

Morality Forum Update

Standing up for family values in society

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Homosexual Marriage: Government warned!

By John O'Neill

More than 450,000 people have signed the petition organised by the Coalition for Marriage in response to the government's plans to legalise same-sex marriage. The strength of such opposition has come as a big shock to the government and there is now talk of the possibility that the proposed legislation will be dropped. More than 100 Conservative MPs have stated their opposition to these proposals and that there would be resignations even at cabinet level if their views are ignored.

Tory MP Nadine Dorries recently stated that, "voters feel disenfranchised because the Conservative Party no longer reflects the values of ordinary voters and has become out of touch. A recent Comres Poll reported that 57% of Christians are ready to abandon the Conservative Party over the issue of gay marriage alone. Actually 70% of the total population don't want it either and yet, the Conservative Party felt that this was a good policy to push in order to keep us in power. A policy completely out of step with the belief of the majority of the British public. The fact is that many people now look at the Conservative Party and are reeling with the realisation that this modern party is one they don't know, didn't vote for and no longer represents their views. They don't recognise the values, are confused by the policies and repelled by the elitism."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Dangerous Dogs

There have been some horrifying cases of dangerous dogs attacking people in recent years, even fatalities. A particularly horrific attack took place in January in Pole Hill Park in Chingford. A six-year-old girl had part of her ear ripped off by a Staffordshire bull terrier dog. The girl's mother said: "The dog was on my little girl, standing on her, with his head buried into her. My daughter was screaming, 'Get it off, get it off.' I came round the back and tried to grab it but I couldn't get it off. I threw myself over her prone body trying to do everything to protect her." The dog sank its teeth into her daughter's scalp and ripped her ear off. The girl's dad punched the dog in the head and kept punching it until it let go. The owner of the dog had said, "Can't you keep your kids under control", and was alleged to have fled the scene. The girl also suffered injuries to her neck and shoulder. Det. Sgt. S. Cheek of Waltham Forest Police said the "appalling accident" had left the girl with serious injuries that could scar her for life. District judge Robert Roscoe ordered the destruction of the dog. He described the incident as "horrific" and said it resulted in terrible injuries to the girl. The time is long overdue for the Government to bring in proper legislation which will protect the public from being attacked by dangerous dogs. In the Czech Republic all dogs by law are muzzled in public. A minimum requirement here in the UK should be that all known dangerous dogs such as pitbulls should be muzzled in public places. Please contact MP's about this serious matter.

Contraceptive Implants

In 2011, 1,700 girls aged 13/14 were fitted with contraceptive implants. 800 had injections which have the same effect. School staff under 'patient confidentiality' rules are banned from seeking the permission of parents beforehand, or informing them afterwards. The 2010/2011 NHS figures show that 3,200 15-year-old girls were fitted with implants, and 1,700 had injections. Norman Wells director of Family Education Trust said, "Schemes like these inevitably lead to boys putting pressure on girls to have sex. The last thing they should be doing is fuelling the flames of promiscuity and the sexual health crises with schemes that treat parents, the law and basic moral principles with contempt." Tory MP Nadine Dorries stated: "This is a violation of parents' rights to protect and nurture their children. It is a surgically invasive procedure being imposed on children without parents' knowledge." Contraceptive methods used by young people

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damages their reproductive systems and makes them vulnerable to numerous sexually transmitted diseases, which can lead to infertility, with girls being particularly vulnerable. The “safe sex” message is a total disaster which only fuels the sexual revolution and the permissive society. Amoral sex education should be withdrawn from all schools and replaced by character and abstinence education which should be underscored by traditional moral and spiritual laws and principles. When a religious ethos was prevalent in the UK in the 1950’s sex education was not necessary!

Immorality

A paper entitled “Free sex: Who pays? Moral hazard and sexual ethics,” from the Jubilee Centre warns of a culture which “implicitly views sexual freedom as a greater good than stability of relationship,” causing rising trends in abortion, teenage pregnancies and STI’s. The sexual revolution and the permissive society is costing the taxpayer approximately £100 billion per year. Researchers have discovered that 30% of all internet traffic is pornography! The report on the Extreme Tek website shows that the biggest porn site on the web-Videos receives 4.4 billion page views and 350 million unique visits per month. A study at Calgary University in Canada by Research Director Professor Violata reveals that; pornography leads to behavioural, psychological and societal problems. “Our study involved more than 12,000 participants and very rigorous analysis. As a society we need to move towards eradicating it.” Victor Cline of the University of Utah has revealed how men who become addicted to porn begin to want more explicit material, and end up acting out what they have seen. Ted Bundy the infamous serial rapist and murderer testified as to how he continually needed to go to higher levels to satisfy his sexual lusts. He ended up looking at hard core porn and then murdering and raping. The Moors murderers were addicted to porn as was Roy Whiting who killed Sarah Payne. Mediawatch-uk: Over the past 30 years a considerable amount of scientific material has shown the harmful effects of porn on both the individual and society in general. Pornography is a deeply corrosive and insidious commodity which is about lust and self-gratification. It destroys love which is the most important ingredient for human wellbeing and happiness.

Violent Video and Computer Games

Mary Boustead general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers has commented about how violent computer games are having a damaging effect on children’s tender young minds. She said that many parents were failing to adhere to age restrictions on the most violent games, raising concerns that children were growing up desensitised to aggression and bloodshed. Alison Sherratt a teacher at Riddlesden St Mary’s C of E Primary School in Keighley, West Yorks, stated that her class of 4 and 5 year olds were seen in the playground, “throwing themselves out of the window of the play car in slow motion and acting out blood spurting from their bodies.” A survey at Mrs Sheratt’s school suggested almost all pupils had access to televisions, computers and game consoles such as Play Stations, Xboxes and Nintendo Wiis in their bedrooms. Growing access

to “horrific” games is responsible for an increase in the aggressive behaviour in playgrounds. Teachers have seen the youngest pupils “acting out quite graphic scenes” including a rise in “hitting and hurting.” There is a lot more hitting, hurting, thumping in the classroom for no particular reason. Dr Leon Eron, head of American Psychological Association, points out that after studying the effects of TV violence on our thinking and conduct, he has come to the conclusion that a steady diet of TV violence definitely contributes to anti-social thinking and violent behaviour. In conjunction with Dr Eron’s study is the report from a 9 member APA committee which examined for 5 years the negative and positive consequences of TV. The committee reports a definite link between TV violence and the development of violent and anti-social behaviour in children.

Letters and Emails received

The following excellent letter about sex education was sent by Bruno Klotz to the head teacher of the school which one of his son’s attends in S. London The situation is ongoing: Dear Mrs.Robertson, This kind of sex education is, as I see it, simply sexualizing the young people, giving them the green light to have sex whenever they “feel ready.” Well, that can be any time. It is being assumed that the young people have sex anyway. That’s the bottom line of this kind of sex education. “Everyone does it anyway”. On top of that sex is being presented as some kind of recreation, sports, just a physical thing only. So the young people get really pushed into sex, at least encouraged. That makes people even more assume that sex happens anyway, after it is being promoted in magazines, on the internet, on TV, and ... in schools, PSHE. What is the solution then to pregnancies, STI’s etc? Well, on offer are: Condoms, abortions, morning after pill, etc etc etc. (Planned Parenthood and Brook Institute are there to “help” with this). Using condoms are being presented as “safe” and “responsible”. What kind definition is that? For me the teenage years are there to establish a character of integrity, where the bodily desires are to be controlled. That is what I see as being responsible, not to mess around with sex while using a condom. Responsible for me means to wait with sex until one is fully mature in character and ready for a committed relationship in lasting marriage, where love is the centre, not just sex. To make sure that parents do not interfere too much in their children’s messing around, what is being done? The parents get sidetracked by some teachers telling the teenagers that the parents will not be informed if they go to the so wonderful clinics that supposedly have the best of the teenagers at their heart. A rift is being created between parents and children (see the sheets attached to this). The parents thus are being portrayed as kind of old fashioned people that are better excluded out of all this. Do you call this protecting the family?

If a child has a headache, Mother or Father have to accompany the child to the doctor. If the child gets pregnant, it can go to those wonderful clinics, and the parents know nothing. Dear Mrs Robertson, Mr Stapleton and all that are concerned here! Do you think that this is right? If I say that I find this appalling, well, this is an understatement for sure. The innocence of children is being violated by this kind of sex education. They will never be able to have a lasting relationship of true love with the other sex, if they believe and follow this “education”.

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 Various religious leaders' have spoken out strongly on the issue of same-sex marriage. Lord Carey the former Archbishop of Canterbury stated: "We cannot allow this act of cultural and theological vandalism to happen." Cardinal Keith O'Brien, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland accused the Coalition of a "grotesque subversion." Dr John Sentamu the Archbishop of York has spoken of the proposals to redefine marriage as a "totalitarian mentality." Bishop Mark Davies the Catholic Bishop of Shrewsbury in his Easter sermon suggested that the government is attempting to turn the clock back to pre-Christian times and to discard the Christian inheritance of faith and morality as if it had never existed. He said: "if Christianity is no longer to form the basis and the bedrock of our society then we are, indeed, left at the mercy of passing political projects and perhaps even the most sinister of all ideologies." Lord Singh, head of the Network of Sikh Organisations, and Rabbi Yitzchak Schochet, who advises the Chief Rabbi on family issues accused the Coalition of launching an "assault" on religious values. The Muslim Council of Britain has also criticised the proposals. The government has stated that if the legislation is passed, same-sex marriages would not have to be performed on religious premises. Neil Addison a lawyer stated in the media: "Once same-sex marriage has been legalised then the partners to such a marriage are entitled to exactly the same rights as partners in heterosexual marriage. It will be illegal for the Government to prevent such marriages happening in religious premises." The European Court of Human rights has stated: "Where national legislation recognises registered partnerships between same-sex, member states should aim to ensure that their legal status and their rights and obligations are equivalent to those of heterosexual couples in a similar situation."

A fixation with homosexual rights, feminism and separate racial identities is threatening to "fragment" society, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams has claimed. All 3 major political parties support the legalisation of same-sex marriage, yet such proposals were not mentioned in any of the parties' manifestoes at the general election! Ben Bradshaw the homosexual Labour MP is against same-sex marriage and claimed that the Prime Minister's motivation was simply to show that the Conservatives had modernised their views of society. David Cameron and Francis Maude the Cabinet Office Minister, in particular feel an urgent need to "modernise" and to be "progressive" if the Tories are to win future elections. Unfortunately for them, modernising through supporting issues such as homosexual 'rights' is now backfiring and becoming a liability.

Marriage is a God given sacrament and institution which is meant to be for eternity between a man and a woman. Our laws, culture, institutions, customs and values have been based on our Judeo-Christian heritage. The highest qualities of human beings are spiritual and moral. We obtain our morals and ethics from our religions, and studies show that, no society in history has been able to survive for long without a strong moral code! The nuclear family is the traditional building block for peace. The family is universal. The family represents the most intimate of human relation-

ships. Most importantly the family is the school of love. The three great generational model of grandparents, parents and children is the paragon of family virtue. No government has the right to try to redefine the meaning of marriage. If the meaning of marriage is changed, what then would stop a man and two women getting married, or a man and an animal from marrying! Where do you draw the line? Successive governments have been strongly influenced by the secular, humanistic ideology in their policies and legislation on key moral and family issues. Such policies overall have coincided with enormous increases in social problems and crimes in our nation, and have been a disaster; in relation to amoral sex education, allowing pornography to be mainstream, quickie divorce, abortion-on-demand, ever increasing levels of sex, violence and bad language in the media etc. Now even the sacrament of marriage is under threat. Let us all hope and pray that this illogical, insidious proposal is defeated. Also, please support the Coalition for marriage by distributing petition forms, leaflets etc. www.c4m.org.uk Tel: 02074037879 Email: admin@c4m.org.uk Keeping the momentum going on this issue is very important.

Morality Forum Action

More than 4,000 of the excellent Sex Education Bulletins from SPUC have been given out to parents' and Religious organisations etc., and continue to be distributed.

The 'Don't let politicians destroy real marriage' leaflet from SPUC has been delivered to houses and religious organisations.

The Coalition for Marriage petition forms, together with the Safermedia petition forms to protect children from online pornography have been distributed to numerous religious organisations

John O'Neill was one of the speakers at a youth event at the Church of the Grace of God in Holloway Road, N. London on February 18th.

In this photo John O'Neill is together with Marshall Desouza the Director of WAIT, and Alesia Morgan the Co-ordinator of youth events at the Church.



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And then are you surprised about the collapse of the family in this country and others? And do I really have to tell you the results of family breakdown? I think you know it. I wonder what kinds of videos are being shown to the kids at Graveney. I would like to know. If things will not change, my son will be withdrawn from PSHE. I even found the attached papers from sex education just by chance. Why is it not being made sure that parents see all this, just as they are for example asked to sign the organizer etc? Who on earth can take responsibility for ruining the lives of many children, who just follow what they are encouraged to do in such "education"? All the best. Bruno Klotz, Father of Matthew Klotz, 9V

Hello John, Happy New Year and I hope all is well with you...It is sad to see what the devil is trying to do through his agents to destroy people's lives. What is most shocking is that they are now destroying children's lives as well, by putting all these unclean thoughts in their heads without parents' knowledge[contraceptive implants in 13 year old girls]. I think it appalling and must be stopped. I am going to forward this email to everyone to support the cause and I thank you very much for your kind thoughts. God bless you and hope to see you soon. Regards, Viviane.

Hi John, Thank you for sending us the Winter edition of the Morality Forum Update. Many good articles, very interesting, especially the one about the Spiritual World. Have a good week God Bless. Mena

Dear Bob Stewart, [MP] It is undemocratic for the Government to say it will redefine marriage over the heads of the people. Redefining marriage wasn't a manifesto pledge of the Tories, the Lib Dems or Labour. There is no mandate for change; nobody voted for this. A real consultation means listening to the people before making a decision. Why is the public being ignored like this? The public don't want this: 70% want to keep marriage as it is, and over 250,000 (including myself) have signed the national petition for marriage. Marriage is the union of one man and one woman. Politicians should not play politics with marriage which is an Institution set up by God to create stable and loving families, leading to loving communities and nations. Yours sincerely, Joyce Suda

Dear John, Thank you, I will go in personally to our local Boots in Oxford [selling sex toys] and register a complaint and my disgust. All the best, June

GOD'S ANGER WITH THE SIN OF SODOMY

From Bible records by Steve Stevens DFC

Sodom and Gomorrah were known to exist 4,300 years ago (Genesis 10. 19). 300 years later Abraham and his nephew Lot arrived in that area. Lot settled in Sodom. Genesis 13.13 says: "The men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly."

100 years later (Genesis 18.20) the Lord said this to Abraham: "The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grievous."

The Lord God sent three angels to investigate Sodom. Lot invited them to stay with him and his family. Genesis 19.4: The men of Sodom compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter. 5. And they called unto Lot and said: "Where are the men that came this night, bring them out unto us that we may know them". 7. Lot said I pray you do not do so wickedly. 8. I have two daughters that have not known man, I will bring them out to you... only unto these men do nothing. 9. The Sodomites... pressed sore upon Lot and came near to break the door. 11. The three angels smote the men who were at the door of the house with blindness. 13. The three men (angels) said "we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is great before the face of the Lord and the Lord has sent us to destroy it." 17. An angel said to Lot: "Escape for thy life". 24. Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven. 25. He overthrew those cities and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the city, and that which grew upon the ground.

This destruction by God of Sodom and Gomorrah 3,900 years ago obviously resulted in a terrible fear of practicing Sodomy. So we read very little about Sodomites for the next 700 years. God dictated the very important book of laws called Leviticus to Moses. This is what God said about Sodomy: "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them". Leviticus 20: 13. After the book of Leviticus, Moses wrote his fourth book of Numbers and then Moses followed it with his fifth and final book called Deuteronomy. This final great book of Moses finalised God's teaching of law with warnings and predictions. The memory of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and what would happen to those who walked in their ways was still in Moses' thought, mind and heart, when he wrote his final song in his last 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy. The 'Key Words' of Deuteronomy are: 'THOU SHALT'. We disobey these 'Thou Shalts' at our personal peril.

A 1,000 years slipped by, but the terrible memory of Sodom and Gomorrah was still vivid in the minds of the prophets. The great Prophet Isaiah made it clear that the beauty and excellency of another country was doomed as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 150 years after the prophet Isaiah, 'The Weeping Prophet', Jeremiah, who had kept warning the people to stop sinning wrote 52 long chapters of prophecy and warning. Then Jeremiah wrote a very small book: Lamentations 4.6: "For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom that was overthrown in a moment."

2,000 years passed since the Lords God's judgment and destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Lord Jesus Christ also remembered and spoke about that terrible destruction and said in the Gospel of: Luke: 17.28: "... As it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built". 29. "But the same day Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all". 30. "Even thus it shall be in the day when the son of man is revealed". (This last verse refers to a prophecy yet to be fulfilled from the book of Revelation) In the Jewish apostle Peter's second general letter, he wrote: 2 Peter 2.6 "... Turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemning them with an overthrow making them an example unto those who that after should live ungodly" 7. "And delivered just Lot, vexed by their filthy way of life. The general letter of Jude of just one chapter probably written in AD 66 majors on Apostasy. Jude.7: *to page 6*



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

Theory of the Spirit World

E. Hell

1. Hell is the place where people who lived lives of selfishness enter, guided by fellow spirits of Hell who witnessed the past of the newcomer in the mirror of judgment.

2. Hell is subdivided into three levels. They all are dark, stinking, dismal, clammy and miserable. They are divided according to the length and severity of their denizens' evil committed on earth.

- **The first level**, immediately under the Intermediate Spirit World, is a dark and fetid station where murderers endlessly fight each other. There are also spirit people with faces of goblins (half of the face cut off, eyes dug out, nose missing, ears stretched out) or whose upper body is human and lower body is that of an animal. They also fight each other. A rare spirit in this realm repents of their sins and becomes good, helped by the prayer and efforts of their descendants. They must go through many difficulties to find the stairway leading upwards. Outside the exit they are welcomed by waiting angels and good spirit people, who guide them to the Form Stage Spirit World.

- **The second level** is below the first, and is much darker and more somber than the first level. The spirits look terribly wretched. Their legs are stuck and have the appearance of the roots of trees. These are half-vegetable spirits persons, destined to be stuck for thousands of years. Most of these are suicides. Some murdered others with great cruelty.

- **The third level** is beneath the second, and is even more gloomy, dismal and terribly reeking. Spirits cannot even breathe, but are in a bog-like oil basin from which they emerge only long enough to catch their breath. They continue this for hundreds of thousands of years. Around a jet-black sea coast, some jet-black third-level people stand upright like stone poles, sometimes making a deep, deep sigh. Their identity is not well-known. They are probably tyrants who committed large-scale murders on earth.

F. The Form-Spirit stage of spirit world

1. Immediately above the Intermediate Spirit World, the denizens' minds are like glass boxes, so they know each others' thoughts and live with their friends. They live in villages. Such villages are filled with silence, so that newcomers may feel uneasy, but after a while they are welcomed and served, and can communicate heart-to-heart.

2. The atmosphere is of bright sunlight (in fact, the light of love), and it is incomparable, more beautiful than earth. The spirit people design things which eventually are transferred to inventors and designers on earth, for our benefit.

3. There are schools for teaching about God, and for children who went to spirit world. They can travel freely by flying, and wear white clothes.

G. Paradise

1. It is above the Form-Spirit stage, and is more bright and splendid, with magnificent mountains, sweet fragrance and lovely music which comforts the mind and heart. In its upper levels people live in a state of ecstasy. It has three sub-stages.

- **Lower-level Paradise** is occupied by good religious people. There are many good Christians here, as well as non-Christians, whose level of growth is equal to that of good Christians. Their clothing is also pure white and sometimes emits light.

- **Middle-level Paradise** is occupied by people of advanced spirituality and love. They include religious founders other than Jesus Christ, such as Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed, Lao Tse, Abraham, etc. They all spoke of the same God from different perspectives. They forgave and even loved their enemies, and lived for the sake of humankind. Light shines from their pure white clothes and around their head is a golden halo. They are limited in that they taught but various forms of brother-sister love.

- These people are on the level of the highest angels, but Jesus is the son of God, who therefore dwells in the **Upper-level Paradise**, ruling the spirit world with the love of God.

Success through Positive Thinking

A. The influence of the spirit world on our world.

1. Spiritual inspiration.

- Spirit world inspiration and assistance stands behind the creative work of many artists and scientists. Handl, Newton and Pasteur are only three examples.

- Nonetheless, all spiritual inspiration goes for naught without the training and motivation of the earthly man to make use of it.

- Invention is 5% inspiration, 95% perspiration.

- Inspiration is to our benefit only if guided by God's heart: life for the sake of others. To practice this is the responsibility of man on earth, not spirit world.

2. Providence guiding our lives.

- Our life on earth is guided by heaven towards a certain destiny.

- Our destiny is determined by ancestry, place and time, education and our given talents.

- But it is our responsibility to seize that destiny, or it will slip by.

- Historians debate whether the great man makes the times, or the times make the great man. Both sides are true. The times are created by God, but the great man is the one who rises to meet the challenge and opportunities presented by the times. (to be continued...)(from the book "True Family Values" by Wilson and Pak)(<http://www.hsabooks.com/books>)

Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures

By June Darby

“Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures”. This is a very interesting theme. For me I understand that to mean two things. First, how can we inspire girls to connect to the goals of the Women’s International Day so that they can carry the banner into the future? Then how can we help the next generation of girls to achieve fulfilling, meaningful and happy lives so that they can look forward to inspiring futures? Also what kind of future is it that we would like to encourage them to aspire toward? International Women’s Day is the story of ordinary women as the makers of history, rooted in the centuries old struggle of women to participate in society on an equal footing with men. At the turn of the last century it was concerned with achieving universal suffrage for women. First it was concerned with the working class women’s fight against oppression by the bourgeoisie and upper class men and women. In 1945 the U.N. ensured equal rights for men and women in the United Nations Charter. After that, in the 70’s, it became involved with fighting against oppression by men, and it became a war of genders. It continued to work for women’s rights, protection and participation in the political and economic process. International Women’s Day is about celebrating the vital role that women play in society - enhancing economic security for their families and countries, and contributing to the political process. I think that we can look at the achievements of women today with much pride. There are more women Presidents around the world than ever before; women play leading roles in every field of endeavour and women’s rights are defended and protected in law as never before. It seems that the young generation inherits the goals and aspirations of their parents’ generation when they can respect the sincerity of the older generation; and when they can see the way they work towards realising those goals; and when those goals can resonate with their own aspirations. They need to be involved in activities that build the capabilities and confidence of women, empowering them to reach their full potential; they can be encouraged to participate selflessly in service projects; and they need to be given large roles and responsibilities that stretch their capabilities and challenge them. Participation in activities that challenge and protest against injustice is also another way to inspire girls to become active in working for the realisation of Women’s Rights. The future that the Women’s Federation for World Peace envisages is one that realises God’s ideal world - a world of peace and harmonious co-operation between all people, a place where people respect, care about each other and support each other. It is where faith in fundamental human rights and the equality of men and women is affirmed, and the dignity and worth of men and women is assured because it comes from recognising our common Creator. The WFWP sees loving, healthy, united families as being the cornerstone for such a culture of peace, and so supports initiatives that revive Family Values and provides necessary skills and knowledge. We think that it is important for men and women to appreciate the differences between the genders, to be able to express their natures and find fulfilment in harmonious co-operation, without confrontation or competition for superiority and domination. There is still much conflict and suffering in the world today. And that is the reason why WFWP was founded, because of the need for the influence of women to bring healing, harmony and direction to the world. It sees women’s maternal character, love and sociability as being the power that will save the world.

It is in the family that we learn to live in harmony and peace, where we learn to relate to each other, learn how to maintain relationships between people and learn to value people. And it is the Mother’s role in the family that is critical for this education to be successful. For the Mother’s unconditional love provides the seed and environment in which children can grow to become emotionally mature, confident and responsible adults, able to contribute to the well being of society. WFWP worldwide encourages women to create healthy families filled with love, for such women who can create peace at home, can create peace in the community, nation and world. In situations of conflict and violence women are vulnerable and at risk of exploitation. Women also need to be protected from sexualised violence and abuse wherever that occurs. When women are deprived of opportunities and are trapped in cycles of victimization social stability is at risk. And so WFWP works to empower women to achieve education, to find employment, learn leadership skills and encourages participation in the political process to achieve social stability, where people feel value and are safe. Women can become agents for change to build a better world when they express their feminine nature of nurture, compassion and caring. Then they can inspire girls to build a generation of peace with the goals of justice, toleration, understanding and compassion. WFWP understands that in order to achieve our ultimate goal - establishing viable civil societies where men and women complement each other in their leadership and endeavours, working together as partners in peace and prosperity - that we must engage both women and men in our quest for change.

Thank you. *This article by June Darby was recently read out at a conference celebrating International Women’s Day at the House of Lords.*

from page 4 God’s Anger with the sin of sodomy

“Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities about them in like manner giving themselves over to fornication and going after strange flesh, are an example of suffering the vengeance of eternal fire”

For a full definitive statement of right and wrong, one should read the first nine chapters of the God inspired letter by the academic Jewish apostle, Paul who on his way to imprison and kill Jewish Christians was met by God. From then on he saved lives instead of killing people. From then on he taught and wrote about righteousness exposing evil and challenging Jews and Gentile to turn from sin. Here is the substance of what Paul wrote is in the first chapter of his letter: 24.

“God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25. Who changed the truth of God into a lie and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator. 26. For this, God gave them up unto vile affections: For even their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature. 27. And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the women, burn in their lust one toward another: men with men, working that which is unseemly, and receiving in their selves that recompense of their error which was meet. 28. And as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not right: 29. Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication (sex outside of marriage between a male and a female).....

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Martin Luther King's prophetic words are amazingly applicable to the pro-life cause today.

By John Smeaton

On Monday the United States celebrated Martin Luther King (MLK) Day.

I've blogged before about the link between MLK's fight for civil rights for black people and the pro-life cause today:

How can the dream survive if we murder the children? Some human beings are more equal than others, according to MPs praising Obama.

International Student Pro-Life Conference, Scotland: 28th - 30th March (2008)

However, this is the first time I'm blogging about MLK's famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail". I've reproduced below some extracts from the letter which I believe are amazingly applicable to the pro-life cause today, including in the UK:

I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

My citing the creation of tension as part of the work of the nonviolent-resister may sound rather shocking. But I must confess that I am not afraid of the word "tension." I have earnestly opposed violent tension, but there is a type of constructive, nonviolent tension which is necessary for growth. Just as Socrates felt that it was necessary to create a tension in the mind so that individuals could rise from the bondage of myths and half-truths to the unfettered realm of creative analysis and objective appraisal, so must we see the need for nonviolent gadflies to create the kind of tension in society that will help men rise from the dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights of understanding and brotherhood. My friends, I must say to you that we have not made a single gain in civil rights without determined legal and nonviolent pressure. We have waited for more than 340 years for our constitutional and God-given rights ... men are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair. I hope, sirs, you can understand our legitimate and unavoidable impatience.

...[T]here 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. 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." Now, what is the difference between the two? How does one determine 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. To put it in the terms of St. Thomas Aquinas: An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust. [and] ends up relegating persons to the status of things. One who breaks an unjust law must do so openly, lovingly, and with a willingness to accept the penalty. I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice,

is in reality expressing the highest respect for law. Of course, there is nothing new about this kind of civil disobedience. It was evidenced sublimely in the refusal of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to obey the laws of Nebuchadnezzar, on the ground that a higher moral law was at stake. It was practiced superbly by the early Christians, who were willing to face hungry lions and the excruciating pain of chopping blocks rather than submit to certain unjust laws of the Roman Empire. To a degree, academic freedom is a reality today because Socrates practiced civil disobedience.

I had hoped that the white moderate would understand that the present tension in the South is a necessary phase of the transition from an obnoxious negative peace, in which the Negro passively accepted his unjust plight, to a substantive and positive peace, in which all men will respect the dignity and worth of human personality. Actually, we who engage in nonviolent direct action are not the creators of tension. We merely bring to the surface the hidden tension that is already alive. We bring it out in the open, where it can be seen and dealt with. Like a boil that can never be cured so long as it is covered up but must be opened with all its ugliness to the natural medicines of air and light injustice must be exposed with all the tension its exposure creates, to the light of human conscience and the air of national opinion, before it can be cured. More and more I feel that the people of ill will have used time much more effectively than have the people of good will. We will have to repent in the generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people ... Now is the time to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity. But though I was initially disappointed at being categorized as an extremist, as I continued to think about the matter I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love ... And Abraham Lincoln: "This nation cannot survive half slave and half free." And Thomas Jefferson: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal" [?] . . . So the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice? In that dramatic scene on Calv[a]ry's hill three men were crucified. We must never forget that all three were crucified for the same crime -- the crime of extremism. Two were extremists for immorality, and thus fell below their environment. The other, Jesus Christ, was an extremist for love, truth, and goodness, and thereby rose above his environment. Perhaps the South, the nation, and the world are in dire need of creative extremists. I have been so greatly disappointed with the white church and its leadership ... I felt that the ministers, priests, and rabbis of the South would be among our strongest allies. Instead, some have been outright opponents, refusing to understand the freedom movement and misrepresenting its leaders; all too many others have been more cautious than courageous and have remained silent behind the anesthetizing security of stained-glass windows. In deep disappointment I have wept over the laxity of the church ... There was a time when the church was very powerful -- in the time when the early Christians rejoiced at being deemed worthy to suffer for what they believed. In those days the church was not merely a thermometer

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from page 7 Martin Luther King's Prophetic words that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society. Whenever the early Christians entered a town, the people in power became disturbed and immediately sought to convict the Christians for being "disturbers of the peace" and "outside agitators." But the Christians pressed on ... Small in number, they were big in commitment ... By their effort and example they brought an end to such ancient evils as infanticide and gladiatorial contests. Things are different now. So often the contemporary church is a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. So often it is an arch defender of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the church's silent -- and often even vocal -- sanction of things as they are. But the judgment of God is upon the church as never before. If today's church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. Every day I meet young people whose disappointment with the church has turned into outright disgust. I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity ... Some have been dismissed from their churches, have lost the support of their bishops and fellow ministers. But they have acted in the faith that right defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment. *This article was published by kind permission of The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children*

WAIT

The WAIT team performed at a youth event at the Church of the Grace of God in Holloway Road N. London on February 18th. The theme of the event was regarding abstinence and purity before marriage. The following speech was made at



the event by Cara Hays:

Hi everyone, my name is Cara, and as you can see I am part of WAIT, and I am going to tell you why I believe in abstinence. I know I am only 14, so I am not at the age where I should be sexually active anyway, but I still believe at my age it's important

to be abstinent. So I know most of you are around my age, or quite a bit older and I know a lot of you either have a boyfriend or girlfriend or are being pressured to have one. I mean I've never had a boyfriend, but sometimes I talk to one of my friends that does have one. And I ask them "why are you with him or her?" and they say the same old thing "because I like him or her". Then I ask them "so do you think this relationship will last?" and they say "yeah of course it will", then I say "so do you think you will get married to this person?" and this is the funniest bit because they always say "no I won't marry them" and then I finally ask them, "so why

are you going out with this person if you know it won't last?" and that's when I get them... because they always say "because I want to...or I actually I don't know..." I mean is it just me? Or is that weird? I mean as you get older, it is true that you would be more likely to marry the person you are with, but then what is the point of being my age and being with someone that I know I won't stay with?

As you are growing older and going through puberty, your hormones are obviously jumping all around the place, so really at my age having a boyfriend/girlfriend is just something to please your hormones, and that is the only reason for it, that is the only reason you "love" someone at my age in the first place. I mean your hormones do not control you... So why are you letting them? It's a serious question to ask yourself, because the answer to this question can literally change your life. Like I answered to this question "No my hormones do not control me, I control me" and that is why I don't believe in relationships at a young age. And you are probably thinking well how does the answer to this question change my life? Well think about it, being in a relationship pleases your hormones and desires, but then when you suddenly break up with someone, you are dragging that away leaving your hormones unpleased and creating something very sad for yourself. And I am sure a lot of you know what its like to break up, it's painful and horrible, and after going through that a few times it can leave a person devastated and depressed. But by telling yourself that you will not let your hormones control you, you are freeing your body of that desire, allowing you to be free from the pain and hurt. And then once being in a relationship, taking the next step: having sexual interaction is just completely giving in to your hormones. Allowing them to control you. And then of course after your break up with that person, you feel like you need more, your body desires more... and that's when you lose control over all of it. Love is not a game, love is another word for dedication, and sex is not a game, sex is being ready to dedicate yourself completely to the one that you love. The one that you truly love, not the one you think you love. And that's why I believe abstinence is the only way; it brings long lasting happiness to yourself, and not short lasting pleasure to your hormones. So this is why I am a part of WAIT, because I can be part of a group of people that also refused to let their hormones control them. A group of people who are prepared to wait, in order to dedicate themselves to their future husband or wife. I get to be a part of a team that won't pressure me, that won't make me feel bad or different. I know being part of WAIT allows me the freedom to be joyful. I know that I can be with all the boys from WAIT and know that I'm safe because they only want the best for me, as I want for them. That I can enjoy myself freely, without being afraid of judgment. Being part of WAIT helps me to know that when I am in doubt of my choices, I will always have someone to tell me it's right or wrong. And I know that being in WAIT is a commitment, to myself that I will remain pure. But I am more than happy to commit to it, because I know that the outcomes of living an abstinent lifestyle are far more long lasting and happy than not living an abstinent life. I wish that all of you could feel the joy I do from being abstinent. Because no one said it was easy, but you will come to know that every hard time was worth it. I hope you could learn something today from someone as young as me, because though I know none of you, I would much rather you lived a happy life than a sad one Thank you very much!