

Morality Forum Update

Standing up for family values in society

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“The State of the Nation”

By John O’Neill

On July 7th I attended for the second time a Christian afternoon conference in Victoria, London, entitled, “The State of the Nation.” The conference was organised by leading Christians such as Dr C. Hill from C&M Ministries and Dennis Wrigley from the Maranatha Community. The main theme of the conference was concerning repentance which was highlighted during various prayer sessions. Various speakers throughout the afternoon made the following comments: *Our nation is in a mess. Come with prepared hearts to seek the Lord. Jer.18:7. Word of God stands for all time for any nation. For 40 years we have had leaders who have allowed secular humanism to be dominant. Godlessness! Duet.4:9. “Be careful and watch yourselves closely...hear my words...” Judged on whether or not we passed on the word of God and his heritage to our children. Word has to be passed on-a solemn responsibility. What is God saying to us today? Come in humility and penitence. Penitence creates intimacy with our Lord. Dan.9. Awesome, mighty God. Pray for the fear of God to grip us again. God is faithful. Made idols of materialism. Break down the idols. Turned our back on God and replaced him with all kinds of idols. We are repenting on behalf of the church and the nation. Been silent when we should have been speaking out God’s word. Is.10:12-13. Luke.6:46-49. 1John15:1-2. 2Cor.10:3-5. John.17:21. Be sorry also because of speaking down about other denominations.*

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sexualisation of Children

The American Psychological Association found in 2007 that the media portrayal of young women as sex objects harms young girls’ mental and physical health. “Sexualisation has negative effects on cognitive functioning, physical and mental health, and healthy sexual development. Sexualisation can also lead to a lack of confidence with their bodies and eating disorders.” A Girl Guides study found that premature sexualisation and pressure to grow up too quickly are two “key influences” in the anxiety felt by girls. Dr. Andrew McCulloch, chief executive of the Mental Health Foundation, says, that forcing girls to grow up at an unnatural pace, “we are creating a generation under stress.”

Mumsnet

There is a wonderful organisation, Mumsnet who are fighting back strongly to protect our young people from being sexualised by the media, retailers, etc. A large number of retailers have signed up to the Mumsnet campaign, “Let Girls be Girls,” and have promised not to sell offensive items. Justin Roberts the head of Mumsnet has spoken of stopping the “raunch culture” from damaging children; she also emphasises how all decent minded people should feel a sense of outrage about the sexualisation of our young people and to do something about it. On the Mumsnet Talk boards each week there are discussions about pornography, lap-dancing, lad-mags, etc. The Mumsnetters are “pretty much unanimous about one thing: this rapid sexualisation of society is leaking , toxically into the lives of children-through music, TV, pop promos, newspapers, and magazines.” Mumsnet have given a very clear example of how campaigning on a key moral issue can bring excellent results. Let us all back the Mumsnet campaign by not hesitating to speak out and contact the relevant people to protect our young people from being sexualised by the media etc. www.mumsnet.com/campaigns/let-girls-be-girls.

Locking up fewer criminals.

The Coalition’s proposal to lock up fewer criminals has rightly come in for a lot of strong criticism from concerned politicians’ as well as members of the public. Since the 1950’s there has been a ten-fold increase in crimes in our nation. 14 young people have lost their lives through knife crime in London alone this year. A horrific statistic! It is clear that

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Disunity is prevalent among us. We have been separated. Failed to love our neighbour as ourselves. God is crying out for elders to come together. Neh.4:20. God is sounding the alarm. Listen to God more intimately. So much fear, anxiety and insecurity out there. Judges.6:20-27. Matt.11:16-18. "Wisdom is proved right by her actions." God will vindicate our faithfulness. Joel.2:18-32. "...if you turn to me in sorrow and repentance I will heal your land..." Speak out without fear. Rise up and pray as one. "Be my servants and witnesses." Jesus came with the heart of a servant to change the world.

One Minister spoke about how his daughter's marriage is breaking down. *This is happening to thousands of families in our "broken nation."* The Minister's grandchildren are suffering because of the breakdown of their parents' marriage. The little girl doesn't understand why Daddy is no longer at home and the 12 year-old boy is speechless sometimes. It is a tragic reality that trauma is often prevalent with both the adults and the children involved in divorces. On a more positive note we were informed that *45 new MP's on the government benches are committed Christians and through this God is giving us an opportunity. At least the worst of secularism should be spared from us in this parliament. God has equipped us to take back this nation if we accept his strategy.* The strategy referred to involves repentance, unity and action. All very vital and key components in the battle to bring Godly values and a religious ethos prevalent again in our nation. I was encouraged by this event and a high spirit was present throughout the afternoon. It is very good and necessary for religious people to come together and repent and to find new determination to challenge the many harmful influences in our society. However, I felt that there was one major component missing from this conference and that was the presence of people representing the other major religions. All the religions contain very deep and profound tenets and virtues which have the core message of guiding the people to love and serve and to live for the sake of others. I believe that God would be able to work in a much more profound and deeper way and his will would be speeded up if the religions were united and speaking with one voice, regarding moral and family values. There are so many contentious issues afflicting our nation at the moment: sex education, pornography, abortion-on-demand, knife crime, family breakdown etc. Let us all continue to repent, pray and especially to act regarding our "broken society."

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overall the Coalition's thinking on this matter is to save money. Some politicians have made the point that the enormous increases in crimes since the 1950's was due to the poverty gap in our society. However, when there was the Great Depression in the USA in the 1920's and mass unemployment in Britain in the 1930's the crime rates were very low in both nations. The reason being that a religious ethos was prevalent in both countries. David Green writing in the Sunday Telegraph made a very pertinent point when he stated that: "We need sound families and effective policing" as the key to solving our vast prison population. David's points are very relevant and valid, but must be underscored by a religious ethos being

prevalent again. Having a religious ethos prevalent again is the key point for combating the enormous increases in crimes and social problems in our nation.

Swearing on TV

Ofcom have been accused of giving broadcasters the green-light to swear after consulting almost 130 people who largely thought offensive language was acceptable. The research was criticised by campaigners who accused the regulator of being obsessed with minority groups rather than doing a completely random sample on members of the public. A survey commissioned by the Daily mail contradicted Ofcom's findings on swearing on TV. The nationwide survey of more than 800 viewers showed that four out of five believe the problem has worsened over the past decade. Three-quarters of those polled said they thought swearing was a negative influence on young people and 68 percent believed it had directly led to young people using more bad language. The job culture is fuelled by the appalling decline of standards of good taste and decency in the media etc. Ofcom need to get into the real world and start to protect the public from harmful media influence, instead of justifying offensive material by their, "current standards in society" criteria, which often means adopting an "anything goes" policy.

Morality Forum Action



Petition forms and leaflets from the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children concerning abortion adverts and euthanasia by neglect have been sent to numerous religious organisations as well as being delivered to houses.

John O'Neill and Finbarr Murphy participated in helping to distribute leaflets concerning abortion TV adverts on the street in Kingston, during an "action" afternoon organised by the Kingston branch of SPUC, on July 17th. Theresa Quarmby invited John Smeaton the director of SPUC, to speak at an SPUC meeting in Huddersfield. The meeting was very successful with 55 people attending. At the next local SPUC branch meeting in Huddersfield 30 people came - usually 6 or 7 people attend! Theresa Quarmby has participated in various SPUC initiatives in Huddersfield in recent months. The most recent initiative involved raising funds using collecting tins.

Information has been sent to various individuals on request concerning sex education and pornography.

A Highschooler Writes a Paper in Defence of Marriage

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In Romans (1:26-27) Paul says "For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error." Here Paul is clearly talking about the immorality of women having sex with women and men with men. He goes on to say, in Romans (1:32), this: "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in doing them."

Paul goes on to say, this time in Corinthians (1st Cor 6:9-10 (NIV)), the following: "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God." In this passage it seems blatantly clear that the Bible says that homosexuals will not enter the Kingdom of God

It is tremendously important to realize why homosexuals will not enter the Kingdom of God . Genesis (1:27 -28), states the following: "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it...'" Genesis (2:22 -25) lists more important information on this subject, it reads as follows: "And the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and bought her unto the man. And Adam said: this is now bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken from Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed."

God created man in his image. God is not gay; God did not create man gay. If anyone can say that God created man gay then they are saying that somehow God has some characteristics of homosexuality seeing as the Bible says "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them" Furthermore, can someone who is born male reproduce with another male, can someone who is born female reproduce with another female? No, they cannot. Seeing as, in the human race, the same sex cannot reproduce, how can homosexuals fulfill what God has demanded us to do? "Be fruitful and multiply, replenish the earth" Homosexuals cannot accomplish what God has demanded us to do, they cannot reproduce therefore they cannot be fruitful and multiply, so what is the purpose of people having sexual intercourse with the same sex? I'm sure many people may have their own personal purposes, but there is no fundamental purpose. It is also written that, "when man leaves his mother and father he shall cling to his wife and become one flesh", HIS WIFE, not another man. God created man and woman, not man and man, nor woman and woman he did this for a specific reason. The reason is obviously shown everyday: there are people and not one of them was created from a homosexual relationship.

It is true that some people are born with desires or inclinations to be attracted to the same sex. Mankind has created those problems though, not God. Adam and Eve were created in a sin-free state, but then there was the Fall of Man, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God's commands and gave in to the temptation of Lucifer. Many people actually think the Fall of Man was just the eating of a simple fruit as it was stated, metaphorically, In the book of Genesis; the fruit was only symbolic, the Fall of Man was actually sexual immorality, as we will see from

the following:

(Genesis 2:17): "But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it." (Genesis 3:6-7): "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat And the eyes of them both were opened and they knew they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons." The "tree" that is referred to is called "The tree of knowledge" and in the Bible to 'know' someone is sometimes means to have sex with them. Genesis (4:1): "And Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived, and bare Cain." Sex is also referred to in the Bible as to eat, (Prov.30:20) "...an adulteress, she eats...."

Furthermore, after Adam and Eve disobey God, the Bible states: "...the eyes of them both were opened and they knew they were naked, and the sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons". They tried to cover themselves and hide their lower parts because they knew they were wrong... What does a child do when he accidentally says something he knows is bad? In some cases he may put his hand over his mouth; he doesn't put his hand over his belly or leg, but his mouth, the area in which the word came from. Adam and Eve do the same thing; they cover the parts in which they have sinned.

Sexual immorality caused the Fall of Man... It is a sin deeply rooted since the beginning of mankind, which, in my opinion, is why I think God is so strict on it in the Old Testament. The misuse of sexuality attacks pure love and destroys God's plan, everything goes out of sync. (1 Cor. 6:13-20) "The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord... Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? ... Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." ... Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you...?"

Since the Fall of Man people were born as sinners with a guilty disobedience towards God. Science has shown that homosexual traits can be inherited, but that is not God's fault, it is because of mankind's own immorality. Homosexuals are often subject to prevailing cultural decadence. Nevertheless, God's grace is always sufficient to allow such individuals to embark on a liberating path leading to wholeness and fulfilment, whether they go on to marry the opposite sex or are called to a single life of celibacy. There is no temptation that cannot be overpowered. (1st Corinthians 10:13) "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." In The New Testament Jesus showed a compassionate side to people who committed sexual immorality; he showed an almost reversed position from that of the Old Testament which said people who committed sexual immorality should die. (John 8:1-11) "And the scribes and the Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery... They said unto Jesus: 'Now Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned: but what sayest you?' Jesus said: "he that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone... Woman where are those accusers? Has no man condemned thee? Neither do I condemn thee go and sin no more." The Bible further suggests that individuals that do not change their lifestyle through genuine repentance will not be received into the Kingdom of Heaven . This is confirmed in the last chapter of the Bible: (Revelation 22:12-15) "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the

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Letters and e-mails received

Dear John, Thank you for this message and many messages I have received from you in past. I watched this C4 "sex education" programme partly and was totally taken aback. I am 70, but I am absolutely certain that most youngsters who watched would also have experienced a very bad taste. No matter how we find or see today's youngsters, I know from experience that they do very much respect the privacy of their parents and grandparents. They certainly do not want to change the way they look to their parents and grandparents. We are human beings and we have power of thinking which naturally makes us draw lines on the basis of age and experience, and form values. This is apparently not possible for other animals. This programme is virtually an attempt towards drastically varying human social values, leading to social anarchy; and for those who hold religious beliefs, the message is "to hell with god". Best wishes and kind regards. Kishor

Hi John, Thanks for forwarding me the info. Could you find out for me the dates the programmes [Channel 4: sex education] were broadcast because I need this to make a complaint. Thanks. I am not in UK for a while but still like to support the GOOD cause. God Bless. Yew Leng

Hi John, Thank you so much for your efforts and investment in highlighting the importance of purity and morality. Thanks for your time tonight. I looked at the back issues of MF and found some very useful advice and information. I will keep you updated with my campaign

Best wishes. Vanya

Thanks John. I have taken action on the LGB and T issue and emailed Theresa May with a copy to David Cameron. (David Cameron's email address is no longer valid now that he is PM. It suggests you write which I will do) Graham

Dear Sadiq, [MP]

Please make sure that abortion cannot be advertised on TV!

Allowing abortion to be advertised on TV will lead to more unborn babies being killed and to more women and girls suffering the after-effects of abortion. Abortion ads will trivialise abortion. It is an insult to the hundreds of women hurt by abortion every day. Such ads are offensive and will mislead viewers about the reality of abortion, which is the killing of unborn children.

Marie Stopes centres are not advice centres but abortion factories. They fast-track women down a path to abortion, because they have an ideological commitment to abortion. Even if Monday night's ad doesn't mention abortion, Marie Stopes is well-known as an abortion provider (cf. their "Abortion" ads on the London Underground.)

Marie Stopes may claim to be a non-profit organisation, but they have a financial interest in drumming up demand for abortion. Marie Stopes has a cavalier attitude to obeying legal restrictions regarding abortion, and has been implicated in illegal abortions overseas. Neither Marie Stopes nor any similar organisation should be allowed to advertise the killing of unborn children.

Although Marie Stopes claims to be a charity helping women, its huge multi-national revenue means it can afford TV advertising, which is hugely expensive. This creates an unfair playing field, as pro-life groups simply cannot afford any such advertising.

Best regards. Bruno Klotz

The following letter by Theresa Quarmby was recently published in the Huddersfield Examiner: *Who will be today's William Wilberforce for unborn children? A report that unborn children at 24 weeks feel no pain means that the pro-abortion lobby will state that we should not change the law allowing termination up to 24 weeks. At six to seven weeks after conception the baby's heart has been beating for three weeks and all vital organs are present. The hands and feet are formed. Fingers and toes are appearing. Arms and legs can move and brain waves can be detected. Whatever the length of gestation abortion is the killing of an unborn child. Family relationships are relationships which are grounded in spiritual law, not institutions that are created by man. They are based on biblical principles. The family's breakdown is our greatest moral and social problem today! The family is the cornerstone of our society. More than any other force it shapes the attitudes, the hopes, the ambitions and the values of the child. When the family collapses, it is the children who are usually damaged. When that happens on a massive scale the community itself is crippled. Professor J. D. Unwin is a British anthropologist from the early 20th century. He was a student of Freud. He did a study of 88 civilisations. His initial motive was more or less to prove that religious influence over the sexual relationship had created an undue and negative pressure on society. What he found was the opposite-that whenever any civilisation that emphasised strong marital fidelity and a pre-marital abstinence was a nation or civilisation that would be on the rise, would be a vibrant culture of art, science and creativity and would have the ability to endure over time. Conversely any civilisation that embraces indiscriminate extra-marital sexual relationships resulted in men and women unable to commit to one another, family breakdown became prevalent, pre-marital sexual relationships became the norm. Any civilisation that embraced that type of style then declined very rapidly within three generations. There were no exceptions in his study. I believe Dr Unwin's study is very instructive for our time today. A stable society is absolutely dependent upon the stable families within that society.*

Thanks John for that. How shocking to find out this information. [Lib-Dems policy on pornography] Unfortunately most people don't seem to see this type of information and remain ignorant hence, Satan advances. Thanks for all your hard work in this area - I appreciate this.

Ron

Dear John, Sorry for the long delay in replying but it was good of you to write. I was very interested to read Morality Forum magazine and it does highlight many of the problems in Broken Britain. Thank you for your praise, which means a lot to me. I hope you will continue reading the newspaper. Sincerely, Leo McKinstry



True Family Values
(compiled by Frank Van der Stok,
continued from previous issue)

Freedom and Peace



A. The ideal world is one of freedom

1. The difference between freedom and license.

- We have both spirit and flesh, and hence dual purposes, the purpose of the spirit and the purpose of the flesh.
- Freedom means to fulfil both purposes, but in the proper order, with the spirit having priority over the flesh.
- True freedom means to follow ones's conscience.
 - * The conscience always guides us to live for others.
- Therefore, the freedom of the conscience exists within the context of the whole.
 - *The conscience leads us to fulfil the purpose of life.
 - * The conscience leads us to take responsibility for our lives.
 - * The conscience leads us to live according to God's will.
 - * To live in the context of the whole will also bring satisfaction to the self.
- License means to do whatever the flesh desires, without regard for the effect upon myself or others.
 - * Taking license actually enslaves the mind, because the body's desires, by the nature of the physical world, can never be satisfied. Therefore we are constantly on the treadmill of satisfying the body's appetites.
 - * Because we are violating the universal law, we suffer from a guilty and crippled conscience.
 - * As St. Paul expressed, "I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do" (Rom 7:19-23). If we are "captive to the law of sin," as Paul expressed, then we are not free.

2. The precondition for true freedom is the liberation of the conscience from captivity to the body's desires.

- Liberation of the conscience which had been dragged about by the desires of the flesh, constantly complaining and regretting, but powerless to resist.
- Freedom blossoms, because it is based upon true love (life for others), and true love is always expanding.
- Therefore the scope of one's power, which is the realm of freedom, is ever-increasing. From prison, St.Paul, M.Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela changed the society, because they were there for conscience.

3. Freedom blossoms in true love.

- Bonds of family and society are not coercive, but they are the strongest of bonds, because they are based upon the power of love.
- In true love, obligations are taken on by the will obedient to the conscience.

4. Freedom cannot be sustained only within one family. It must extend to the society, nation and world.

- In history, the cry for freedom has led to political revolution.
- The state must allow both internal freedom...
 - *Freedom of faith and worship, of thought, of conscience...
- ...and external freedom:
 - *Freedoms of speech, assembly, of travel, or redress of grievances, of gaining a fair hearing.
 - *Freedoms of economic and political action.
 - *Freedom from tyranny.

5. Freedom makes us human.

- Plants grow by natural law; animals adjust to their environment.
- Only humans control ourselves and partially create their world. Only man has freedom to co-create his own environment.
- Only humans have the desire to seek a higher joy and greater accomplishments.
- We are co-creators with God; therefore we are granted freedom by God.
- God gave us a creative nature; by co-creating ourselves in freedom, we help determine our destiny and our world.
- This is an awesome freedom from which many people flee, because they do not comprehend the love and purpose which is the root of true freedom. The notion that we are co-creators in a universe which lacks love and purpose is truly terrible.

6. By living in freedom, we display God's image, fulfilling the first purpose of creation.

7. Freedom is the first characteristic of the world of one great family

B. Peace

1. Peace requires the absence of struggle.

- Struggle ends by removing points of conflict through mutual recognition of a higher viewpoint.
- Struggle ends by fostering harmony through the practice of sacrificial love.

2. Peace applies on many levels.

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Thirsty? Too Bad

The following article from the USA concerns euthanasia by neglect (which is occurring in UK hospitals!) and is published by kind permission of Human Life Alliance

Widespread legal and medical endorsement of death by dehydration and starvation has led to confusion. Is it right or wrong to withhold or withdraw food and water from seriously ill, physically or mentally disabled, or persistently unresponsive (so-called “vegetative”) patients? It is important to distinguish between appropriate medical decisions and discriminatory decisions based on value judgments. When a person’s body is shutting down during the natural dying process, or when a person is unable to receive food and fluids without harm, it is appropriate to stop providing food and water. This is a medical judgment. In such a case, the patient dies naturally from his/her disease or injury. When a person is not dying (or not dying quickly enough), food and fluids, whether provided by mouth or tube, are sometimes withdrawn in order to cause death simply because the person is viewed as having an unacceptably low quality of life and/or imposing burdens on others. This is a value judgment. In such a case, the person is deliberately killed by dehydration and starvation. Consider the cases of two elderly women. In 1984, 92-year-old Mary Hier had lived in a state hospital for over fifty years. Demented, but happy, she thought she was the Queen of England. Mary was not terminally ill, but had needed a feeding tube for many years. When her gastrostomy (stomach) tube became dislodged, a court denied permission to replace it, declaring that it would be “a major medical procedure” with “relatively high risk” due to her age. Just as Mary’s case was being reported, the same newspaper carried another story about a 94-year-old woman who was doing well after “minor surgery to correct a nutritional problem.” The surgery, performed under local anaesthesia on an outpatient basis, was the insertion of a gastrostomy tube. The woman was Rose Kennedy, matriarch of a rich and politically powerful family. Mary Heir’s life would have been prematurely ended without last minute intervention by a physician and an attorney who exposed the inequity. Her tube was replaced. Both women lived for a number of years longer.

In too many instances, whether inserting a feeding tube is considered a “major” or “minor” medical procedure depends upon whether the person is viewed by others as expendable or valuable, burdensome or beloved. Advocates of euthanasia assert that providing food and fluids to patients is medical treatment that may be withheld or withdrawn. On the contrary, food and water are basic human needs and therefore basic human rights. Feeding tubes are used for various reasons. Tube-feeding is often simpler, less costly and safer than spoon-feeding a patient who is a slow eater or chokes on food. It may be necessary for comfort, to ensure adequate nutrition and hydration, or to sustain life when a person is unable to swallow. Real food and water are delivered through a feeding tube, though they are often inaccurately referred to as “artificial nutrition and hydration.” It is the feeding tube that is artificial, much as a baby bottle is an artificial means of delivering real nourishment to an infant who is not breastfed. Dr. William Burke, a St. Louis neurologist,

describes what happens to patients as they die an unnatural death from dehydration: *They will go into seizures. Their skin cracks, their lips crack. They may have nosebleeds because of the drying out of the mucus membranes, and heaving and vomiting might ensue because of the drying out of the stomach lining. They feel the pangs of hunger and thirst. Imagine going one day without a glass of water! Death by dehydration takes 10 to 14 days. It is an extremely agonising death.*¹

Food and fluids do not become “treatment” simply because they are taken by tube anymore than penicillin and Pepto-Bismol become “food” when taken by mouth. Those who claim otherwise do so to advance their own agenda. In 1984, at a World Federation of Right to Die Societies conference, bioethicist Dr. Helga Kuhse explained the strategy of euthanasia advocates: *If we can get people to accept the removal of all treatment and care, especially the removal of food and fluids, they will see what a painful way this is to die, and then, in the patient’s best interest, they will accept the lethal injection.* Deliberately causing a human being’s death by dehydration and starvation is inhuman. It is beneath the dignity of both patient and medical care provider. Nonetheless, in every state it is now legal to impose death by taking away life-sustaining food and water. These laws are unjust and discriminatory. They imply that some people are “better off dead” and society is better off without them. They open the door to medical murder by lethal injection. “Always to care, never to kill” has been the constant motto of honourable medical professionals. No law can make killing patients, regardless of their perceived “quality of life,” medically or morally right.¹ Smith Wesley J. “Dehydration Nation.” *The Human Life Review*. Fall 2003. Vol. XXIX No.4 pp. 69-79

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3. One level is individual peace, finding peace within.

- This means the harmony between mind and body.
 - * The conscience can lead the individual when it does not have to struggle against the desires of the body.
 - * True mind-body unity is not just the smooth motion of an athlete.
 - * We are talking about the mind as organ of moral reason and spiritually sensibility, not the mind as physical brain.
 - * Mind-body unity is not the carefree life that is unexamined and carnal. Pangs of the conscience will inevitable arise in that kind of life.
 - * It is not the peace of insensibility brought on by use of alcohol or drugs.
 - * True peace arises by living a life of virtue.
- Peace with God.
 - * This begins by removing mistrust, guilt, resentment, denial in relationship to God.
 - * It arises by feeling God’s gracious acceptance and support, the justification of one’s existence in the cosmos.

*(from the book “True Family Values” by Wilson and Pak)
(to be continued...)*

WAIT REPORTS

BIRMINGHAM REPORT (25th-27th of June)

By Priya Loganathan



Trips to Birmingham have become an annual custom for the UK WAIT Team. On the 25th of June, the WAIT Team travelled to Birmingham for the Bourneville Festival. 12 of us, including two parents, left on Friday evening in two cars.

Uncle Marshall and Uncle Ashley drove us to the Earle's house, where we were warmly welcomed by the Earle family. After a nice meal, we got some rest and prepared ourselves for a busy day.

On Saturday, the 26th of June, we started the day off by welcoming everyone, including the Birmingham WAIT members. Then, we were off to a dance hall nearby to start our training. We got the Birmingham members involved by teaching them parts of the Red and White and Break dance routines. After training, we went back to the Earle's house for some lovely lunch prepared by Auntie Imogen. We then headed back to the hall for another hour of practice. Uncle Tom Pritty was very kind to provide us with early dinner, before we left for our performance.



The Bourneville Festival took place in a park which was 10 minutes away from Uncle Tom's house, so we decided to walk there. The festival seemed much busier and more crowded than it was last year. Seeing as we arrived

early and had some spare time, the WAIT Team took a spot by the tents to sit down and practice some of our songs. After that, some of the WAIT Members decided to hand out leaflets to let people know about WAIT and our performance. The WAIT Team performed the Rose Dance, Hero, Break Dance, Save Yourself and Red and White. Overall, I think that the performances went well as we got a good response from the crowd. Some people even approached us to find out more about WAIT and how to get involved. After our performance, we had time to wander around until the fireworks display. Some of our lads even had a game of football in one of the empty tents. At 10.30pm, the fireworks display began. It was stunning!

The WAIT Team were really tired after a long day so we decided to call it a day and head back to the Earle's house. After a light supper, the boys headed back to London in Uncle Ashley's car. The girls managed to have a reflective session

about the trip and WAIT in general, with Uncle Marshall. We were able to express our thoughts and feelings about WAIT; how far we have come; and how much we can improve. We left early in the morning the next day and reached home around 12 noon.

Church Street Festival Report

By Elizabeth Wiedicke



On Sunday the 4th of July 2010, 6 girls and 3 boys from the WAIT team along with Uncle Marshall De Souza and Auntie Naomi Sato set up a stall and performed at the Church Street Festival for the second time, as we had also partici-

ipated last year. The WAIT team performed both the Rose dance and the Red & White dance. At the stall we set up our posters and advertising and fundraising materials to inform the people in the festival about WAIT and especially youth, to inspire them to join.



As well as promoting awareness of what WAIT stands for and does, we also helped to raise funds by selling the Small Charities Prize Draw raffle tickets, in which 95% of the

funds raised would go to WAIT - the prize being a Mini First car. We managed to sell a number of raffle tickets that day, after the performance. We also did some general fundraising as well.

Even though we had bumps along the day, we also received blessings. For instance, at first our stall was situated under the gaze of the hot sun, with no shelter, but afterwards we were invited to move under a white tent, which was much more convenient as we were protected from the sun and the location was more in the



centre of Church Street - better to meet passers by. Amongst the people we met, was a nice lady from St Marylebone's Girls School in Westminster. She is a mentor to students there, and was particularly interested in our method of using the Performing Arts to educate youth and develop better behaviour. She gave us her contact details so we will get back to her with the hope of visiting St Marylebone in the near future.

All in all, we achieved our goals in going to the Festival - raising some funds, gaining contacts of people interested in WAIT, performing to the public and receiving a good reception afterwards.



Contraception is no answer to sexual health

By Dee Pfeiffer

Having already spent millions on tackling unacceptable rates of teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases - and failed miserably - the Government has now received further advice which, if adopted, can only make matters worse.

Health watchdog NICE (National Institute for Clinical Excellence) is proposing that children as young as five should learn the value of 'mutually rewarding sexual relationships' - an amoral concept which will do nothing to mend 'Broken Britain'.

Advisors behind the new draft guidelines include a senior education officer at homosexual rights group Stonewall and the Family Planning Association, both of whom are constantly pushing the boundaries around sexual permissiveness.

It is no coincidence that organisations with a commitment to marriage and traditional family values are not represented at all. Not surprisingly, therefore, there is nothing NICE about these new proposals.

Incredibly, the draft guidance will tell teachers that children should not be taught to say no to sex, but should rather learn the value of the 'rewarding' relationships already mentioned. Schools do not have to follow the sex education document, but it is the first ever comprehensive guide to what children should be taught produced by a government department. It is feared it will put greater pressure on headteachers to provide sex education at an earlier age regardless of a school's policy and irrespective of a teacher's faith or moral values.

NICE says that public health is part of its remit and that cutting teenage pregnancies and STDs would save the NHS money. This is absolutely right. But they go far beyond their remit in suggesting that yet more lessons about sex at an ever younger age will achieve such a target when such education has patently failed so far.

Recommendations include teaching children how to put on a condom using social networking sites such as Facebook to get the message across, and offering children confidential advice should they need it - without their parents being told. Incredibly, this puts social networking sites and teachers in a more authoritative position over a child's sexual health than their own parents.

NICE says that teaching children to say no to sex could actually increase the chances of risky sexual behaviour and pregnancy, but says nothing about teaching the benefits of abstinence. Conversely, the guidance says there is no evidence that teaching about sex causes youngsters to have sex at an earlier age, or to have more sex, or sex with more partners. But they are wrong, for it is since sex education was introduced that we have seen a massive rise in sexually transmitted infections and teenage pregnancies whereas Catholic schools, which teach the advantages of waiting, have seen much lower rates of both.

It looks like we are going to have to brace ourselves for yet higher rates of STIs and abortions in underage children if NICE succeeds in rolling its agenda into our primary schools. Unfortunately, even the current content of sex education classes is not based on our Christian heritage, but rather on a model which has already been seen to fail - which consists of telling youngsters to resist pressure while giving them

condoms and pills, that they should have sex when they're 'ready', and refuses to mention marriage or see the family in a Christian context. A condom won't mend a broken heart or the after-effects from the guilt which usually follows on from uncommitted sex.

Over the past decade, the government has spent £250 million on providing information on sex, contraception and abortion, and through linking schools to sexual advice clinics. Yet pregnancies among under-16s, sexually transmitted diseases and teenage abortion rates have all increased. Most parents do not want their responsibilities taken away and their children taught about sex by strangers who might not have their child's well-being at heart. So it is hoped that the new government will ensure that guidelines like this do not get taken seriously.

The very notion that giving young people the knowledge about and confidence to have sex is somehow moral or justified is beyond all comprehension. It betrays children and completely undermines parents and their worth. The trouble is... money talks. For who really believes that the sex education industry doesn't want to make a profit? Or that the government aren't benefiting from the tax incentives of such lucrative industries. More to the point, are the promiscuous lobby groups really concerned about your children? Once you see who's pulling the strings, you have a clearer picture of what is happening, which goes far beyond the expenses scandal, with the consequences more severe.

In spite of all the unrelenting pressure to promote - erm, teach - sex, the primary responsibility for education should lie with parents. Not only is it biblical, but the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 26.3 states: 'Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.' Government watchdogs like NICE fail even to consider abstinence education - as opposed to sex education - as a viable option, let alone a solution to the nation's teen pregnancy and abortion epidemic. If we don't stand up against such proposals now, it won't be long before it becomes illegal to remove your child from sex education classes, and it won't then just be sexually transmitted infections and abortions that will be increasing, but a great many decent, law-abiding parents will no doubt be criminalised. Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse.

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end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and every one who loves and practices falsehood." All of us should be able to understand the process of learning.

Maybe when one was a kid and didn't like to share; one was sometimes greedy and selfish, then, as most people come to realize: it is wrong to be that way. Many people are alcoholics, some have an unnatural tendency to be violent, and many are self-centered. Just because some one wants an alcoholic drink, wants to hit someone, or wants everything for themselves it doesn't mean they have to go after those things. This goes the same for homosexuals. One has to differentiate between what is good and what is bad, what is proper and what is improper and strive towards doing what is proper and moral. Many people will just do what they want, even if they know it is wrong; they have the ability to do it, so they will. But, one has to have a higher purpose in life and think of themselves as holding a higher standard.

I would assume most of the voters in Maine voted on religious beliefs. I would have done the same; I would have voted "Yes" to the proposition because of the biblical views stated above.

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