the formerly Christian West was turning socialist? The larger geopolitical and religious trends suggest it could happen. God have mercy upon us in America if that happens!

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/iran-regime-accused-killing-19-christians-anti-regime-protests-persecution-continues-watchdog>

THE RIVERS OF EDEN MAY HAVE BEEN FOUND

After generations of liberal theologians have influenced the public to conclude that the accounts in the book of Genesis are fables or myths, it appears that two of the lost rivers of Eden may have been discovered! The article "Long-Lost Rivers of the Bible Found in Satellite Images Point to the Garden of Eden" discusses that orbital scans of a dry riverbed in Saudi Arabia and another river in Iran point to the Pishon and Gihon Rivers. The dry riverbed Wadi al-Batin closely aligns with the descriptions of the Pishon River, and Iran's Karun River corresponds to the Gihon River.

The account in Genesis discusses a river which watered Eden and which split into the Tigris, Euphrates, Gihon, and Pishon. While this may seem like fresh news, in the 1990's Boston University geologist Farouk El-Baz analyzed radar images from NASA's shuttle Endeavor, when Wadi al-Batin was first proposed as the Pishon River. The secular dating of the fossilized riverbed is between 2,000 and 3,500 B.C. Christian estimates for the Genesis flood date to 4,500 B.C. The bottom line is that the existence of the four rivers denoting the area of Eden is now closer to certainty. Adding to the evidence being collected, the article states, "Satellite maps of the Fertile Crescent reveal landscape that once supported human settlements. The ancient rivers' courses align with archaeological evidence of early farming communities and trade networks, providing a tantalizing glimpse of a pre-flood world described in biblical texts."

In a secular article, there must be a scientifically flimsy comment in support of Evolutionary theory, "Early human evolution also played a role in this theory, proposing that Adam may have evolved from Homo habilis or a late form of Australopithecus in the East African Rift Valley near Olduvai Gorge, a region considered a cradle of humanity." Notice how the discussion of the rivers and Eden are based on hard evidence, but the assertion of Evolution is not. The evidence is amassing geologically and archaeologically that the opposite is true, the Bible's account of Eden and man's creation is history, and Darwinism is fantasy.

[Long-lost rivers of the Bible found in satellite images point to the Garden of Eden](#)

*Blessings,
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