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Is There a Quiet Marxist Coup Craftily Hidden Beneath the Demand for Same-Sex Marriages?

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Some 100 years ago, Lenin led the takeover of Russia under the banner of fairness. Some thirty million citizens were slaughtered in order to bring about a more egalitarian society. Some sixty-five years ago, Chairman Mao led the Cultural Revolution under the same banner: "We need a fairer society!" Another 70 million people were murdered. Are they fairer societies today? Or are the superrich oligarchs of these countries now just bulldozing over the mass graves of the proletariat so they can make another million from a new business deal? It's obvious from these examples that bringing in a law change solely on the basis of 'fairness' might not actually bring about fairness at all, but bring about some very negative consequences instead. We need to talk about such things because the same-sex lobby is pushing forward with the redefinition of marriage under this same banner -- the banner of being fair to homosexuals. We also need to be very attentive to what is happening because of the well documented links of the same-sex lobby to groups with a far-left political agenda. Both the Russian and Chinese revolutions ultimately led to the repression of the church, the loss of free speech, the decay of business life, and the harming of the economy.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. Martin Luther King: Unjust Laws

Life site news. The Irish referendum sets faithful Christians on a collision course with the Irish state, the laws of God against the laws of fallen men. With such conflicts, the faithful must follow God and not men. In his Letter from Birmingham Jail, Dr. Martin Luther King wrote, "there are two types of laws: just and unjust. I would be the first to advocate obeying just laws. One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws." He then affirmed, "Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. I would agree with St. Augustine that 'an unjust law is no law at all.'" "How does one determine," he asked, "whether a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law." The Irish referendum is an unjust law, since it amounts to a national repudiation of the natural law. Cultures do not so much break the natural law as break themselves against it. When an entire country freely chooses to reject both the laws of nature and of nature's God, there will be consequences. Let us pray that those consequences become an occasion for the Emerald Isle to repent and return to what it once knew.

40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign Concludes With 402 Babies Saved

From Abortion: NATIONAL - SHAWN CARNEY MAR 30, 2015 | 9:49AM
WASHINGTON, DC

Children who were scheduled to be aborted are alive today ... because over these past 40 days, God blessed your prayers and peaceful vigil. In fact, we know of ... 402 babies saved from abortion during this 40 Days for Life campaign! Thank you for being that witness of hope in a culture of death! This campaign showed how brightly light can shine when it is courageously brought into the darkness. We have a final devotional for this campaign today ... and, as always, a few stories to share. Grand Rapids Michigan, "It worked!" Those were the words of a young woman who had been sitting in her car in the parking lot of the abortion centre in Grand Rapids, talking with a friend who had an abortion appointment. Lisa, the local coordinator in Grand Rapids, said this woman then went to tell the sidewalk counsellors that her friend was not going to keep her appointment. "After picking up a baby gift bag," she said, "they simply drove away

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... which was the answer to so many prayers.” What exactly was it that worked? “The prayer volunteers were praying, the sidewalk counsellors were standing by, the friends were talking in the car ... and the Holy Spirit somehow used it all to touch the heart of this young mother,” Lisa explained. “What joyful news and what an awesome God!” LifeNews.com Note: Shawn Carney is the campaign director for the 40 Days for Life pro-life prayer campaign against abortion. [Abridged]

Transgender Counselling

Recent media reports show that children as young as three have been receiving transgender counselling on NHS. The number of under 11's being treated with gender issues has quadrupled in the past five years. 77 were referred in 2014/15, up from 19 in 2009/10, according to figures from BBC. This included 2 children aged 3 and 47 aged 5 or under. Paul R. McHugh, the former psychiatrist-in-chief for Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, USA, and its current Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry, has stated that transgenderism is a “mental disorder” that merits treatment, and that sex change is “biologically impossible,” and that people who promote sexual reassignment surgery are collaborating with and promoting a mental disorder. Dr. McHugh, made his remarks in a recent commentary in the Wall Street Journal, where he explained that transgender surgery is not the solution for people who suffer a “disorder of ‘assumption’” – the notion that their maleness or femaleness is different than what nature assigned to them biologically. He also reported on a new study showing that the suicide rate among transgendered people who had reassignment surgery is 20 times higher than the suicide rate among non-transgender people. Dr. McHugh further noted studies from Vanderbilt University and London's Portman Clinic of children who had expressed transgender feelings but for whom, over time, 70%-80% “spontaneously lost those feelings.” “While the Obama administration, Hollywood, and major media such as Time magazine promote transgenderism as normal,” said Dr. McHugh, these “policy makers and the media are doing no favours either to the public or the transgendered by treating their confusions as a right in need of defending rather than as a mental disorder that deserves understanding, treatment and prevention. People who undergo sex-reassignment surgery do not change from men to women or vice versa. Rather, they become feminized men or masculinized women. Claiming that this is a civil-rights matter.” The pro-transgender advocates do not want to know, said McHugh, that studies show between 70% and 80% of children who express transgender feelings “spontaneously lose those feelings” over time. Also, for those who had sexual reassignment surgery, most said they were “satisfied” with the operation “but their subsequent psycho-social adjustments were no better than those who didn't have the surgery.”

Anti-Life UN Agenda

Global concern about environment issues are being used to push forward a wide spectrum of attacks on human life and the family, according to the group Voice of the Family. “What we are seeing at the United Nations is a lot of talk about protecting the environment, but this is effectively masking an anti-life and anti-family agenda”, said Maria Madise, manager of Voice of the Family. In January 2015 the UN began negotiations on the

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which will determine the direction and financial aid for developing countries for the next 15 years. Voice of the Family highlights draft Goals 4 and 5 among the SDGs as being particularly anti-life. Goal 4 denies human rights to unborn children and Goal 5 calls for “universal sexual and reproductive health and rights”, which have long been identified as contraception and abortion. The environment agenda was given a boost when two leading UN officials addressed a major conference at the Vatican at the end of April. Keynote speakers at the event were Ban Ki Moon the UN General Secretary and Dr Jeffrey Sachs, two of the world's leading pro-abortion advocates. “We are troubled that the Vatican is aligning itself with the language and thinking of these anti-family forces. Particularly in the light of the Synod on the Family, due to convene again in October,” said Miss Madise. *This article was published in the May 2015 edition of the Pro-Life Times.*

Morality Forum Action



On Monday, June 15th John O'Neill and Elaine Osman participated in a rally opposite the Houses of Parliament, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta.



In the second picture John is seen together with Reverend David Braid. Reverend Braid has been a dedicated moral campaigner for many years.

On Saturday, April 25th John O'Neill helped to distribute abortion leaflets door-to-door in Rayner's Lane, W. London, together with other members of the Harrow branch of SPUC.

On May 2nd John O'Neill attended the afternoon session of the annual conference of Family Life International, at St. George's Cathedral, London, SE 1.

John O'Neill has spoken in recent weeks in various Christian churches, highlighting in particular, how God can work in mighty ways when even just one person is willing to take responsibility in defending moral and family values.

The sex education bulletins and Pro-Life Times newspaper from SPUC continue to be distributed to numerous individuals and religious organisations. The abortion petition forms from SPUC continue to be distributed to numerous religious organisations.

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Same-sex marriage is taking place under the banner of fairness. Will it lead to the repression of the church, the loss of free speech, the decay of the heterosexual marital-family, and the harming of the economy and your pensions? Put simply, is this a quiet, Marxist coup in disguise? Let's look at the evidence. Do we already see, before the law is passed, the potential for these outcomes?

The answer is, sadly, a resounding yes. We can all see and feel the religious oppression that is coming with this law change. Christian owned pizzerias, florists, wedding venue providers, photographers -- anyone who has anything to do with a wedding -- finds themselves struggling if they don't agree with this law change. Not only struggling; they can be sued until they are bankrupt, just for saying they don't feel comfortable with providing a service for a form of marriage that they believe will bring harm to society. And yet again, in Canada, churches have been endlessly harassed. Also in Canada, some lobbies are now pushing for the Bible to be banned as hate speech. Also, if you are a Christian in this new world order, your hiring prospects decrease. You might just say something about your disapproval of this law change, and the business may then be hounded and boycotted. Alternatively, in many professions, people of faith will find that their promotion prospects are severely hampered. This is what happened in the USSR and Communist China. If you can't tow the party line, then you have no future. What about the loss of free speech? We have seen that any CEO, any teacher, anyone who disagrees with the redefinition of marriage can't just say: "I don't like it" -- just as they can do in an open, free society. They can lose their job. They can lose their reputation -- all their life's hard work lost in one second -- in just one sentence. Left wing campus environments are also closing the doors to speakers who disagree with the law change. This is repression by the State and left wing political forces -- and this is just going to get worse.

And what about the heterosexual marital-family? Will it thrive in this new world of fairness? The heterosexual marital-family originally came about as the best way for men and women to protect their biological children -- children who take some 16-18 years to grow up. Its fundamental structure is to protect children, to give one's biological children the best start in life. Is same-sex marriage fundamentally about protecting biological children? No, it can't be. Is same-sex marriage about protecting children? No, we can't say that either. We cannot say that gay men are protecting children when they buy children from their mother's womb and deny these children ongoing knowledge of their mothers' love. The children will always know that they were bought, like engine parts in a car parts shop. We also cannot say lesbians are protecting children if their children are born through IVF and the children are denied their natural rights -- their natural right to be reared knowing their fathers' love. And one might ask how can gay and lesbian marriages offer protection to children when the law change weakens and harms religious communities -- communities that so many children find protection and nourishment in?

Next, it's hard to say gay and lesbian marriages protect children now their marriages lay the foundation for group marriages -- a form of family that has always brought about poorer outcomes for women and children? We have already

seen, in the USA, several attempts to form both polyamorous and polygamous families -- and they will eventually come about if this law is passed. And does same-sex marriage protect children when, eventually, polyamorous sex between three or four married partners is shown on the TV every night, causing the traditional marital-family to struggle terribly with issues such as adultery and threesomes? Lastly, we can't say that homosexuals are protecting children when they force the issue and push for homosexual lifestyles to be taught in the classroom as a positive life choice -- as is happening in Canada -- and then normally heterosexual teens start experimenting with same-sex eroticism. This leads these teens to have a whole range of extra problems -- gender confusion, STD's, mental health issues and more.

The consequences of same-sex "marriage" in Canada include: restrictions on freedoms, forced sex education, sexually confused children, sexual experimentation among children, muzzling and debilitating the Church, more births out of wedlock, more in-vitro fertilizations, more abortions, more poverty, more misery, more disease, more addictions and higher health care costs. Terrence Prendergast, Archbishop of Ottawa, 2012.

All the evidence shows that the current proposed solution to the issue of same-sex unions -- a solution that is being proposed by a left of centre political party in the USA -- is actually a Marxist solution, and that's why we see all the typical, oppressive outcomes. But this is not a full on Marxist revolution. This seems to be a slow, python-like one -- the slow but sure tightening of the grip, with the victim not realizing they are about to die until the last moment. Of course there is a difference of scale. Lenin and Mao were fighting for fairer outcomes for the majority. Here, the same-sex lobby is fighting for fairer outcomes for 1-2% of the population. But the process is the same. The Russian revolution led to the quick destruction of the wealthy. Here, once the homosexual world has free reign to confuse the sexual identities of young heterosexuals, there is no way to stop the eventual decline of the heterosexual marital-family. When same-sex unions are called marriages, then the same-sex lobby now actually owns the word marriage. They can do with the word what they will. And since homosexual marriage is fully acceptable, then so is their sexual eroticism. All laws about marriage and all laws that are connected to human sexuality will have to pass their: "Is this fit for homosexuals" test. If it doesn't, no matter how beneficial it might be for heterosexuals, it will not pass. To pass would be unfair. The opposite is also true. Whatever they wish in these areas will be passed; for not to pass policies and laws that support their needs would be unfair and yes, bigoted. Marriage and sexual norms and laws now belong to the same-sex lobby. If their political goal is to destroy the heterosexual marital-family, they will; all under the banner of fairness, of course.

So what will happen if the same-sex marriage law is passed? First, society will essentially get trapped into a solution that is not really a solution at all. This is no happy peace deal between homosexuals and heterosexuals. We will just see the continual and uninterrupted push of the homosexual world into the heterosexual world. Thus this erroneous solution just creates ongoing social decay and growing social tension. That's typical of Marxist solutions. Also, it means that people can't talk about the root causes of the growing oppression or

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the ongoing social decay, for to do so would lead you to lose your career. That's another trait of all Marxist solutions. So the decay will be ongoing and will continue until the decay gets so bad that the pressure for change is overwhelming. That may be ten years or forty years from now but that day will come, just as it came for the Russian leadership. At that moment there might be a quiet change of power, as in East Europe, or there may be a more violent one against gays and lesbians - just as there was in Yugoslavia. Put simply, what is happening in the USA is a good old Marxist coup, happening right in the middle of the land of the free. It's a Marxist coup led by the country's intelligentsia -- by the left wing college professors, media and politicians. They know this. They have been preparing for this moment for years. Even every course at MIT is infected with left of centre political dogma, with aeronautics being the least politicized. Also, since this is a Marxian solution, this is no lasting solution at all. The communist revolution inflicted too much damage on the wealth makers of the country -- thus it couldn't last. And the same-sex marriage solution inflicts far too much damage on the heterosexual marital-family for the solution to be a lasting, fair compromise. The heterosexual marital-family is the primary place where we produce the next generation of citizens -- and to cause even more damage to their family structure can only bring about more problems for society.

"Gay marriage is a lie," announced gay activist Masha Gessen in a panel discussion last year at the Sydney Writers' Festival. "Fighting for gay marriage generally involves lying about what we're going to do with marriage when we get there." [Applause.] "It's a no-brainer that the institution of marriage should not exist." From "Bait And Switch: How Same Sex Marriage Ends Family Autonomy" by Stella Morabito. After years of much suffering we will have to revisit this tricky issue and find a better, more equitable solution. This is sad because these solutions exist today. The only reason we can't hear them is because the same-sex lobby is shouting so loudly. It's hard for these more sensible solutions to be heard. It is a very dangerous thing when the Democratic Party has so much to gain through passing this law. They will gain unnatural political power on the foundation of ever-growing numbers of struggling families -- families who are more likely to vote left of centre. The Democratic Party likes the power that comes with this law change -- which is why President Obama has dedicated his authority to getting this law passed. This is all that is happening here -- a political coup -- not a desire for fairness at all. And this is why politicians have absolutely no right to redefine marriage -- and courts neither. The left of centre political parties have a special, political interest in seeing this law pass -- even if it harms the lives of almost all citizens. Sadly, the social damage which this law brings about will affect us all. The decay will harm the pensions and savings of these professors, judges, politicians and journalists who pushed for this solution. It will also negatively affect their children and grandchildren too. At least this we can say: War is fair.

Letters and Emails Received

Dear John, Thanks for keeping in touch with me for the past 15 years and keeping us informed with the updates which we have found to be very useful. Kind Regards, Shenaz

Thank you John for sending me your newsletter. I'll pass it on.

Well done for all your consistent good work!! Françoise

John, Thanks for this. Very inspiring and motivational reading. [Spring Update] I was at the speech Floyd Nelson gave, just happened to be at the conference for one afternoon. It was such an amazing speech, delivered with such directness and heart. Julian

Thank you and may God bless you and your family, John...Keep up the good work with Morality Forum. I hope to be more active with some issues regarding youth as my daughter will be entering secondary school in the fall. Your work is really appreciated. Kind regards, Ginger

Keep up the great work John! It's needed now more than ever. Religious freedom is in peril as never before! God bless you! Sincerely, MARK B.

Dear John, Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting [SPUC] and or next leafleting session. Many thanks for your brilliant leafleting before the election; I think it did make a difference to the results! Best wishes, Ian

Dear John, I noticed in Sainsbury's Kenton a grotesque cover on the latest edition of "Closer" with a woman in various stages of undress (I think she's called Jordan). This was boldly displayed in the entrance area where it could be quite plainly seen by children (Isn't Sainsbury's a family store?). I mentioned this to the store manager who said there was nothing she could do about it and gave me a "Careline" number to ring which I did and was told that my complaint would be "passed up". I was advised to "keep an eye on the store" to see if there were any changes in Sainsbury's display policy. Could you pass my observations on to your friends. Ian. [This request was forwarded to Mediawatch-uk who stated that they would look into the matter]

Dear John, Hope you are well. I have signed the petition [Religious Freedom] and posted it on my Facebook. Regards, Manji

Dear John, I recently gave a keynote address at the Utah Coalition Against Pornography Conference (which had over 1,500 people in attendance!) to update the attendees on what is happening in the national movement. They were kind enough to record it and I want to share it with you. There are incredible victories lately. So many doors are opening. There are hundreds of new leaders in the movement and thousands who are joining this army to defend the dignity and worth. I'm sure you sometimes feel alone in your efforts to stand against sexual exploitation, but watch this and you'll see that you are part of something really big! There is no doubt that the National Centre on Sexual Exploitation, formerly Morality In Media, is leading this movement. We thank you for your support in all the ways you can give it! Look at what is coming together! Most Sincerely, Dawn Hawkins Vice President National Centre on Sexual Exploitation, formerly Morality In Media www.EndSexualExploitation.org

Dear Mr O'Neill, Thank you for sending the newsletter 'Morality Forum Update'. I very much appreciate the time and effort you have taken to send this information. Kind regards. Yours faithfully, Hugh Whittow, Editor. Daily Express.



True Family Values

Family Restoration: Necessary, but Possible?

D. There are efforts made by religious groups, such as conservative Christians, Jews and Muslims, to revive the family within modern society. These will not suffice.

1. Religions in their prime sustain the development of civilization, but always decline after achieving prosperity and power.
2. At best, small religious enclaves can survive (Pennsylvania Amish), but they have not influenced the larger society, because they offer no universal solutions.
3. Religion does not offer any explanation as to why the family has broken down. Hence, religious leaders offer traditional counsel, which has been in place for centuries and has proven ineffective at meeting today's challenges.
4. Religious guidance is praiseworthy, yet ultimately inadequate. It needs to be supplemented.

A Model for Family Restoration

A. What has been lacking is a family model which meets the challenge of modernity, a universal theory and practice revealing how the healthy family should function no matter which culture one lives in.

To approach this problem, we first must understand the purpose of the family. That purpose came ultimately from our Creator, God. Second we must understand the root cause of family problems. That is, what we did, and continue to do, in violation of the purpose of the family.

1. God's purpose in establishing the family: to establish a partnership of love with human beings.

- God is love; love is the force which unites two into one.
- Love therefore requires two partners, a division of complimentary pairs.
- Therefore God created all things in pairs so that they can unite in harmony.
 - * Male and female.
 - * Plus and minus.
 - * Yang and yin.
- When they create unity through true love, humans fully manifest the image of God and recreate the wholeness of God.
 - * Mind and body.
 - * Husband and wife.
- When we live in harmony, we make a base for God to enter.
- We draw God and God draws us; we meet in the middle, in harmonious give and take.
- God exists where there is oneness of love.
 - * He wants to dwell in the midst of the family.
 - * The love of husband and wife.
 - * The love of parents and children.

- God rejoices when He beholds us, in His image, as His partners in substantial bodies. This is the fulfilment of God's love.
- Love in the family was to expand to a society, nation and world filled with divine love.
- Therefore the family is the environment in which each person learns to live for the higher purpose. This is another important purpose of the family: the school of love through which we can perfect ourselves.
- This is the path toward individual maturity or completion (Matt. 5:48) and the application of personal responsibility to the creation of a world in which all people live for the higher good.
- This would be the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the fulfilment of God's ideal of creation.

2. Self-centredness destroys the purpose of love and cripples the family, creating a hellish society, a hell on earth.

- We did not inherit true love from our parents. This problem logically takes us back to the failure of the first parents to establish a true family based upon true love.
 - * This means that the first human beings consummated love prematurely.
 - * They must have been selfish and immature.
 - * They engaged in physical love without spiritual love. We call this false love.
 - * Their wounded hearts became cold and self-centred. Filled with guilt and shame, they fled from God, the source of true love.
- Human beings thus lost the potential to realize true love.
- Human beings came into conflict and rippling disharmony: mind and body, parents and children, husband and wife, brother and brother.
- All problems, beginning with selfishness, blame, anger, falsehood, seduction, fear and so forth, originate in the false love between man and woman.
- This flawed love has been passed on from generation to generation, infecting and corrupting the entire human race. No nation or religion is exempt, and it has come down to your grandparents and parents, to yourself. This is the real meaning of the original sin.

3. All religious traditions have accounts of how humanity is corrupted and unable to function in an ideal manner. Some are similar to the biblical Fall. Others are not. Yet all regard humanity as having a wounded spirit that needs repair before we can have an ideal world.

- Evil inclination (Judaism).
- The Fall in Islam.
- Pandora's box (Greek mythology).
- Buddhist Noble Truth of Suffering.
- Hindu myths on the origin of karma.
- Native American and African stories.

4. Religions have raised mankind now to the point of restoration of true family life, but they have not accomplished that restoration. This is not to denigrate or deny the value of the religious founders.

(to be continued....) (from the book "True Family Values" by Wilson and Pak <http://www.hsabooks.com/books>)

Religious Freedom

By John O'Neill

On June 15th I attended a rally opposite the Houses of Parliament organised by *Voice For Justice UK*, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta. The question posed in relation to the rally was: *How free are YOU today?* The signing of the Magna Carta is seen as the foundation for democracy worldwide. Lord Denning described it as: "...the foundation of the freedom of the individual against the arbitrary authority of the despot." There were approximately 10 different key speakers at the rally, including Baroness Cox, a member of the House of Lords. There was very strong criticism expressed from most of the speakers towards our parliamentarians, both past and present, for having allowed Almighty God and his sacred, holy laws, to be replaced by the humanistic ideology in relation to policies and legislation concerning key ethical, moral and family issues. Such policies and legislation have been a disaster for our nation, especially in relation to family breakdown, and the devastating impact of the sexual revolution and the permissive society. It was highlighted how history shows conclusively that without God at the centre of our nation there will be horrendous consequences which is being borne out in this age we are living in, concerning the huge increases in crimes and social problems etc. It was further highlighted how our laws, culture, institutions, customs and values have been based on our Judeo-Christian heritage.

The issue of religious belief and conscience and freedom of speech was also highlighted during the various presentations. There have been an increasing number of cases in recent times of people losing their jobs and being taken to court for expressing their views in relation to their religious beliefs and acting according to the dictates of their consciences. One particular shocking recent case concerns Ashers Bakery in Belfast, who were taken to court and being found guilty of discrimination and fined for refusing to bake a cake carrying the slogan, Support Gay Marriage. Refusing to allow people to live according to their religious beliefs in public and in the work place is setting a very dangerous precedent. The Ecclesiastical Province of Ibadan in Nigeria issued a recent statement pledging that same sex unions should never be given legal status in Nigeria because such legislation would undermine: "the right to life, right to freedom of conscience, religious liberty and respect for moral and cultural values." David Cameron, despite his assurances concerning religious freedom, was warned before same-sex marriage was introduced that this would have far-reaching and serious consequences for religious people, which is now happening.

We were informed that urgent action now needs to be taken because the situation is so serious. VFJ want to see groups of people working together in different parts of the country to challenge the very serious issues regarding religious freedoms. VFJ will supply relevant materials when requested. I was very encouraged overall by this rally, but, at the same time I was disappointed that all the speakers were from a Christian background. In Taiwan, same-sex marriage was blocked because all the major religions worked together on that issue. Believers of all faiths should work together in love and respect in helping to combat the anti-Godly forces which are threatening our religious freedoms. Religious unity is an absolutely vital component concerning this matter and would help very much to speed things up. From our Creator's viewpoint we are: 'One family under God'. Reverend David

Braid, a dedicated and staunch moral campaigner for many years was at the rally. He handed me 2 information sheets of paper which contained in particular two very important and relevant items: "**ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL IS FOR GOOD PEOPLE TO DO NOTHING.**" Edmund Burke MP 1780. '**True then and true today.**' "**If we restart the war-time National Days of Repentance and Prayer we won't need Trident...**"

Individual **repentance, prayer** and also **action** are indeed very key components in the battle for our religious freedoms. **2 Chronicles 7:14: If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.**" Let us all pray in particular for religious unity and to pray and also to repent for the politicians that they can realise that Almighty God urgently needs to be at the heart of our nation again and especially in the Houses of Parliament in relation to their policies and legislation. One final prayer point: that religious leaders in particular can feel a **deep sense of urgency and seriousness in taking action in challenging the anti-Godly negative influences** which are assailing our religious freedoms at this time; and also to encourage **all their congregations to do the same**. If all the religions do start to work together in challenging evil Almighty God will surely be able to intervene in a very powerful way and there will be genuine hope for our nation once again. On YOU TUBE there is a powerful example of two people speaking out in favour of religious freedom. Type in the search bar: 'Peter Hitchens-The New Liberal Bigotry'. This will bring up a Question Time programme. The clip is 15 minutes long. The relevant parts are 9:04 and 12:33.

The Czech Republic chapter of Universal Peace Federation (UPF) recently convened its third conference in the Czech Parliament on the topic of the family.

The purpose of the Prague conference, titled "The Family and the Present Time," was to inform the participants about pressing issues concerning the family in the Czech Republic and Europe. The two previous conferences were titled "The Family and Society" (May 2014) and "The Family in the 21st Century" (held during a UPF-organized European Leadership Conference in October 2014).

At the June 3 conference more than 80 participants listened to presentations by six members of the Czech Parliament and one member of the European Parliament, among other speakers. There was a lively discussion after each panel. The event was organized together with the Civic Institute and supported by the Topaz organization under the auspices of Mrs. Nina Nováková, a member of the Czech Parliament. Dr. Juraj Lajda, secretary general of UPF-Czech Republic, opened the conference by mentioning that the date of the conference was chosen to honour both International Day of Families (May 15) and Global Day of Parents (June 1), both proclaimed by the United Nations. Dr. Lajda reminded the audience that the family is defined in UN documents as consisting of a father, a mother and children. He spoke of the roles of fathers and mothers and

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NOT ENOUGH OF US, FAR TOO MANY OF YOU?

By Fiorella Nash

“There are those that seem to believe that every baby human born will mature into a waste-creating, polar-bear-murdering, earth-destroying eco-terrorist,” writes Steve Mosher, director of the pro-life organisation, the Population Research Institute (PRI). He was responding to the celebration of Earth Day on 22nd April 2015. I wanted to cheer when I heard that PRI was hosting its own Earth Is For People Day to counter some of the more alarmist myths used to promote aggressive birth control policies around the world. PRI has its work cut out. Thanks largely to 1970s doomsayers, two generations have grown up convinced that humanity is breeding itself to Armageddon and the only answer is to coerce women from developing countries to desist from procreation. The racist overtones surrounding much of the discussion about population show no sign of abating either. It never takes long for the argument to move from “there are too many people” to “there are too many of a certain kind of people”, an attitude American satirist P.J. O’Rourke described as “not enough of us, way too many of you!” I learnt very little in school geography lessons, but I do remember my teacher outrageously saying: “Africans just don’t understand, it’s better to have two healthy children than ten skinny ones.”

The belief that the world’s population is out of control has caused a numbing of sensitivities when it comes to abuses connected with birth control policies. Liberal groups, so normally quick to rage against attacks on autonomy, such as forced sterilisation and abortion. Women’s rights are all very well, but can be readily sacrificed out of deference to Holy Mother Earth.

Some years ago. An online commentator greeted the news that infant mortality was declining in several African countries with the question: “Vaccination programmes are all very well but what about the earth’s precious resources?” No one denounced him, but I wondered how many people would feel if someone said: “We really shouldn’t bother with vaccination programmes to ensure that a sustainable number of British babies die before the age of five.” I believe that human beings have a duty to care for and protect the environment. I am educating my children to recycle, avoid wasting resources and to respect the natural world. But something has gone very wrong when environment worship reaches the level that perfectly respectable people are ready to defend or ignore reports of forced abortion, imprisonment and torture in the name of ‘regulating the population’ and can go so far as to suggest that doctors are endangering the planet by vaccinating babies. That is why groups like PRI are necessary, to expose birth control abuses, to challenge the ingrained myths about overpopulation and to rehabilitate the human race. The intellectual fightback begins with one quite simple premise: “People are the world’s greatest resource. Pollution is caused by human behaviour not by human births.” *This article was published in the May 2015 edition of the PRO-LIFE TIMES*

VALUES

The characteristics of our British national identity

We affirm the fundamental British Values of democracy, rule of

law, equality of every human being before the law, freedom of speech and the rights of all men and women to live free from persecution. We affirm as a matter of principle and of historical record that these values originate from Judaeo-Christian belief, thought and practice, which has been foundational in these Islands. As such, these values have been recognised worldwide as defining our national identity. The central value in British history and culture, derived from our Judaeo-Christian foundations, is that every human being is created by God of infinite worth and with unique purpose and destiny. Therefore, every man, woman and child is entitled to respect, care, consideration and protection. Our values, in relating to our personal and corporate life, are given substance, and first learned in the family, the original and enduring building block of our society, where mother and father are duly honoured as the primary educators. Our values embrace respect for the rule of law and equality of all before the law, together with freedom of speech, debate, conscience and religion. Equity has a long and illustrious pedigree for which the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta is a timely reminder. Our values embrace the utmost respect for human life and the wellbeing of others, compassion and care for the vulnerable, hospitality and mutual interdependence. Our values derive from the belief that we are all responsible and accountable for our actions, recognising that there are consequences to all that we say and do. Our values encourage every person to seek the common good over and above personal gain, never insisting on our human rights at the expense of our social responsibilities. Our values are evidenced in mutual trust, truthfulness and integrity. Our word is our bond within all relationships from the home to the marketplace, in civil society and in government. These are complemented by the attitudes of courtesy, compassion and modesty. Our values applaud and encourage the virtues of commitment to hard work, steadfastness and reliability, in addition to consideration towards the feelings of others. British history clearly authenticates the role and benefits of Christian teaching and practice. This is evidenced in the struggles to establish the rule of law and to defeat slavery and the slave trade; the establishment of the rights of conscience and the consistent opposition to intimidation, coercion, corruption, tyranny and oppression; the founding of numerous charitable institutions and the upholding of human dignity through the provision of education, health care and welfare. The essential recognition of the spiritual dimension of life provides the clear principles that lead to the honouring of others irrespective of their personal beliefs. These values bring hope for all people because they reflect the character of the Creator and the created order. We seek actively to promote these values now as fundamental to the health of our national life and to teach and transmit to future generations their validity and the origin in the Judaeo-Christian foundations of our culture. We call upon all people of faiths and none to subscribe to these values and to affirm and confirm them in daily life, general profession, teaching and government. *Drafted following a meeting in the House of Lords of 22 Christian leaders from different traditions, chaired by Professor Lord Alton of Liverpool, this statement was the subject of a special Consultation in the House of Commons on 27th January 2015. Following this it was simultaneously presented at Buckingham Palace for Her Majesty, The Queen, and at 10 Downing Street for the Prime Minister. Further information: Maranatha Community, www.maranathacommunity.org.uk. Tel: 01617484858*

WHO SAYS SO?

By Edward Thomas [National Campaign for Courtesy]

“Nobody has the right not to be offended”. The observation came from the mouth of Rowan Atkinson several years ago. I am still intrigued to learn from where the diktat emanated. It was tested to the limit in the shocking Charlie Hebdo events in France earlier this year, following which Mr Atkinson’s statement now seems to exist in an area a lot greyer than he had clearly supposed. The muddle could not have been better illustrated than by two views expressed in the same week in January. A letter-writer to the Daily Telegraph objected to the idea that we should observe sensitivity and respect for the beliefs of various cultures. The correspondent claimed that respect should be shown for other people, not their beliefs. But in the New Statesman Mehdi Hasan declared: “It’s deeply hypocritical to suggest there are no justifiable limits on free speech. Would the free-speech fundamentalists tolerate a cartoon mocking the Holocaust or jeering at blacks? One writer thinks a distinction should be made between what people are and their beliefs. Another sees the two as the same so far as subjection to ridicule is concerned.

We therefore have a confusion that would not fit in with the notion of a distinct difference existing between the mocking of beliefs and the demonization of people. Not only confusion but hypocrisy as well. The American comedian Jackie Mason once barred a Palestinian comic from sharing his stage because one of the latter’s jokes was deemed as ‘unfunny and in bad taste right now’. This was the same Jackie Mason who wrote an article in the Daily Telegraph decrying any idea of censorship, and that in the matter of comedy material observing: “No area should be off limits.” In the same paper opera critic Rupert Christiansen once wrote: “Laws against racism are much approved by the very same liberals who throw up their hands in horror that there could be any limit to artistic expression”. So where do we go from here? Straight into our subject, I suggest: courtesy. We had a splendid example of courtesy by a song in the West End production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in January this year. A complaint was raised about a song lyric: “Eating chocolate causes diabetes”. A number of parents spoke of how it was difficult enough trying to dissuade children from the belief that their chronic auto-immune disease of Type 1 diabetes was not self-caused. As the great-uncle of a 12 year-old boy suddenly in the same condition, it struck a personal resonance to the present writer. But the response could not have been more encouraging. Caro Newling, producer of the show, apologised for any offence caused. The result was that the script was amended and the reference to diabetes replaced. It was her final comment that was the most telling. “Why upset anyone when you don’t have to?” Why indeed? What would have been lost to the sum total of the human condition if Frankie Boyle had not made abusive comments about Rebecca Adlington’s face in Mock the Week five years ago. Towards the end of the BAFTA film awards last month, when the fake amazement at the actor they had managed to persuade to announce the winning Best Film, would it have cost the art of comedy so much if host Stephen Fry had not declared in full voice: “It’s Tom F***** Cruise”? Maybe it is the case that “nobody has the right not to be offended”. In view of recent events I should need a moral authority far greater than Rowan Atkinson to convince me of the statement’s worth.

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described the fundamental structure of the family including the vertical, horizontal and individual, which correspond to the order of the universe. A violation of this order implies the destruction of the society and universe, he said.

Dr. Jan Jandourek, a well-known Czech essayist, writer and theologian, spoke about the changes in the family in the last two generations. He compared the family under communism and today. During communist times, the totalitarian society could interfere with the family at any time, he said. The family was like a hostage. Today we have a free society, and there are more opportunities in life. The concept of family also has changed, Dr. Jandourek said. There are more unmarried individuals, and people do not consider the family as important as before, he said. The passing of experiences from one generation to another is not considered necessary, as the young generation can find all information on the Internet. The crisis of the traditional family is a result of the crisis of the traditional society, he said. Mr. Michal Heres, a lawyer dealing with family law, explained that each law is based on traditions and religion. Nowadays family law is given less value in the Czech Republic, and there is no specialization for family law. The courts should not be the ones to decide about children, he said, but rather parents should solve these problems by themselves.

Dr. Petr Mach, a member of the European Parliament, was the next speaker. A family consists of a father, a mother and children, he said. It is unfortunate that some trends are attempting to destroy this concept. If we are aware of the family breakdown and find out which laws are destroying the family, then correction is possible, he said. Various feminist projects are being financed by European money. The gender ideology wants to push the limits. In the family there is a lot of freedom and a free environment that disturbs some people, who want to interfere with it. Someone, a government minister or an official, has some idea how to educate children and tries to impose it on others. There are many cases in which children are being taken from their family; Dr. Mach mentioned Norway and Great Britain. There is no reason to take away children from their family just because one parent smokes, he said. The family should be the priority, and the child belongs above all to the family. Dr. Jitka Chalánková, MP (member of Parliament) and a medical doctor, emphasized that politicians should always take a stand on behalf of the family (at least conservative politicians). The adoption of children by homosexuals is not correct, she said. The more the state interferes with the family, the easier it will be for parents to lose their children. Dr. Chalánková is very active in a case in which two children were taken away from a Czech mother in Norway.

The second panel was opened by Mrs. Pavlína Golasewská, MP. She outlined some of the factors that are causing difficulties for families: debt, housing problems, various addictions (alcohol, drugs, gambling), promiscuity, mental illness, adverse home environment and lack of education. She suggested some ways to improve the situation, e.g., innovations in the housing law, improving financial literacy, educating young couples to be aware of their responsibility toward their children.

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