

# Morality Forum Update

*Standing up for family values in society*

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## **Anthony Busk address in London's Trafalgar Square at the MARCH OF REPENTANCE NATIONAL MEETING 18th July 2009**

In today's political and social culture, for many the following quotation by Abraham Lincoln would appear archaic and irrelevant. He wrote:

*'It is the duty of nations as well as of men to acknowledge their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures, and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed, whose God is the Lord.'*

There is a scripture in the Holy Bible specifically addressed to national leaders, which in its context warns all government leaders of their responsibility to uphold biblically based morality, and the implications of rejection. It is in Psalm 2 and reads:

*'Be warned O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Acknowledge the Son, lest He be angry, and you be destroyed in your way.'* (Psalm 2 v10-12).

Sadly, the present government's practical denial of the existence of God and Christian teaching harshly and jaggedly clashes  
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### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*

Overall STD's in all age groups are at record levels. The total increased by 6% in 2007 to 397,990 new cases. Almost half the cases were in patients aged 16 to 24 who comprise just 12% of the population. STD's are now 72% higher than 10 years ago. The number of diagnoses of sex infections recorded among under-16s in England rose by 58% from 2,474 in 2003 to 3,913 in 2007. The biggest increase was in chlamydia the most common STD, which rose by 90%. Genital herpes was up by 42% and general warts by a third. Cases of syphilis doubled from three to six. Norman Lamb the Liberal Democrat Health spokesperson said, "The shocking increase in STD's is a damning indictment of the government's complacency when it comes to the sexual health of our children." The humanistic, amoral thinking on sexual matters by the government only fuels the permissive society.

#### *The Sexualisation of children*

Dr. Catherine White the director of a centre for rape victims has spoken out about the increasing sexualisation of children. She has mentioned about little girls wearing T-shirts with a Playboy bunny on the front and words such as "Porn star in the making." She also mentioned about various videos by pop singers such as Britney Spears, which influence young people in the wrong way concerning dress code etc. The Good Childhood Inquiry, which is endorsed by the Archbishop of Canterbury has concluded that advertisers should "stop encouraging premature sexualisation." It is irresponsibility of the highest order that our children continue to be sexualised by the media etc. It is common knowledge that Britain has the highest rates of teenage pregnancies in Europe, and that STD's amongst our young people are at epidemic levels-35% incurable!

#### *Labour "Intolerant Of Faith"*

Baroness Warsi the Conservative shadow community cohesion minister has criticised the Labour government for their intolerance of religion. She stated: "Under Labour, the state has become increasingly sceptical of an individual's religious belief. How appalling that in Labour's Britain a community nurse can be suspended for offering to pray for a

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with the Judeo-Christian ethos of justice and compassion on which our constitution has been founded and developed over the centuries. Indeed it is not just this government, but over the decades since the Second World War there have been significant shifts towards lawlessness.

Such as the dismantling of the heterosexual family as a pro-creative and permanent unit, and the abandonment of personal fidelity prior to marriage. The acceptance and encouraging of pornography, the murdering of babies through abortion, with pressure to practice abortion ever more close to term as a form of contraceptive. The alternative and well tested policy of personal responsibility and chastity is not considered.

Homosexuality is exalted as a lifestyle equal to or even preferable to heterosexual marriage, as reflected by recent laws and directives. The government's extraordinary policy to introduce sexual grooming even of small children in order to reduce the abortion rate, and in part in order to embed homosexuality even more within society, must be repugnant to many nations in the West as well as in the East.

There seems to be no shame in encouraging euthanasia as an acceptable alternative to palliative care: despite the potential terror this will cause the elderly and infirm. One could talk endlessly of other issues. Why is the government so adamant to destroy moral principles that over centuries, indeed millennia are recognised throughout the world as foundations for a stable society?

At the same time consumerism has built a national straw house of debt funded life styles, where the attraction of financial reward has crushed moral responsibility. An exaltation of 'human rights' with a diminishing of 'human responsibility' has led to the acceptance of unethical practice not only within the financial services, but across the population in all sectors. The fruit of this legalised selfishness is a growing debris-strewn society of self perpetuating bitterness, envy and revenge, both on the streets –illustrated by gun and knife crime- and in the home. Integrity is dying and with it accountability and personal commitment.

On Monday July 13th. a delegation from the March of Repentance Committee delivered a letter and declaration at the door of 10 Downing Street for the Prime Minister to read. We have urged the government to restore a biblically based structure of law, that clearly identifies right and wrong in the light of Scripture rather than the fluidity of human rights legislation.

It is sad that there is now systematic discrimination within the Public Sector against those holding Christian beliefs, particularly in the Health Service and Education, with ordinary people losing their jobs simply for being committed Christians. It is apparent that in future if the government gets its way, litigation, fines and even imprisonment will be used as tools to enforce its views on the Church and 'silence' criticism, however constructive. As in other socialist states based on marxist - darwinism, the future consequence will be a controlled 'recognised' Church, identified by its compliance, and a future criminalised illegal Church forced into hiding but not afraid to adhere to the authority of Scripture. Is this the society we want?

Our nation is under judgement: We have turned our back on God, and have done our own thing. There is no sense of morality or of conscience and we are living after our own

desires. Our behaviour is increasingly similar to Sodom and Gomorrah, and its destruction is given in 1Peter2:3 as a warning in Scripture for any nation, including the United Kingdom of solemn consequences when biblical morality is replaced with utter paganism.

What should we do? The second commandment Jesus gave to us is to love (agape) our neighbour as ourselves and our neighbour has to include church and country. Testimony toward those in authority is not an option but a commandment. Here these words from Ezekiel chapter 33:

*When I say to the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die, if thou doest not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.*

As Abraham stood in the gap before the Lord that He would not slay the righteous with the wicked, so we need to come in prayer before the Triune God knowing He exercises loving-kindness before judgement. The tragedy is that we have not stood in the gap for the nation either in prayer or testimony but just cut ourselves off from the world we live in.

Indeed, perhaps the Lord Himself is now comparing us with the church in Laodicea:

*I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art luke-warm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

Today we have come together specifically to call on our Lord for His grace and mercy towards our land, but it is also to confess our failure as individuals to be salt and light. We have failed to pray for those put in place by God to uphold righteousness and punish evil doers. Instead we have walked the other side of the road, just like the Pharisee who observed the wounded traveller and considered it was none of his business theologically to intervene.

However much we may call upon our Lord for this nation's government to change its ways, if we refuse to do our part to pray for our leaders and administer the bread of life then nothing has changed. Jesus said in the passage quoted from in Revelation Chapter 4:

*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.*

We must no longer be silent, but first we have to repent.

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### "The Perils Of Indifference"

By John O'Neill

I recently read a speech, which was addressed, to the U.S. Congress in April 1999 by Elie Wiesel. Elie is a Nobel Peace Prize winner. He has spoken out for oppressed minorities all over the world. Elie is also a survivor of the Holocaust. He lost his mother, father and younger sister in the death camps. Together with his wife Marion, Elie has founded the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. In his speech to the U.S. Congress Elie spoke of the past century, the world wars, so many blood-baths such as Rwanda, Cambodia, Kosova etc. He spoke about how it is much easier to avoid interruptions to our own plans and dreams and how awkward and troublesome it can be to be involved with another person's pain and despair. How,

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## WHO KILLED FIONA PILKINGTON?

Thursday 1 October, 2009

By Dr Clifford Hill



Who was really to blame for the death of Fiona Pilkington and her 18-year-old disabled daughter in the case of the single mother driven to suicide and murder by constant harassment from yobs?

This is a question that is going to haunt many people for a long time. The coroner criticised Leicestershire County Council and the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council as well as the Leicestershire police for failing to share information about the family, their disabilities and the abuse they were receiving from a 16-strong gang of youths.

But are they really the ones to blame for the tragedy that has shocked the nation? It is undeniable that the police ignored many calls reporting the unacceptable behaviour of children and teenage gangs who are said to have terrorised this single mother and her son and daughter over a prolonged period. The county and borough councils also share responsibility for failing to deal with the problems caused by families where children are out of control and cause unnecessary suffering to other residents.

But the real problem goes much deeper than this. It is too easy to find scapegoats among the police and council workers for a problem that is nationwide and has been created over many years since the beginning of the social revolution in the 1960s. As a nation we have had numerous warnings, all of which have been ignored, and we have stood by and watched the creation of the kind of problems from which we are now suffering – the dysfunctional family life that lies at the heart of the social disorder that is now being labelled ‘Broken Britain’. Successive governments over the past four decades have contributed to the current malaise but the administration that has held the reins of political power for the past twelve years has done more to contribute to ‘Broken Britain’ than any other in our history. To understand this we have to go back to the corrupt government of John Major with its disastrous ‘back to basics’ policy that was founded on nothing more than political opportunism and had no substance in basic standards of morality. The Conservatives were so unpopular by 1997 that when it came to the General Election the public would have elected Mickey Mouse and his associates rather than return another Tory Government.

New Labour, led by the charismatic Tony Blair, achieved a landslide victory but what few people at that time foresaw was the terrible cost to the nation. The swing away from the Conservatives was so great that many seats fell to ‘no hope’ Labour constituencies. This resulted in the election of candidates whom no-one in the Labour political machine had ever seriously considered for election to the House of Commons. Local constituency associations where meetings were often only attended by a handful of radicals, Trotskyites and far-left activists, put forward a candidate of their own choosing and they were duly swept into Parliament in the 1997 landslide.

Some of these were women who had had a bad experience of men and marriage who joined the pack of ‘Blair Babes’ where they were to exercise considerable influence on government policy from the backbenches and in the Cabinet.

As far back as 1972 the homosexual lobby (before they became ‘gay’) published a ‘Manifesto’ that contained a revealing statement. It said: “The family, as the chief source of our oppression, must be destroyed.”

This anti-family agenda formed an important part of the New Labour psyche that was developed under the guise of ‘equality’. It propounded the principle that all types of family are of equal value – a lie that flies in the face of all academic research. All the statistical evidence shows that the safest environment for bringing up children is a stable loving family where the mother and father are married. That is the ideal.

Of course this does not condemn all single parents, many of whom succeed in bringing up fine children often in difficult circumstances and in the face of hardship. But no-one can pretend that it is easy bringing up children in today’s society with its complex peer-group pressures. It’s not easy even with two parents and it is inevitably more difficult for one.

But New Labour have ignored the facts and have been driven by false doctrine that has had a disastrous effect on family life and have produced the kind of dysfunctional families that led to the deaths of Fiona and Francecca.

So who really killed them? Isn’t it time we held this dysfunctional government accountable for its diabolical policies that have led to ‘Broken Britain’ and the tragedies being played out in our towns every day as packs of drunken, violent youths roam the high streets of the nation?

Come on Mr Brown, you’ve been in the Cabinet since 1997. Isn’t it time you admitted to some responsibility for the state of the nation?

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for the person who is indifferent it means that their neighbours are of no consequence,

how indifference reduces the other to an abstraction. Being indifferent to the hungry children, the homeless refugees etc., is denying them their humanity as well as betraying our own humanity. He also gave examples of how but for the indifference of various governments during the Second World War, numerous Jewish people could have been saved from the death camps.

Our religions teach us to serve and to love and to live for the sake of others. This being the case, being indifferent is not really an option when our *neighbours* are suffering. In the long run we only lose when we remain indifferent because we know in our consciences that we should do something when others are suffering. In our own country there is much heartbreak and suffering being caused because of the “broken society”. Getting involved in social issues as well as overcoming challenges and difficulties can be a source of profound spiritual enrichment and development.

Through his own intense suffering and heartbreak Elie Wiesel has developed a deep love and compassion for mankind. He is now devoting the rest of his life in living for the sake of others. He is setting a wonderful example.

## Letters and e-mails received

Dear John, Thank you for your e-mail regarding the EU directive, "Equal treatment: implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation..." Please rest assured that we will take your views into account when this matter comes before the European Parliament. *Syed Kamall. Conservative MEP for London*

Dear Mr O'Neill Thank you for your excellent newsletter. *Ann Whitaker.*

Brother, Thank you for your continuous Updates in what's what in terms of safeguarding our right to express Godly principles in this land. Kindest regards and prayers. *Rev. Palmer, Bristol.*

John, I am very inspired by the contents of your Morality Forum Updates. *Dr. Kailash Puri.*

## Morality Forum Action

John O'Neill again participated in another discussion programme on Iqrauk TV. The topic was regarding key contentious issues concerning the Muslim religion.

Theresa Quarmby, together with other members of the Society for The Protection of The Unborn Child participated in a Pro-Life chain in Huddersfield in support of the SPUC's petition against the proposed allowing



of abortion adverts on television. John O'Neill and Finbarr Murphy together with SPUC activists from the Richmond and Uxbridge branches helped to obtain signatures regarding the abortion adverts issue.

On the same matter Morality Forum has been distributing the SPUC's petition forms to religious organisations in various areas of London.



John O'Neill spoke about pro-life issues at the Holy Ghost Ministries church in Tottenham.

One visiting Minister who has an international TV channel said that he wants to film John the next time he visits the church, about the topic of abortion.

## A Speech by Theresa Quarmby

A speech given by Mrs Theresa Quarmby at a recent inter-faith event in Huddersfield.

I have based the following on the book, "The Secret" which became a best seller. Everything that comes into our lives we are attracting into our lives. It is attracted to us by virtue of images we hold in our mind. Whatever is going on it is the law of attraction. Every thought is a real thing-a force. Religions such as Hinduism, Hermetic traditions, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and civilisations such as the ancient Babylonians and Egyptians delivered it through their writings and stories. The law can be found in ancient writings through all the centuries. It was recorded in stone in 3000 BC. It doesn't matter who you are or where you are, the law of attraction is forming your entire life experience, and this powerful law is doing that through your thoughts. You are the one who calls the law of attraction into action and you do it through your thoughts. If we all think "peace"-peace is what we will get. One of the beautiful aspects of "The Secret" is that there is more than enough to go round for everyone. There is a lie that acts like a virus within the mind of humanity. And that lie is, "there's not enough good to go around. There's lack and there's limitation and there's just not enough." And that lie has people living in fear, greed, stinginess, and lack becomes their experience. So the world has taken a nightmare pill. The truth is, there's more than enough to go around. There's more than enough creative ideas. There's more than enough power. There's more than enough love. There's more than enough joy. All this begins to come through a mind that is aware of its own infinite nature. People have a tendency to look at the things they want and say, "I like that, I want that." However they look at the things they don't want and they give them just as much energy, with the idea that they can stamp it out, they can eliminate it, obliterate it. In our society we have become content with fighting against things, fighting against cancer, fighting against poverty, fighting against war, fighting against drugs, fighting against terrorism and so on. We tend to fight everything we don't want, which actually creates more of a fight. Anything we focus on we do create-so if we are really angry for instance at a war that is going on or suffering, we are adding our energy to it. We are pushing ourselves and that only creates resistance. The anti-war movement creates more wars. The anti-drug movement has created more drugs. Because we are focusing on what we don't want-drugs. Mother Theresa was brilliant-she said, "I will never attend an anti-war rally. If you have a peace rally invite me." She understood the secret and look what she manifested in the world. Praising and blessing dissolves all negativity, so praise and bless your enemies. If you curse your enemies the curse will come back to harm you. If you praise and bless them you will dissolve all negativity and discord, and the love of the praising and blessing will return to you. Let's praise and bless everything in the world-dissolving negativity and discord and align ourselves with the highest frequency-love.



## True Family Values

(compiled by Frank van der Stok,  
continued from previous issue)

### The Parental Realm of Heart

#### A. The parental realm of heart

4. *The parents' goal is that their children become true men and women.*

- They want their children to be better than themselves - smarter, more attractive, more loving, more resourceful, more successful.
- Therefore we can understand that God wants us to be greater than Him. We can understand our value to God.
- The child has universal value.
- The child represents God's personal gift, and reflects God's own personality.
- The child represents the spouse's personal gift, and reflects the spouse's personality.

5. *The ideal for parents is true parental love.*

- A man with his mind and body united, centering on God's will, is a true man. A woman with her mind and body united, centering on God's will, is a true woman.
- By the Blessing of God, a true man and true woman may be joined in marriage, to become true parents.
- The first man and woman, called Adam and Eve in the Bible, should have followed God's commandment and become a true man and true woman, true husband and true wife, and true parents.
- As true parents, their conjugal love would have been the dwelling place of God. Therefore, their children would have been the true children of God, and their lineage would have been the lineage of God.
- Because Adam and Eve fell, their love was not godly, and God could not participate in their family life. Their lineage was based upon false love. Their children were not true children of God, and their lineage was not God's lineage (John 8:44).
- The world is in need of true parents, who can create true conjugal love in which God can dwell. Through this love, true children and the true lineage of God can be created.
- God can be present in conjugal love based upon His Blessing of our marriage. Through His Blessing, we are connected to God's lineage.

6. *This world has not seen true parental love. Although few parents are cruel and uncaring, all are limited in their ability to love, because they themselves did not receive true love as children from their parents.*

- If parental heart is not planted deep within the children, the gap between parents and children will expand.
- Primitive cultures have practised infanticide; today there are millions of abortions a year, and increasing violent child abuse.

- Parents as defective models has led to the "generation gap".
- Children without good parents turn to crime, drugs, irresponsible sex, as they seek the affection they were deprived of in childhood.
- People ignorant of true love abuse defenseless nature, destroying the environment.
- A false model of authority arose. People in authority began oppressing those under them and lording it over the masses with tyranny and terror.

The distortion of parental love leads to civilizations ruled by false authority of force and violence. True parental love, by the same token, will lead to civilisations ruled by the true authority of true love.

### The Nobility of Three Generations

#### 1. *The nobility of grandparents*

- Grandparents represent the past.
- Grandparents represent the spirit world. By honoring them, we honor all our ancestors, the entire spirit world, and God Himself.
- Grandparents represent God, who is eldest of all. God is the first ancestor of humankind. God was the Father of Adam and Eve, and the Grandfather to Adam and Eve's children. God longed to love His grandchildren, but He could not because of the Fall.
- God, Adam and Eve, and Adam and Eve's children were to have been the original three generations of Grandparents, parents, and children. Just as grandparents like to see photos of their childhood, God wants to recover His "childhood days." Old people remember the experience of being children through playing with their grandchildren, as their literal memories have faded. God is the same.
- When grandparents love their grandchildren, as God desired to love Adam and Eve's children, the grandchildren feel God's love. Thus grandchildren multiply God's love horizontally.
- Finally the grandparents return to God when they go to the spirit world. Through their love for their grandparents, children gain a personal connection with the spirit world.
- Grandparents are to be honored for their accomplishments, which are the foundation upon which we stand.
- Grandparents' authority.
  - They have the wisdom of tradition and experience. They are the treasure-store of traditions and wisdom. They can guide both the parents and the grandchildren. They receive gratitude for the foundation they laid. They grant joy and blessings to their grandchildren, in whose lives they play a crucial role.
- We become complete as grandparents, when we love our grandchildren.
- Grandparents are never to be spurned or sent away to old-age homes. Grandparents isolated in this way are deeply sad that they cannot love their grandchildren.
- Grandparents can fulfill many roles in the home where they can find value and be appreciated; e.g. assisting around the house and yard, advice in business, connections with the networks of older men and women, maternity advice and child care, etc. *(to be continued...From the book "True Family Values" by Wilson and Pak)*

## The Dangerous Rise of Therapeutic Education

Professor Dennis Hayes

Professor Hayes began his address with two examples of how 'therapeutic education' was impinging on the experience of children in school from their earliest years. He related the story of a girl who came home from school crying. Her parents tried to console her, but she was inconsolable. Eventually she told them her problem: it was her turn to put something in the 'worry box', but she wasn't worried about anything, so didn't know what to do. Then there was an emotional learning assistant, helping children to discuss their feelings in 'circle time'. One child was excited because it was his birthday. 'Yes, but are you sure there's nothing you are worried about?' he was asked. The government's Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) initiative had become a multi-million pound project that was manipulating the emotions of children in both primary and secondary schools. Professor Hayes identified seven key changes that were occurring:

1. *An emphasis on emotions over the intellect.* He cited two titles from the 1960s, which had analysed the shift from therapy as a professional specialism into wider culture: *The Triumph of the Therapeutic* by Phillip Rieff, and *The faith of the Counsellors* by Paul Halmos. Rieff had shown how 'a sense of well-being has become the end, rather than a by-product of striving after some communal end'. There has been a major cultural shift into a therapeutic culture preoccupied with personal happiness.

2. *An epistemological change.* Pupils now wanted to know more about themselves than the world. A 1979 paper published by the Further Education Curriculum Review and Development Unit, entitled, *A Basis for Choice: a report of a study group on post-16 pre-employment courses* had exerted a major influence, with its emphasis on attitudes and character rather than knowledge. However, experience demonstrated that self-obsession leads to misery, not to happiness.

3. *Political change.* This was epitomised by President Clinton's statement in the 1990s, 'I feel your pain.' Instead of asking, 'What do you think?' there was a shift to asking, 'What do you feel?' The obsession with people's emotions was seen in government's appointment of 3,500 therapists to work with the unemployed and in the fact that in Newcastle every child was to be given counselling whether they needed it or not.

4. *An attack on the human subject.* At the root of therapeutic culture was a philosophy of human beings as hopeless and helpless, and an undermining of objective knowledge. Many universities now had 'lead learners' rather than lecturers, and the Association of Teachers and Lecturers could assert that subjects are the worst thing that ever happened to education. Therapeutic thought had led to a diminished view of people.

5. *An assessment of yourself rather than of the subject.* Teacher training competencies now focused on 'the self' rather than on subject knowledge. Content had been removed from teacher training courses.

6. *Change in the meaning of education.* It was very difficult to have an education system that had any meaning at all when there was no interest in objective knowledge. This explained why many teachers were willing to follow any fad. Profes-

sor Hayes cited the example of a class of seven-year-olds who were asked to discuss their feelings about suicide. Children were being manipulated. They were now only permitted to have empathetic feelings; they were not allowed to express any anger or passion.

7. *A new social settlement.* There was cash in promoting a diminished sense of self. It had become a multi-million pound industry, with companies set up to promote SEAL and circle time. The focus on self-esteem was giving way to a new emphasis on resilience. To say that a person lacked self-esteem was now viewed as negative, but the new vocabulary amounted to the same thing: 'You're hopeless; you're not resilient enough'. Professor Hayes argued that the current preoccupation with happiness was doing a disservice to children and to society. When people are miserable, they try to do something to change things. Misery gives birth to political and moral reformers. Therapists were now replacing priests and pastors. Some theologians were even talking in terms of 'therapeutic prayer'. A term, which at one time had been used in connection with sickness, was now being used universally. There was a danger that the current preoccupation with therapy would deny future generations the possibility of an intellectual life. The rise of therapeutic education was more dangerous than any other intervention because emotional training gets into the mind in a way that Stalin never did. It was important to recognise what was happening in order to resist and challenge it.

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patient's good health." Tony Blair has recently criticised the Pope for his views on homosexual rights. He suggested that religious leaders must start "rethinking the issue." Archbishop Vincent Nichols responding to Mr Blair stated, "Catholic teaching was 'rather different' from the kind promoted by Blair." The lessons of history show conclusively that if you take God out of a society you end up with a "broken society" such as the one we are living in today in Britain. The wise politician is the one who does not leave God out of the picture when formulating views and making decisions.

### *Knife Crime*

Every day 72 people are stabbed or robbed at knifepoint and the count is rising. More than 50 knife offenders a day are avoiding prison. Quarterly figures show that 6,231 people were sentenced for possession of a knife of offensive weapon in England and Wales between April and June this year. Of those, 19%, or 1,159 were given immediate custody, meaning the equivalent of 55 offenders were not sent to jail. The Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Paul Stephenson has condemned a system that allows violent thugs to escape justice with a caution. The Chairman of the Police Federation Paul Mckeever stated: "Labour has had a long time to do something about crime and they have failed abysmally." Clearly what Mr Mckeever says is correct. One example of this is that child convictions have risen by more than 50% since 1997. Some 360,000 youngsters have been convicted, nearly 30,000 aged under 13. The criminal justice system urgently needs reforming in this country. The lack of proper sentencing only encourages criminals to commit crimes.

**WAIT UK**

By Marshall De Souza

**WAIT UK Kicks-Off its 5th Year**



28 WAIT members, including 6 brand new, gathered at Livingstone House, Chislehurst at the weekend (12-13 September) to kick-off our 5th year in the UK. The 2-day event consisted of 6 presentations, 3 training sessions, group discussions, and a final performance. The event was run by 10 older WAIT members and supported by 4 parents.



The WAIT team started arriving to Livingstone House at 11am on Saturday. After a delicious lunch, the

event started off with some icebreakers to lighten the mood. Everyone got to know each other very quickly. Then, Uncle Marshall gave a short introduction of what WAIT is and what the workshop will entail.



We then separated into 3 groups which will each experience different activities. The groups took

turns to visit different stations, each lead by the older members. Those stations included a drama workshop, a dance workshop and a music workshop. The WAIT Members, both old and new got to express their talents and use their creativity to come up with new ideas for dramas, etc. Later, we had an interactive talk on purity with Yoshiko Chellew which everyone enjoyed.



After dinner, we had a session on Public speaking, where WAIT members got to improve their conversational skills which are a useful tool to promote WAIT and spread our message.

Before going to bed, we watched an eye-opening video about the lives of 5 HIV infected people in America made by the DC WAIT Team.

The next day, everyone was up early and ready for breakfast at 8.00 am. Sean had prepared an inspirational speech for us which was a good way start to the day. After breakfast, we had a HIV/AIDS Presentation given by Kenta and Hijiri, which the new members found very educational. In the afternoon, we headed to a beautiful park nearby for a change, where we had a picnic and played various games. We had a blast and the weather sure did help! After returning, Uncle Fobbie lifted our spirits by giving us a talk about prospective visits to South Africa in 2010. He got everyone up and dancing by the end of his presentation.

For the Final showcase, the new members got to experience a taste of what WAIT does. They were very



impressed by our performances, which included the Breakdance, Rose dance and Respect. We ended the workshop with

a Graduation Ceremony lead by our marvellous MC's Alex and Erena. Everyone was presented with a certificate to go home with.

All in all, it was a very successful workshop and everyone is looking forward to expanding WAIT into schools and the exciting overseas trip this coming year!!

## Marital Rapport

By June Saunders

Two couples sat at a dining room table discussing marriage. One couple, trained in marital therapy techniques, is trying to guide the other couple through the famous reflective technique so that they can settle their differences. Somehow, it isn't working. The couple is not connecting, not understanding each other. If we listen closely to the couple, we can hear underneath the woman's feedback to the man in a silent cry, "do you love me? Do you care about me? Your actions tell me otherwise. Your words tell me otherwise. Are you there for me?" Those questions are not being answered in this session. The husband doesn't hear the questions; he only hears complaints about his failings. The trained couple hears the questions, but they are unable to get the couple to recognise the cry of the heart. The session ends with a less than satisfying result.

The reflective listening technique is the premier tool of marital therapists. It consists of a disciplined listening and speaking structure (it also goes by the name Speaker-Listener Technique) designed to help a couple to finally uncover understanding of one another. It can work beautifully. Yet marital therapy was turned on its head when the greatest expert in the United States-Dr. John Gottman-found in his research that the happiest couples-the so-called "masters of marriage"-don't use the reflective listening technique or anything like it. Somehow, they communicate deeply without an artificial construct, and they thrive while doing it. One vital thing Gottman noted in happy couples was a sense of connection, which seemed all important in couples' communication patterns. Without that connection, even the most sophisticated communication techniques didn't work. With it, there was no need for techniques. Hence, Gottman now recommends a new marital therapy course called Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy, which emphasizes the importance of a couples' connection or "attachment." ETF was designed by Dr. Sue Johnson, whom Gottman calls, "the best couple therapist in the world." Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy is very successful at renewing tired marriages, making good ones better, and even rescuing those on the brink of dissolution.

Why is EFT so successful? It is successful because it addresses the deepest need of the heart-the cry for connection. Dr. Johnson hears the deep-seated questions that are being asked underneath all inter-couple communications. What she hears are people longing for secure attachment, longing to believe that the other will be there through thick and thin-an emotionally present, understanding and attentive lover. These are primal needs, Dr. Johnson says, having to do with survival, which is why threats to the love in a marital relationship can be devastating to one's world. Marital dissonance can carry with it a sense of life-or-death import. Dr. Johnson says this is because attachment is a major human survival mechanism. Even among primitive peoples, tribes always always out-survived lone individuals; friendship pairs in concentration camps survived at much higher rates than people who went it alone; babies who fail to attach to a loving adult fail to thrive, even when their physical needs are met by attendants. We need to hold each other tight in unbreakable bonds of love. We need to know someone is "there" for us.

*Attachment-vital to spiritual, emotional and physical survival.*  
Two premature babies who were born at Massachusetts Memorial Hospital were born prematurely and had to be put

in incubators. Hospital policy had it that each baby was to have his or her own incubator. An attendant nurse worried that although one of the twin girls was thriving the other was not. They had the same external care-state-of-the-art incubators and the attention of doctors and nurses. Yet the second twin's skin was turning bluish, she seemed to be fighting for air, and she was wasting away. The nurse remembered a technique from Europe that she dared put into place, in spite of it's being against hospital rules. She put the sickly twin in the same incubator with the healthy one. Through the most primal instinctive desire for attachment, the two babies reached out for each other and embraced. Almost immediately, the sickly twin's heartbeat stabilized, and her body temperature rose. She stopped crying and began to breathe deeply and normally. The sickly twin began to recover and thrive because she was experiencing a familial bond. She needed someone special to hold her tight.

*Hold Me Tight* is the title of Dr. Johnson's book about Emotionally Focused Therapy. Johnson sees the primal survival need for attachment as acute in marital and family relationships. The fulfilment of this need is the cure for dying relationships, stressed relationships, relationships that have become dry, dull and routine, or relationships that need just a bit of improvement to be more deeply satisfying. The bottom line is that people need to be held tightly by a significant other. Human beings were made for close attachments. We come out of the womb wailing for it. We suffer horribly if we are denied it at any stage of life-not only mentally, emotionally and spiritually, but physically too. Doctors are finding that people with secure attachments recover more quickly from illnesses like cancer. The problem is that we are often quite clumsy in forming and sustaining bonds with people who mean the most to us-our families. We are bonded to them no matter what, but it takes effort to make and keep those bonds loving rather than onerous, forgiving rather than sour, close instead of self-protectively distant. We may feel that our partner isn't there for us on a deep level, even if he or she lives in the same house, puts money into our mutual bank account, alternates with us in taking care of the kids and eats dinner with us every night. If our mate isn't there for us in terms of deep attachment, we are alone and our hearts suffer. We may paper over the pain with television, coffee, church activities, socializing or more harmful means of covering up and escaping from the agony of still being, in essence, alone, but we cannot escape it. The need for attachment is primal, survival-related, and written into our very beings. When we speak of attachment, we mean delightful and soul-satisfying oneness, such as that experienced between a mother and a child during breast-feeding. The pair throb with happiness and unity. Pleasure-producing chemicals are emitted from the brain in droves – dopamine, oxytocin (a bonding chemical) <sup>1</sup> and all kinds of "feel-good" natural chemicals (which street drugs mimic but can never replace).

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<sup>1</sup> Studies show oxytocin is released in the mother's brain in response to the baby's hand grasping and sucking of the breast. Surges of good feelings in the mother are believed to enhance her feelings of affection for the baby.

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