

Morality Forum Update

Standing up for family values in society

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“Coalition Does God!”

By John O’Neill

Baroness Warsi the chairman of the Conservative Party has stated that the new Government “understands” faith and wants religious groups to play a greater and more prominent role in Britain. It is very refreshing and encouraging to hear a senior politician defending religion and the genuine benefits that faith organisations bring to any society. Baroness Warsi’s comments stand in stark contrast to the “Do not do God” comments made by Alistair Campbell Tony Blair’s former advisor. Baroness Warsi accused Labour of acting as if faith consisted of “oddities, foreigners, and minorities.” In his recent visit to Britain the Pope strongly criticised the “marginalisation” of Christianity in Britain and “aggressive secularism,” words which were also stated by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Chief Rabbi, Lord Sacks. The Pope also mentioned the vital importance of democracy having a solid ethical foundation rather than the “fragility of the social consensus.” He also stated how religious bodies need to be free to act in accordance with their own principles and consciences, and how, “there are some who seek to exclude religious belief from public discourse, to privatise it or even to paint it as a threat to equality and liberty.”

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Increase in Teenage Pregnancies

According to the Office for National Statistics there was a 6.4% increase in the proportion of under 16’s getting pregnant between March and June 2009. The rate rose from 7.8 pregnancies per 1,000 girls under 16, to 8.3 per 1,000-the highest quarterly rise in 3 years. Almost 2/3rds of such pregnancies end in abortion. For those under 18, the rate went up from 39.5 per 1,000, in that age group to 40.3 per 1,000. Almost one in five sexually active girls become pregnant at least once by age 18, a Government survey claims. The number of 11&12 year old girls prescribed the Pill by a family doctor has risen by five times in the past decade. More than 1,000 girls in the first year of secondary school have been prescribed the Pill, while a further 200 have long term injectable or implanted contraceptives. Prof. David Paton a leading expert on the teenage pregnancy strategy stated that the previous government’s strategy had not worked. “It was just wasting money.” Norman Wells the director of Family Education Trust said, “The previous government’s teenage pregnancy strategy has been a disaster. With all the emphasis on sex education and handing out contraceptives to children under the age of consent, it has given them the green light to experiment sexually.”

Sexually Transmitted Infections

STI’s are at record levels with girls most at risk. Overall there were 482,696 new cases in Britain last year (Health Protection Agency), a rise of 3% on the previous year. More than 2/3rds of these infections occurred in women under the age of 25, even though they account for 1/8th of population. Chlamydia cases (which can cause infertility in girls) doubled among 16-19 year old’s between 2000 & 2008. Chlamydia cases among both sexes increased by 7% across all age groups between 2008 & 2009, while cases of gonorrhoea rose 6%. Doctors warned figures were probably far higher as many people are not diagnosed with such illnesses. Figures also showed that one in ten of those aged 15 to 24 diagnosed with a STI will catch another infection within a year.

Sex Education

A survey carried out by teacher and governors’ associations and Durex found that four in five teachers said they did not feel trained and confident to discuss sexual content with

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The reality is that mankind is created never to be separated from God. Free sex, drugs, alcohol addiction etc., are all substitutes for what people are really looking for, which is the true love of God. Our laws, culture, values, customs and Institutions have been based on our Judeo-Christian heritage over the past centuries. With the advent of the permissive society and the sexual revolution in the 1960's religious beliefs and values have been more and more marginalised and legislated against. This has had a devastating impact upon our society with the huge increases in crimes and social problems, and with, immorality allowed to become rampant.

Politicians' need to realise that for any nation to truly prosper and develop Godly laws and Institutions must be predominant. 'God' is not a side-issue; it is the number one priority! Those who advocate atheism, moral relativism, and selfish materialism are leading humanity down a wrong path that only leads to destruction. Likewise, only leaders and nations who stand on God's true love should stand in central positions in the world today. For God calls us away from selfishness and self-serving behaviours, and towards a life lived for the sake of others. In Britain we can be very grateful to the Pope for speaking out as he did, and also to Baroness Warsi for defending faith and religious organisations. What needs to happen now is that Baroness Warsi's words do not become just nice "Sound bites" and that we see real substance to them. To begin, dealing with the problem of immorality and other key issues such as amoral sex education etc. need to be addressed if we are going to truly bring peace and stability back to our society and to turn the tide back from the ever increasing levels of crimes and social problems etc. The Pope and Baroness Warsi have given hope and a clear lead to our nation and in particular to our faith communities. As God is looking to religious people to act as the conscience of the nation, let us hope and pray that numerous religious people can inherit the uncompromising spirit of the Pope. If that happens it will surely make a huge impact upon our nation and speed up the quest for the better world which we all long to see.

The Long-Term Effects of Abortion

They tell you, "It's a quick fix." They say, "It will solve your problem and allow you to get on with your life." They're wrong. Few women have been told that having an abortion carries lasting physical and psychological consequences. If they had been warned, would their, "choice" have been abortion? One woman who wishes she had known is Ann Marie. As a post-abortive woman, she shares, "Abortion changes you for ever. I thought the abortion would free me up from a responsibility I felt I was not ready for. Instead it held me in bondage to feelings of regret, remorse, depression, and despair. My soul became a slave to self-hatred and worthlessness. My sanity was the price I would pay. Women deserve better than abortion." These feelings of depression and despair are some of the common psychological complications from abortion. Pregnant women who abort have a six times higher rate of suicide than those who carry their babies to term.¹ Teenagers who abort are 10 times more likely to attempt suicide than teens who have not had an abortion.² A recent study found

that, compared to women who gave birth, women who aborted were 65% more likely to be at risk of long-term clinical depression.³ In addition to these psychological problems, women are susceptible to serious physical complications due to the nature of the procedures used to abort children. Women can face perforation of the uterus, haemorrhaging that requires transfusion, cardiac arrest, endotoxic shock, major unintended surgery, infection resulting in hospitalisation, convulsion, undiagnosed ectopic (tubal) pregnancy, cervical laceration, uterine rupture, and death.⁴ Women who abort are more likely to experience future ectopic pregnancy, infertility, hysterectomy, stillbirth, miscarriage, and premature birth than women who have not had abortions.⁵ Women who abort are not only putting their own lives and health at risk; they also endanger the lives of their current and future children. Women who abort are 144% more likely to physically abuse their children.⁶ In addition, women who have undergone previous abortions have a 60% higher risk of miscarriage.⁷ The physical and psychological consequences of abortion are devastating. Ann Marie is just one of the many voices of hurting post-abortive women. Countless other women have come forward to share their stories about the aftermath of abortion. Read some of their accounts at www.silentnomoreawareness.org/testimonies/index.aspx.¹ *European J. Public Health.* 2005.]² *Stress. Depression and Suicide: A Study of Adolescents in Minnesota.* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Extension Service, 1986.)³ *Medical Science Monitor.* 2003.]⁴ *Abortion Practice.* 1990.]⁵ *Detrimental Effects of Abortion: An Annotated Bibliography with commentary.* 2002.]⁶ *Acta Paediatrica.* 2005.]⁷ *BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Dec.* 2006] *For full citations visit www.humanlife.org/stopinjustice.php This article (and the following article) was published by kind permission of Human life Alliance.

Since I (Michelle-18 years old) had already enlisted in the Air Force, I thought I had to have an abortion in order to make something out of my life. My best friend drove me to the abortion clinic. It was like an assembly line. When the ultrasound was being performed, I asked to see it, but this wasn't allowed. So much for "an informed decision." Then I asked how far along I was. I was told I was nine-and-a-half weeks pregnant. That hit me hard. I started doubting and wanted to talk to my friend, but I wasn't allowed to do that either. When it was my turn, the nurse told me that I was going to feel some discomfort, like strong menstrual cramps. The truth is that the abortion was more pain than I've ever felt in my life. I felt like my insides were literally being sucked out of my body. Later, I went into shock. After the abortion, I tried to make up for it by trying to get pregnant again. I wanted my baby back, but I never got pregnant again. I don't know if I can ever have another baby. I named my baby. Later I found out this is part of the grieving process. Two-and-a-half years later, I ended up in hospital with bulimia. I felt that no one had punished me for what I had done, so I was punishing myself. I was obsessed with women who were pregnant, and my life was in shambles! I was suffering from post-abortion trauma. When I was 21 years old, I received help from a woman who was involved with pro-life activism. I went through a program called "Con querors." Not only did I experience forgiveness, but I was also challenged to help others. I answered the challenge and started sidewalk counselling. There is a healing process that

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The Spoilt Generation: Restoring adult authority in child development.

Dr. Alec Sigman



In the space of a few decades, there has been a dramatic change in patterns of parenting. Something that was once done intuitively has been turned into a science and outsourced to 'experts'. **There has been an inversion of the relationship between**

parent and child and adult and child. If parents say 'no' to their children at all, they tend to say it with an apologetic tone in their voice and in a manner that lacks conviction. Yet children's needs have not changed; they are apolitical and universal. In addition to raising his own four children, Dr. Sigman has travelled widely and witnessed children being raised in different cultures. He has observed that the most healthy societies are firmly rooted in the family. Even though patterns of life differ in many respects, family cohesion is essential. As child-centred upbringing has become more fashionable, there has been a focus on what children are interested in rather than what is in their best interests. The rise of democratic parenting has seen an effort to eliminate any concept of hierarchy, with parents seeking to be best friends with their children and replacing compulsion with negotiation.

Parental Permissiveness

Dr. Sigman argued that by removing boundaries and retreating from authority, adults are robbing children of their basic supporting structures. Children are being spoilt in ways that go far beyond materialism. They have never been given so much in terms of legislation, rights and experience, yet child mental health problems have doubled since the 1970's and there are serious problems related to teenage binge-drinking and pre-teen alcoholism. The erosion of authority is having serious consequences in the home, in nurseries and in schools. Parental permissiveness is a significant factor in growing levels of 'parent battering'. Mothers are five times more likely than fathers to experience severe physical abuse from their children, with single mothers most at risk. Pre-school children are increasingly displaying violent and disrespectful behaviour towards staff in nurseries, and non-authoritative parenting and weak discipline policies in schools are leading to a rise in false and malicious allegations made by pupils against teachers is linked with a legal and cultural shift in power and authority from teacher to pupil. Children are showing measurably declining levels of respect for authority figures, believing that adults must earn their respect. Over the past five years, the number of children, including 10 year-olds, convicted for violently attacking police officers has increased by 44 per cent. The rise in obesity and type-2 diabetes is linked to children's growing autonomy and discretion in relation to what and when they eat.

Definition

Historically, the 'spoilt child' has been a child who has too many material goods, but today's spoilt child is very often a deprived child—deprived of parental time and attention and impoverished in terms of a lack of boundaries and authority. A spoilt child today is a child with a strong sense of entitlement—'I deserve whatever I want'; a child who lacks empathy and sympathy, who is more interested in himself than others and expects instant gratification. Dr. Sigman considered some of the demographic and cultural changes that have given rise to 'the spoilt generation': the general rebellion against authority in the 1960's the commercialisation of childhood, and the tendency of two working parents to try to compensate for their absence by tolerating bad behaviour.

Reduced social interaction

As children's use of electronic media has increased, so their levels of social interaction have decreased, including with parents. Dr. Sigman cited a 2008 Children's Society study which showed that television alone is displacing the parental role, eclipsing 'by a factor of five or ten the time parents spend actively engaging with children'. Referring to evidence from Stanford University, he noted that: 'time spent using the Internet is negatively associated with time spent with family [and] time spent with friends'. He proceeded to cite other evidence suggesting that the acquisition and use of technological skills may be at the expense of the development of social skills, empathy and the capacity for moral decision-making. A meta-analysis of 72 studies from 1979-2009 conducted by researchers at the University of Michigan found that college students today display levels of empathy 40 per cent lower than those of their counterparts two or three decades ago. The most significant drop in empathy has occurred since 2000, which the researchers attribute to the increase in exposure to electronic media and the recent rise of online social networking.

The hidden costs of day care

Parents are being told that they are no more important than an institution for bringing up a child and encouraged to place their young children in daycare. However, a review and meta-analysis of nine studies published in 2006 in the *Early Childhood Research Quarterly* found that children in daycare display higher cortisol levels than those cared for at home. The researchers stated that: 'The effect of daycare attendance on cortisol excretion was especially notable in children younger than 36 months. We speculate that children in centre daycare show elevated cortisol levels because of their stressful interactions in a group setting.' A study published in 2009 reported that cortisol levels are abnormal 15 years after a child has attended daycare, regardless of the quality of the childcare facility, the child's gender or ethnicity, the family's income level, the mother's level of education or the sensitivity the parents exhibited towards the children as teenagers. It is thought that such children may be prone to stress in their teenage years. Dr. Sigman observed that women's rights have become more important than children's wellbeing but argued that the rights of parents should always take second place to the welfare of the child. Parents must show self-sacrifice.

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pupils, while half admitted finding it “difficult to discuss.” Six out of ten teachers said that discussing sex, relationship and lifestyle choices can go against religious beliefs. Other obstacles included pupils’ embarrassment and teachers’ fears that they may not be able to answer questions. The reality is that many teachers’ will know in their consciences that a large number of the sex education programmes should not be in schools at all. Natika Hall of Family Planning Association stated that: “The state of sexual health in the UK is complicated and a cause for concern.” The sexual health crisis in the UK is not “complicated.” We just need a government to start taking responsibility and stop the media etc. from sexualising our society from all angles!

Violent Crime

Recently in just one edition of the Newham Recorder (East London) there were reports of 3 young men who, in recent separate incidents had lost their lives through gun and knife crime! David Gardner the father of Ben Gardner, who lost his life after being punched and kicked in the head by 3 attackers in Sutton in 2009, has called for the death penalty to be reintroduced. “By killing my son these people have destroyed my life. I cannot forgive these people for what they have done. They have destroyed me and my family and the rest of our lives. I think that the people that have done this should pay the ultimate price-death.” Ben Gardner lost his life as an innocent victim because his girl friend had asked for a party hat to be returned to her. The hat had been stolen by Ben’s killers. Random, wanton killings are regularly taking place in our nation. In all, fewer than one in one hundred criminals imprisoned for all types of serious crimes is awarded the longest possible sentence for the offence. Rose Discon of the campaign group *Support after Murder and Manslaughter* said she is often contacted by families who cannot understand the logic behind sentencing. Philip Davies MP said, “I am sick to the back teeth of politicians’ talking tough on crime but not following it through.” How true what Mr Davies says. If criminals are committing heinous crimes then the death penalty needs to be reintroduced. Recently, a spokesperson for the Police Federation stated that, “Christmas was coming early for criminals” because of the proposed government cuts which will affect police numbers. In reality, “Christmas has been early” for years for criminals because of the totally inadequate sentences, community orders etc. handed out. The time is long overdue for a radical change in sentencing policies regarding criminals.

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comes from getting involved in the pro-life movement. I talk to youth groups and students and share my testimony. To them, and to you, I plead, “Please don’t make the same mistake I did.”

The Science of Sex

During sexual activity, powerful hormones are released in the brains of men and women that produce lasting

bonds with their partner. The most influential of these hormones are oxytocin and vasopressin. Oxytocin is a bonding hormone released during childbirth and nursing that causes the mother to bond with her infant. It is also released during sexual activity and acts as an emotional glue between partners.¹ Both men and women have oxytocin and release it during sexual activity, but women are more affected by oxytocin and men by vasopressin, another bonding hormone released during sex. Vasopressin helps a man bond to his partner and instills a protective instinct toward his partner and children.^{2, 3} This bonding effect of sex, due to the oxytocin and vasopressin, can be compared to duct-taping a couple’s arm together. Imagine ripping off the tape and using the same piece of duct tape to wrap the girl’s arm to a new guy’s arm. What happens is not exactly pleasant. By switching partners several times, particles of skin and hair left on the tape reduce the adhesiveness so it doesn’t attach effectively. The same is true of sex. Research suggests the ability to bond and produce oxytocin is damaged by the stress hormones released during a break-up. Just like debris on duct tape, previous sexual experiences reduce the ability to bond correctly. Oxytocin levels can return to normal if sexual activity is stopped and time is given to address physical and emotional healing.⁴ Refrain from getting into a new relationship for a year or two and commit to save sex for marriage. Conversely, imagine the duct tape was never removed. The duct tape would begin to feel like a part of the arm and the adhesion would be strong.⁵ When a couple waits until marriage to have sex, and remains faithful to each other during marriage, oxytocin and vasopressin increase the biological bond between the husband and wife.¹ *The Female Brain. 2006.]*² *Nature. Oct.7th 1993]*³ *Progress in Brain Research. 1998]*⁴ *Keroak. Eric. M.D. “Oxytocin: Is This Nano-Peptide a Chemical Type of Human Super Glue?” 2006.]*⁵*Ibid.] *For full citations visit www.humanlife.org/stopinjustice.php. This article was published by kind permission of Human Life Alliance*

Morality Forum Action



John O’Neill and Finbar Murphy participated in a peaceful vigil outside a Marie Stopes abortion clinic in Central London. The vigil is part of a 40 day worldwide vigils’ campaign against abortion. In London and

elsewhere babies’ lives have been saved by ladies being counselled on the streets near to abortion clinics by participants in the vigils.

Brian Grayson voiced his concerns in a local shop in his area in Manchester regarding a lewd picture which was on display. A while later the offensive item was removed.

John O’Neill, Finbar Murphy and Elaine Osman participated in a vigil outside the Houses of Parliament in London on October 27th. The vigil was organised by Christian Concern. The vigil was held in remembrance of the 43rd anniversary of the abort-

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True Family Values
(compiled by Frank Van der Stok,
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Freedom and Peace



B. Peace

4. Peace in the family.

- Overcoming conflict between husband and wife.
 - * Practice tolerance and patience, which require maturity.
 - * Honest communication (expressing what is true to one's self, not just one's selfish point of view or unreflective reactions).
 - * Taking personal responsibility for the mutual problem.
 - * Practice repentance to make peace.
- Parents create harmony between brothers and sisters.
- Grandparents create harmony between between parents and children.

5. Peace in the community, nation, world

- Even if the family is at peace within itself, it cannot find peace if the community is full of crime or the nation is at war. The family will inevitably be caught up into the conflict. Brothers divide in civil wars (America, Spain, Russia).
- Fields of conflict:
 - * Ideology
 - * Land and wealth
 - * Personality
 - * Race, nation or religion
- Conflicting parties must be reconciled with sacrificial love.
 - * Absorb the attack and change the enemies' heart.
 - * Absorbing the attack can mean just to suffer, such as the Christians enduring martyrdom in Rome and throughout the world.
 - * It can also mean self-defense and counter-attack to end the enemies' power to attack.
 - * World War I & II
 - * "Peace through strength" leading to the downfall of communism.
 - * However physical victory must be completed through superior ideology and greater sacrificial love, or it merely creates a grievance in the enemy's mind, which will one day erupt with vengeance.
 - * The Marshall Plan for the reconstruction of Germany.
 - * The post-World War II reconstruction of Japan.

6. *Creating peace, therefore, requires the action of love, namely, sacrificial love.*

7. *Peace is the foundation for love to blossom.*

- In true love, subject partner and object partner are in harmonious give and take. This is true peace.
- Peace is completed in a dynamic state of being, a perfect balance in which development takes place according to natural law.

8. *By living in peace and establishing peace in the world, we fulfill the second of God's purposes of creation: that God find a partner of love.*

Unification and Happiness

1. Unification means becoming completely one.

- Becoming one does not mean losing your individuality.
 - * The partners maintain their individuality and enjoy seeing themselves reflected in their beloved.
 - * If there were complete merging and loss of individual identity, then there would be no reflection, no love, no joy.
 - * True unification takes places on the basis of free and harmonious sharing of love and beauty by two distinct entities.
 - * The greater the differences of the partners, the greater the excitement and beauty of their unification.
- Unification is based on true love.
 - * It is not forced or coerced; dictatorship is false unification.
 - * Dictatorship can be physical (police power) or spiritual (evil laws, peer pressure, social customs).
 - * In oneness, the lover and beloved smoothly move into each other and out from each other.
 - * Physical love between husband and wife.
 - * The life pattern of parents and children (out from and back to the mother's arms and father's oversight).
 - * The play of brothers and sisters (hide & seek, tag, etc.)
 - * The workday (leaving home in the morning, returning home at night).
- In oneness, each partner identifies with the interests of the other.
 - * Participation in each other's activities and lives; for example, the President's wife indirectly participates in his governing the country.
 - * Living together, by which we share each others joy and sorrow, strength and weakness, sickness and health, wealth and poverty.
 - * Inheritance; naturally the family possesses property in common, and the younger inherit from the elders (clothes, books, houses, land, business, etc.)

(to be continued...)

(from the book "True Family Values" by Wilson and Pak

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Solutions

Through a combination of default, inexperience, circumstances, social fashion and often sheer legal coercion, there has been a retreat from committed and engaged parenting. Dr. Sigman detected a growing culture will to retrace our steps and find the way back. He called for a restoration of authority in children's lives:



- Adults must be culturally and legally empowered to deal with their own children and with the children of others.
- There should be an enlightened intolerance of badly behaved children.

- We need an absolute presumption in law and policy that adults are right and know better, unless there are exceptional reasons to the contrary.
- The legal position of teachers should be strengthened.
- The importance of separated fathers as figures of authority, vital to the socialisation of children, should be recognised, with new legislation based on the presumption of shared parenting whenever possible.
- A parents' charter should place parents under a duty to make every effort to bring up socially viable children.
- The government should discontinue incentives to encourage mothers of young children to go back to work and pursue policies to enable mothers to care for their children at home.
- Resources currently aimed at shaping public attitudes towards disadvantaged minority groups should be redirected to encourage respect for older people and the colour grey.
- Apprenticeships should be revived as a means of teaching young men to be men.

How not to spoil your child

- Authoritative parenting leads to greater emotional stability. Children need boundaries.
- Don't be afraid to use censorship in the home.
- Being your child's best friend is to be his worst enemy.
- When you need to say 'no' say it with conviction. Disappointing your child is often good for his development.
- Avoid the tyranny of options. Younger children are confused by a range of choices.
- Children need to know you are in charge. It helps them feel secure.
- Construct boundaries. If your children learn to respect authority in the home, they will respect it in other spheres-at college, work and society.
- Don't feel you have to praise or accept everything your child does. It is good for your children to learn to deal with some constructive criticism if they know we love them, and praising everything will render praise meaningless.
- Spend more time and less money on your children. There

is no substitute for eye-to-eye contact.

In these ways, Dr. Sigman argued, we will cultivate better-behaved and happier children who, in turn, will cast off their reputation as the spoilt generation.

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Letters and e-mails received



Hi John, Thank you for the piece of information you sent me recently. I really appreciate it and please keep it coming at all times. Pastor Collins.

Dear John, It was good to meet you the other week outside the abortion clinic in Whitfield Street. I am just dropping you a line to let you know my e-mail address. Keep up all the good work pro-life work. Hope to see you outside the clinic again sometime. Marie Owen. Pro-life Pharmacist.

Thank you Mr John O'Neill for all your e-mails. I am greatly appreciative.
Pastor G. Kretchey.

Hi John...This issue (Summer) looks better than ever and I'm inspired to read it.
All the best.
Martin

Hi John, Thank you for the materials sent through the post. I'll pass Pastor Gabriel's to him. Thanks also for the e-mail Update. Remain blessed. Samuel.

Thank you John! I shall follow this up. Marshall
[Abortion information]

Thanks John. I'll forward it around. Radha Mohan Das.
[Abortion information]

Dear Sadiq, [MP]
Please oppose the suggested sex education bill on Sept 9th. Enough damage is done by the so called sex education that only drives young people more and more into promiscuity. We cannot have better results by using the same wrong methods over and over again, demanding even more of the nonsense. Let's stop this country to go more and more downhill, further and further away from what is needed, namely character and abstinence education.
Best regards. Bruno Klotz

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-tion act which was passed in 1967. More than 7 million babies have been aborted in the UK since 1967. At the moment 570 babies are aborted each day in the UK. A truly horrific, totally unacceptable statistic. Various key speakers emphasized the importance of people “speaking out for the unborn child, whatever that entails.” It was also stated that it is an “abuse of women” to withhold the true effects of abortion from them. One of the speakers, Nadine



Dorries MP is going to try to bring a Bill before Parliament concerning abortion. After the vigil there was a service of “lament and repentance” at a venue near to Westminster. Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali who was the officiator at this service stated how, “God’s desire cannot be put aside by anti-Godly people. How we treat children determines what kind of society we are. Remembrance and repentance make a difference. Think what we can do.” There was a harrowing testimony from a lady who previously had experienced 2 abortions. She stated how she suffered so much from guilt, shame, panic and was haunted. Thankfully through God and his mercy this lady was able to receive healing.



John O'Neill was one of the speakers at an interfaith event in South London on November 20th. The topic of the event was, 'Defending Morality-Countering Secularism'

John O'Neill attended a one day conference in Clapham about sex education. The conference was organised by Anglican Mainstream. Throughout the day there were reports highlighting the amoral sex education programmes which are prevalent in many of our schools. What was very encouraging was listening to so many people who are fighting back strongly through abstinence programmes etc. some of which are presented in schools. It was highlighted how every parent has the right to know the full extent of the sex education policy in each school and the materials being used. The freedom of information act can be used if necessary. By law marriage should also be mentioned in sex ed. lessons and it is government guidance that children receive moral guidance. It is very important to find out what kind of materials are being used, especially videos. Parents have the right to view the full length of any relevant videos. It is particularly important to know who will be presenting the sex education lessons. Watch out for amoral organisations such as the Brook Institute etc. It is still every parent’s right to withdraw their child from sex ed. lessons. It was also mentioned about parents’ working together

can be very effective, and also speaking to the head teachers’. Parents’ can also suggested which materials should be used. School governors’ are still responsible for the sex education policy in schools. One lady mentioned how she became a school parent- governor and through this she was able to get outside people stopped from coming into the relevant school. This lady and her husband were able to organise for an abstinence team to come into the school and they were also able to suggest inoffensive sex ed. materials which were chosen.

Letters and e-mails etc. have been sent to numerous people concerning moral issues. Also information has been sent on request.

On visiting a Pentecostal church in Acton, John O’Neill was informed by the Pastor’s wife, Mrs Reynolds that their church was praying for the success of the Morality Forum work, and that she was very inspired by the content of the last M.F. Update. Mrs Reynolds’s also mentioned how religious people need to be “militant” against the works of the devil!

Vanya Almeida was very concerned and upset to find out that a sex education programme was being introduced at her children’s primary school in Merton. Alerted by Morality Forum articles about controversial materials used in schools, Vanya made sure she attended the viewing sessions for parents. Many of the parents present disagreed with the content but they were led to believe that SRE was compulsory and their only choice was to pull their kids out of the lessons. Despite reassurances by the school about the programme, Vanya persisted in her efforts to investigate the materials and the content of the SRE Policy which made her even more determined to get the programme stopped. With the help of Norman Wells from Family Education Trust and the support of other concerned parents at the school Vanya circulated information about the SRE curriculum among the other parents at the school. She also met with the HT and members of the governing body to highlight the legal requirement to consult parents and take their views into consideration in regards to this very sensitive area. As a result the SMT and the governors held a parents’ forum. Over 100 people attended. The school had never had such a high turn out at any of its other meetings. There were parents from various religious beliefs, non-believers, single parents, foster parents, married couples. They all shared the same concern - the need to preserve their children’s innocence. Many parents boldly expressed disagreement and strong opposition to such a curriculum. They all spoke very eloquently, passionately and firmly in defense of parental rights to choose when and how to educate our children in this area and our children’s rights to an innocent childhood. The collective efforts of the parents mobilized by a few key figures from the various communities who worked closely with Vanya, culminated in the withdrawal of the offensive programme. Here again is another clear example of how, by one person taking initiative on a key moral issue substantial results can occur. A big thank you to everyone who invested time and energy into securing a victory for morality.

NUMBER OF KIDS ON THE PILL SOARS

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Figures just released show that the number of eleven and twelve-year-old girls using the contraceptive pill has increased five-fold over the last ten years.

More than 1,000 girls aged eleven and twelve have been prescribed the contraceptive pill by family doctors whilst a further 200 girls aged between eleven and thirteen have had contraceptives injected or implanted, suggesting they have a regular sex life and want to avoid taking a daily pill. This is shocking considering we are not even talking about older teenagers, but mere children.

Just as shocking is the fact that such prescriptions are being issued to girls without the knowledge or consent of their parents. Doctors, whether Christian or otherwise, are legally bound by a duty of confidentiality which puts the child's rights over and above the parents' wishes, unless they suspect that the child is being coerced or abused.

These latest figures are from the general practice research database, which collects information and data from 500 GPs' practices and covers a representative sample of four million people. The database shows that at least 58,000 fifteen-year-olds were on the pill last year, compared with 23,000 in 1999.

It is well known that early sexual activity increases the risk of sexually transmitted diseases. Such diseases can cause infertility, and even cancer, not to mention the emotional side effects associated with early sexual encounters.

Doctor Trevor Stammers, a member of the British Medical Association expert panel on sexual health, said: "These figures illustrate the fact that the UK is facilitating the sexualisation of young people at an ever younger age."

"If sex education is introduced in primary schools in the way being proposed, we will see many more eleven-year-old girls seeking contraception, and if we pay GPs to give out contraception without pointing out the risks... we are going to make matters worse."

Dr Stammers is absolutely right, yet such warnings continue to fall on deaf ears. Most parents, and indeed most people with any ethical and moral sense, can see that sexualising youth, and even worse, children, will inevitably have dangerous and detrimental consequences in future generations.

Yet The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence recently proposed that sex education should be introduced from the age of five.

Over a decade ago, I wondered if parents would be pushed to breaking point in terms of the sexualisation of their children

through media and magazines, but as such sexualisation increased in intensity, even being steamrolled into our schools, there has been a deathly silence from most parents. The effect is that those wanting to sexualise our children think that they have got away with it, and thus bring the boundaries ever lower. How low do they have to go before parents across this country will stand up, be counted and say 'enough is enough'? It is not enough to say 'if that's the law, so be it'. It is not enough to sit back and justify silence on the basis that one's child might be ridiculed or chastised if taken out of a sex education class. Now is the time for parents to watch what is happening to their children very carefully indeed, and to react if necessary.

At an age where they would once have enjoyed playing innocent games like hide and seek, children are now being enticed by the sex industry, aided and abetted by government sex education policies. Do you think that's exaggeration? Then understand that most children have seen porn on either the internet or TV before the age of 16. It's despicable. The government's behaviour is especially repugnant, given that sex under the age of 16 is actually illegal. Yet GPs may prescribe contraception if they believe an underage girl is 'mature' enough to have sex, a belief which is obviously becoming quite commonplace. How did we get to the point where doctors, who are supposed to care for children, are unable to tell parents that their children are breaking the law? How did Great Britain come to this and who, or what, is driving such a sordid state of affairs?

The onset of puberty has fallen from about the age of 15 a century ago to as young as 10 today. Our modern diet and exposure to chemicals such as fluoride are thought to be responsible. But physical maturity does not mean that most youngsters have the emotional maturity for sexual relationships. In fact, I would argue that many young adults lack such emotional maturity too. One only has to witness how many suffer shame and guilt after losing their virginity to the wrong person, to realise that those having sex outside of a committed relationship in their late teens or beyond are often riddled with regrets and remorse. I know, because I counsel them on a daily basis. If the psychological and emotional impact of uncommitted sex affects young adults so strongly, then what is it doing to our children? These children haven't yet fully developed but are already taking contraceptives with potentially dangerous long-term side effects for their health.

Oh yes, the shockingly high abortion rates might go down - although there is not much evidence of that despite the proliferation of contraceptive use - but what sort of trade-off is it when we have youngsters barely out of primary school on the Pill? Some might say contraceptives are better than having an abortion later, or heaven forbid, an unwanted child. Yet it is this very idea that God's standards are unrealistic and we shouldn't 'judge' that inevitably leads to the destruction of anything wholesome, good or morally right. In fact, it already has, and it might well be too late to reverse the damage, but our children deserve a childhood where adults protect them from emotional and physical harm - and that is surely worth fighting for at all cost.