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A NEW CHARTER FOR MARRIAGE:

Reconsidering the Foundations of Marriage for 21st Century Secular and Multifaith Britain

By Don Trubshaw (continued from previous issue...)

PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE

These principles also acknowledge the limitations of modernity in its excessive individualism, hedonism and spiritual emptiness, that has greatly contributed to the devaluing and diminution of the institution of marriage, with consequent effects on the quality of family and social life, While recognising the contribution that modernity has made to individual freedom, human rights and an improvement in the material conditions of life. The consensus underlying these principles neither wishes to look backwards to a mythical 'golden age' before modernity, nor to dwell in the realm of modernity's progressive secularisation of all aspects of life, but to establish philosophical and ethical principles that can sustain and reinvigorate marriage as the centre of the family, the most fundamental biological, social, cultural and spiritual institution, into the future. These principles are based upon the concept of marriage as the context and expression of true love. True love can be said to be: Rooted in the natural human desire for companionship, intimacy, sexual gratification, survival, increase, authority and stability, but forged in the moral requirements for selflessness, compassion, self-control, altruism and sacrifice, and lived within the possibilities of theological interpretations, religious customs, social norms and cultural opportunities and limitations.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sex Education

The following information is taken from the latest *Campaign Bulletin on Sex and Relationships Education* from SPUC. "According to a leading social historian and family issues expert, the thinking which has led to the inclusion of explicit cartoons of sexual intercourse in sex education programmes for young children started with Dr. Alfred Kinsey (1894-1956). Dr. Lisa Nolland told a packed meeting of over 500 mums that Kinsey's deeply flawed "academic" studies on human sexuality spread a "sick-sex ideology" through Playboy, pornography, world sexual health organizations and into sex education programmes. In Dr. Nolland's view, Alfred Kinsey's legacy of perverted sexuality, including sexualizing young children through explicit sex education programmes, can be seen today in: Numbers and rates of sexually transmitted infections have risen costing NHS £1 billion annually. Teen pregnancy costs the NHS: £63 million annually. Abortion: Over 7 million legal abortions in the UK since 1967. Abortion leaves one dead, one wounded. Family breakdown costs the state around £42 billion annually. Dr. Nolland's key message to parents was to understand these issues in order to be better prepared and able to protect their children. 'I want you to be the best and most effective mothers (and fathers), All children need lots of your affection, affirmation, attention and your advocacy (speaking up to protect your child)' "

Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)

Raising money for Red Nose Day means that some of the monies raised will go to charities and projects that advocate and promote abortion, contraception and same-sex marriage such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the Terence Higgins Trust (homosexuality). A grant of £374,694 was given to IPPF in January 2011 for work in Swaziland, Mozambique and Ethiopia. IPPF affiliates carried out over 1.5 million abortion procedures in that year. A grant was given to African Initiatives (Ghana) in 2011 for £248,200. The money is used to fund sexual and reproductive health projects aimed at teen girls. The Terence Higgins Trust was given £72,875. *Save the Children* which supports abortion and contraception was given approximately £3.8

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million for projects in Rwanda, £1 million for India, £0.9 million for both Brazil and the UK respectively. Barnado's was given £165,000 in May 2011. Barnado's runs the Young Women's London Project which offers a 'sexual health service'. Through this service "young women can access a nurse for free condoms, contraception (including emergency contraception) pregnancy testing and advice about abortion/termination." The Barnado's website recommends the website of Marie Stopes International and the Family Planning Association, two of the UK's leading abortion agencies.

Liverpool Pathway

Patients in hospitals are being placed on the Liverpool "death pathway" without proper training for staff or an understanding of how it works, leading specialists have warned. Doctors have stated how some patients are reluctant to go to hospital to get treatment they urgently need, for fear of being placed on the Liverpool Pathway. Professor Pullicino of East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust said the system was open to abuse because doctors had no objective way of forecasting death, and often hastened it by stopping treatment and sustenance: "There is no scientific way to know [if a person is dying], and that means the system is open to terrific abuse." Prof. Sam Ahmedzai, a palliative care doctor has stated that he was worried that "inhumane" decisions were being taken by doctors in relation to the Liverpool Pathway. Mr. Sammy di Francisci 71, had his food and drink removed by weekend staff at Kent and Canterbury Hospital without informing his family, or Prof. Pullicino the consultant in charge of his case. Mr. di Francisci's daughter pleaded with nurses to call a doctor to restart the treatment. They ignored her pleas insisting that her Father was dying she said. When Prof. Pullicino arrived on the Monday he knew nothing of the decisions and agreed that treatment should be restarted. Mr. di Francisci after being sent home lived for 14 more months before dying in March 2011. There have been horrific cases similar to Mr. di Francisci's reported in the media in recent times. SPUC have a helpline for people needing advice about the Liverpool Pathway. "The Patients First Network" telephone number is: 08001691719

Problem Families

A Whitehall report has disclosed that a problem family cost the taxpayer more than £345,000 in a single year, in police call-outs, ambulance alerts and social service interventions. In Barnet, just 18 troubled families cost taxpayers £1,729,112 in a year-an average of more than £96,000 per family. 120,000 "troubled families" cost the state £9 billion a year through crime, anti-social behaviour, disruption in schools and health problems. The proverb is apt: "All is well if there is harmony in the family". The greatest problem is the breakdown of the family. The family is the foundation of the society, nation and world. The resolution of social issues begins with the resolution of family issues. Free sex and adultery destroy the family and the only way to cure this is to educate people about faithfulness in marriage and fidelity to one spouse. The advent of the permissive society and the sexual revolution in the 1960's has been an unmitigated disaster for our nation

with enormous increases in crimes and social problems since that decade began! Studies show that immorality corrupts individuals and destroys societies. (Prof. J.D. Unwin. Study of 88 civilisations). Since the 1960's successive governments have been strongly influenced by humanistic thinking and policies in relation to family issues. Immorality must be addressed as a matter of urgency and true Godly values must become predominant again if a genuine cure is to be found for the enormous increases in problem families, crimes and social problems in general.

Letters and Emails received

Dear Sadiq, (MP) In the letter that you kindly sent to me you said that the whole matter is about "equality". For me marriage is between a man and a woman. Everything else is not marriage. If you dwell on equality, then soon one might say "Why not one man and two women, or three men or a man and his dog?" All this equality talk does not make sense. You say you believe in marriage. For me as I stated, marriage means a union between a man and a woman. If you define marriage as something else, then for me that means you do NOT believe in marriage. People say that marriage between a man and a man is about love. Well, the question is what kind of love you are talking about here. God surely does not approve of such a love where man and man do sexual things with each other. From Gods point of view this is not according to the way God has designed man and woman. It is simply unnatural. It has nothing to do with a love according to universal principles. God will never approve of it, and he has never done. Best regards Bruno

Hi John Thanks for all the news info sent, it's all good stuff, The Marriage thing is vitally important, stay focused on that. I am supporting the proper marriage thing 100% If I can be there I will. (Demonstration in Trafalgar Square against same-sex marriage) Thanks Farouq.

Dear John, Many thanks for your emails and updates. I'm grateful and really appreciate it. Yes I do support the demonstration and hope to be there on Sunday with some supporters. Thanks. Mohamed Khalil. Lambeth Masjid.

Encouragement to Stand Up for Marriage and the Family:

Dear Prime Minister, May I congratulate you for your public statements in support both of the Christian faith and of the family as the lynchpin of society? It is enormously uplifting to many of us when you, as Prime Minister, along with Her Majesty, the Queen stand up for the core values that have served our nation so well for thousands of years. Many people, who observe with concern, clear signs of declining integrity and morality, long to hear affirmations like those you and Her Majesty have so bravely proclaimed. This is surely a time for which we need such principled leaders, who are willing to challenge the many agents of promiscuity and lawlessness, who are undermining society. Nevertheless, I am still concerned that we are under attack, and in acute danger, from exceedingly determined and devious activists, whose public facade effectively conceals a most sinister agenda. My aim in writing is to alert you to this very real and immediate danger. I beg you to hear me out?

Please, please, may I just ask you to consider the possibility that you, along with many of the British public, have been grossly deceived by very subtle and persuasive 'gay' propaganda
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The Principles

The five principles are:

- 1) Absolute Freedom: True love, of its nature, must be freely willed and freely given. As an expression of true love, marriage must be entered into willingly by both spouses, and can only be recognised as such by the willing consent of those entering into the relationship. The support, encouragement, advice, guidance and material contribution of the parents, family and wider community are to be actively encouraged; however, any form of coercion is forbidden, as violating the spirit of true love. Under all circumstances, the support and advice of wider family and community would be expected to sustain and strengthen the marriage bonds of couples in their midst and to seek all opportunities to avert crises in relationships, but if all else fails, the corollary of this is that, should the relationship between husband and wife break down irretrievably, it is the absolute right of the couple to seek dissolution of the marriage.
- 2) Absolute Equality Based on the concept of true love, men and women have absolute value; having absolute value, men and women have equal value. The precise nature of this equality in practice is going to vary from couple to couple and from culture to culture, but all men and women should have the rights accorded to them in the United Nations Declaration of Human rights. Above all, men and women should have the right equally to enjoy love in a mutual and exclusive relationship. Therefore, any imbalance in the distribution of freedoms and rights between a husband and wife is to be condemned. This applies not only to polygamy (and in rare cases, polyandry), but other forms of coercion and abuse whereby one spouse is diminished or devalued with respect to the other, for example gender-biased laws, imposed dress codes or genital mutilation.
- 3) Absolute Commitment. The moral requirement of true love is living for the sake of the greater whole and living for the sake of others. Marriage is a lifelong commitment; anyone not entering it in that spirit should not consider it. The concept of true love entails putting the quality of the relationship between husband and wife before all other things: before profession, social standing and wealth, even before children. For this reason, anything that violates the principle of absolute commitment and trust, such as multiple marriages, concubinage and infidelity is to be condemned. That relationship should be sustained and developed through all stages of life, including old age and decline. Views on the status of the marriage after the death of one spouse will depend on theological and moral perspectives. Just as this view accepts the right of divorce, but not its acceptability, it recognises the right of remarriage, though not necessarily its advisability.
- 4) Absolute Legality. Marriage is a social institution, a part of the greater society. As such, it needs to be recognised by society. Whatever the spiritual commitment of the couple, it cannot take precedence over, or be a substitute for, a legally constituted marriage. Marriage is a legal-ethical construct, given form through custom but authorised through the recognition of the state. It carries social obligations and confers certain rights. This underlies its fundamental difference to cohabitation, sometimes referred to as 'common law marriage.' Rather than giving increased recognition and rights to unmarried couples, the state would do better to accord more respect to mar-

riage, promote it more and reward it more.

5) Absolute Communitarity. Marriage should be the centre of family life and social life. Families should work for the social good, putting their principles and practices of true love into a social context. Parents should raise the next generation of good husbands and wives and citizens who practice these principles in their family and society as a contribution to the common good. Promoting such a view should also be the interest of communities and the state, for which the existence of good marriages is the bedrock of social stability and well-being.

Notes

The five principles of marriage outlined above should be acceptable to the moderate majority of both religious and secular moral opinion. One of its purposes is to deliberately define that constituency and to demarcate it from extreme forms of both illiberality and liberality. The principles are defined along the lines of logical implications of the concept of marriage as the context and expression of true love. For this reason this document is expressed in terms of 'absolutes'. It is accepted, though, that these principles are going to be interpreted into realistic contexts, even by those who accept them wholeheartedly.

There are many ethical issues, which touch on marriage and family life, which these principles do not address and are not intended to address, as they fall into the realm of individual conscience and/or ongoing social debate, such as homosexual relations, sexual practices, contraception, abortion, fertility treatments and genetic engineering.

THE CHARACTER OF MARRIAGE

In considering marriage, we cannot do justice to describing what it is by simply collating all the various statistics on the state of existing marriages, and declaring this to be the sum of what the institution amounts to. Although this may be of sociological interest, such a viewpoint is virtually meaningless for people contemplating entering into a marriage; for these people marriage is about a promise - to remain faithful and steadfast - and an expectation - that love will endure - and hopefully a determination to remove and overcome any obstacles that stand in the way of the fulfilment of that expectation. The essential nature of marriage, that is, is prescriptive, not descriptive, just as the marriage vow is a performative act not a factual statement.

There are many aspects to marriage, such as the traditions of the wedding ceremonies or the economics of running a household or managing a human relationship over what one expects to be a lifetime. Above all these, though, at the heart of marriage, as for every human institution, is an ideal or core value, incorporated at its founding, which can and should thereafter be referred back to, for evaluation and guidance. For marriage that ideal is true love, though no culture has explicitly stated it to be so. True love, as outlined in greater detail in the Principles of Marriage, is a fusion of our natural feelings and desires, our moral insights and ethical rules, and our theological or ideological perspectives. Though true love

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The Full Implications of Same-Sex Marriage!

By John O'Neill

In this edition of the M.F. Update there are some very informative and powerful articles and correspondence relating to the issue of same-sex marriage. All the various angles relating to this issue are covered. In particular Tim Cripp's letter to the Prime Minister lucidly and eloquently spells out the full implications behind the spurious aims and ideals of the homosexual lobby in the so-called name of 'equality' and 'tolerance'. Part of the wording on the latest SPUC leaflet concerning same-sex marriage is as follows: *Children and teenagers at school will quickly learn about "gay marriage" as teachers will have to teach them the new definition of marriage. Gay relationships will be promoted to primary school children via storybooks. NHS-endorsed websites, which promote high-risk sexual practices, will be mainstreamed in secondary schools. Being male or female will be meaningless, if any combination can get married. Marriage won't be about commitment to bearing and raising children. Marriage will be reduced to gratifying your own personal desires. Children will lose out, because society will no longer prioritise their main need, which is to be brought up by the people who conceived them. Traditional family networks, which bind society together, will be fractured. Motherless and fatherless families will be institutionalised.*

In different countries where same-sex marriage has been legalized there are clear shocking examples regarding people with traditional views on marriage and family becoming victims because of their views. In the USA David and Tanya Parker wanted to withdraw their son who is in kindergarten from a lesson which taught about same-sex marriage, after the Massachusetts Supreme Court legalized it. Mr. Parker was arrested and handcuffed for trying to protect his son's education. He was informed that he had no right to withdraw his son from the class. People have lost their jobs and adoption agencies have had to close down, including here in the UK. Mr. and Mrs. Bull a Christian couple who run a B&B business in Cornwall were fined £3,600 for not allowing a homosexual couple to share a double bed on their premises.

It has been stated that when the same-sex issue is voted on in the House of Lords, probably in July that the Bill will be defeated. However, the government could still force the legislation through when it returns to the House of Commons. In the meantime there is much work to be done to combat this illogical, perverse proposed legislation. No government has the right to redefine the meaning of marriage which is clearly defined by our Creator and the major religions as being exclusively between a man and a woman. No government has the right to trample on people's consciences and religious beliefs. On the contrary government's should be protecting the right of religious freedom of thought and conscience, and also adhering to our creator's moral and spiritual laws when formulating and drafting policies and legislation. With the far-reaching negative consequences which will clearly result if this legislation is passed it is imperative that as many people as possible, especially religious people, get involved to combat this assault on our deeply cherished religious beliefs and traditional family values. The Coalition for Marriage are asking people to visit their MP's about this crucial matter. Advice and assistance is available for people who would like to visit their MP's. Also the CfM are targeting

key constituencies for leafleting, with the next general election in mind. Leaflets are also available for general distribution, and there are also petition forms for distributing. Distributing leaflets is very important (as is obtaining signatures) as many people are not fully aware of the serious consequences regarding same-sex marriage. Let us all do our best at this time and take responsibility by supporting the various relevant initiatives in relation to same-sex marriage, especially for the sake of our young people, but also for the sake of future generations. Contact details for Coalition for Marriage: 8, Marshalsea Road, London, SE1 1HL. Tel: 02074037879. Contact details for SPUC (part of CfM): 3, Whitacre Mews, Stannary Street, London, SE11 4AB. Tel:02070917091 Email:information@spuc.org.uk

Statement by Communication Service of Moscow Patriarchate Department (Russian Orthodox Church) for External Church Relations on recent changes in family laws in France and Great Britain March 5th.2013

Same-sex unions have continued to be legalized in Europe. Recently, respective bills have been approved by the lower chambers of the French and British parliaments. It was done not only in defiance of the opinion of a part of deputies but also against the background of mass protest manifestations of citizens. These legislative steps show that a revolution is taking place in the European societies' understanding of marriage as such. The legal recognition of homosexual unions and their equating to marriage is a revolution of the sphere of legislative norms regulating family relations including the norms concerning taxation, education, healthcare, upbringing of children, etc. The legalization of same-sex unions is another step towards an attempt to give an absolutely new meaning to marriage and the family directly opposite to the Christian one. Basically, this process involves connivance at individualism and hedonism on the scale of society and state and ultimately on the scale of the whole humanity. In the countries which have embarked on the path of a radical revision of traditional family ethics, this process has resulted in a demographic crisis which is growing from year to year. The revision of fundamental norms of family law on which the human community has been built for centuries and which are preserved as before in the moral code of major world religions is a path leading to the self-liquidation of whole nations. The legislative norm allowing homosexual unions to adopt and raise children appear especially dangerous. Evidently, these children will develop a view of parents, family and moral and social values completely different from the traditional ones. All this will contribute to further obliteration of differences between the sexes and subsequently to forcing out from public conscience the image of woman as mother, wife and guardian of the household. The final rejection of the idea that man and woman have special vocations and complement each other in family life threatens with destructive consequences for both the individual and society. The Russian Orthodox Church preserves and defends the primary Christian understanding of marriage and family, sanctifies marital relations in the church Sacrament and asserts the importance of marriage for the wellbeing and development of society as a whole. Our Church expresses her solidarity with Christians, adherents to other religions and those

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True Family Values
(compiled by **Frank Van Der Stok**,
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What is Heaven's Blessing?

B. Recovery of the original family ideal through the Blessing of marriage.

8. *A godly life is not only a matter of individual faith and character; more importantly it is a relationship between husband and wife, parent and child.*

9. *To cultivate true love in Blessed families successfully, Reverend Moon has taught us true family values. True family values cover seven principles on the way families ought to live.*

10. *By participating in the Blessing, you can begin to address the root cause of family breakdown and social breakdown.*

- By renouncing forever the corruption of love. Through the Blessing all men and women make a commitment never to commit adultery and never to divorce, and to educate this standard of true love in their children.
- By accepting God's grace through the Blessing. Without God, we cannot accomplish this great victory of love.
- By committing your marriage and family to help form a peaceful and prosperous society, nation and world.

11. *You can join with millions of other Blessed families to form one great family throughout the world.*

- These are families of all races, nationalities united as one family through the True Parents.
- This will overcome the motivation leading to war, racism, poverty and immorality, bringing world peace.

C. Through the Blessing of True Parents we are building a substantially new society, based upon the ideal of true love.

1. *The Blessing is a new stage of spiritual benefit.*

- The True Parents are God's gift, pioneering the true family. While selfish love, the work of Satan, is destroying the family through the decadent modern culture, True Parents have appeared as the first true family and the model for all families who wish to establish themselves 100% in God.
- We can see from the events of history that humankind is at the beginning of a new stage of history. However, only through the transformation of man-woman relationship in marriage can we find any substantial spiritual change on earth.
- All other signs of progress are external: scientific and political. Meanwhile, in the established society, family life goes on as it always has, and is moving to destruction.
- True Parents bring salvation to the family, liberating it from sin and Satan.
- They have brought God to dwell within the family through

true conjugal love.

- They have established the foundation for eternal marriage and family to be enjoyed by all people, based on our own effort of true love.

- This is the true sign of progress and hope for the world. Without restoration of the family, science and social progress will be for nothing. Money, power and knowledge have no value without love.

1. *The True Parents have set the tradition of true family life. We can learn from their example.*

- By sharing the heart of love toward all people, we can connect with the fullness of God's love.
- True love bestows equal value upon all families.
- Reverend and Mrs. Moon's work includes active development in social, economic, political, educational and civic activities to establish the kingdom of heaven in the real world, which begins with our hometowns.
- To work as a Blessed family for substantial betterment is the ultimate meaning of being a representative family and a central family. It means that we become a family of the body of God and True Parents.

D. Conclusion

1. *The most significant blessing of God, given by faith, is the Blessing of marriage.*

2. *Through the Blessing, we can receive the abundance of God's true love, which naturally clears up the causes of free sex, homosexuality, and materialistic, self-centered lifestyles which are destroying this world.*

3. *Through the Blessing, all the people of the world can become true families, to build the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven. Thus the Blessing is the gate to all blessings.*

4. *This is to create a new culture upon the earth. We call this the culture of heart.*

The Family Culture of Heart

A. We are entering a new age, where true love will prevail in all aspects of culture, creating the culture of heart.

1. *The Blessing of marriage and true family life is the key to participating in the new age. The most important single virtue, through which we can participate, sustain and develop in this life of goodness, is sexual purity.*

2. *Through sexual purity, true love is protected and can expand freely and without limit.*

3. *Sexual purity will liberate divine and human creativity for a culture of unimaginable beauty and goodness, the culture of heart.*

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

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 proponents of non-religious worldviews who have preserved the traditional understanding of marriage as union of man and woman and come out against the attempts to use a radical legal reform to impose on the whole society a different understanding of marriage unprecedented in human history. Aware of the danger of these processes, we believe it important to develop dialogue with all the public forces, both religious and non-religious, who support the traditional ideas of family values. This criterion is one of the most important ones in the Russian Orthodox Church's choice of partners in inter-Christian and inter-religious dialogue. DECR Communication Service. *This article is published by kind permission of SPUC*

JOHN SMEATON, SPUC DIRECTOR Welcome Pope Francis, defender of parents, children and marriage 13th March 2013

On behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, I welcome Pope Francis I.

Along with countless others worldwide - in the blogosphere and in the news media - I note his words as Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio when a bill to legalise same-sex marriage was proposed in Argentina: "Let's not be naive, we're not talking about a simple political battle; it is a destructive pretension against the plan of God. We are not talking about a mere bill, but rather a machination of the Father of Lies that seeks to confuse and deceive the children of God." He continued: "At stake is the identity and survival of the family: father, mother and children. At stake are the lives of many children who will be discriminated against in advance, and deprived of their human development given by a father and a mother and willed by God. At stake is the total rejection of God's law engraved in our hearts." And along with countless others around the world, I will be praying for Pope Francis I, not least that he continues to defend with great courage mothers and fathers, children and marriage throughout his pontificate. *This article is published by kind permission of SPUC*

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is the ideal at the heart of marriage, marriage itself is the expression of that ideal. Marriage, therefore, is not just a lived reality, but a lived reality guided by an ideal: true love. Every marriage is unique, its character being given by the individuals of whom it is comprised. But marriage as an expression of true love has a universal character, which reflects the universality of true love. We can enunciate the following five aspects of that character:

Marriage, as the context and expression of true love, completes the universe through the unity of the masculine and feminine principles. A marriage is more than the unity of a male and female for reproductive purposes, or the legalisation of sexual pleasure; it partakes in the erotic discourse of cultures, which is the ascription of gender and difference to aspects of nature and the supernatural, carried out through philosophy, religion, literature and the arts. We could call this the cosmological aspect of marriage. As an example, Eastern philosophy subsumes masculinity and femininity into the principles of Yang and Yin through which all things originate and exist. In Hinduism a pantheon of gods and goddesses interact with each

other and the human world. In Christianity the spiritual masculine principle the earthly feminine mother are represented in the iconography of Jesus and Mary and the saints. Marriage, as the context and expression of true love, establishes the authority of parents and is the basis of respect in society. We talk a lot about the need for respect today, which correlates well with our identification of its lack. We also identify ourselves as a society in which the culture of deference has passed. It is questionable whether respect can exist independently of authority in any absolute sense, however. What is refreshingly new is that authority and respect are seen as moral rewards, which have to be earned, and are not contingent merely upon position. The authority of parents can only be established on the basis of the love that children feel from them. Through the family and the extended family male and female children are socialised by their parents as role models of masculinity and femininity: as adult children to their own parents (grandparents), as brother and sister to their grown siblings (uncles and aunts), and as husband and wife as well as father and mother.

Marriage, as the context and expression of true love, is a state of transcendence: of material conditions, of individuality, of local, national and racial origins, and of history. Though we all hope fervently for a world in which the present inequalities of access to freedom, health and wealth can be addressed, this does not change the fundamental point that true love is a universal ideal, for which wealth or poverty, class, race or religion are no barrier. Marriage, moreover, as is often noted, can be a route out of poverty and a basis for better health and educational and employment prospects. Promotion of marriage would also undoubtedly improve the social character of many nations. Similarly, marriage between those of different background (under generally tolerant social conditions) can overcome the 'suspicion of the other,' contributing to a richer, less stratified and 'ghettoised' social mix.

Marriage, as the context and expression of true love, is a gateway to the deepest experiences of the human heart.

One hopes for happiness in life, but all human life is ringed by potential tragedy as we contemplate the loss of those close to us. Moreover, suffering of some sort is something that we all have to deal with. True love embodies the potential for great happiness, but does not guarantee that life will be easy; rather, true love should be thought of as providing a context in which we can understand and embrace all aspects of life and a source of strength for managing them, including the most difficult. A good marriage provides the best social foundation for men and women to survive and prosper in a harsh world, not only materially, but also emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. Marriage, as the context and expression of true love, embodies the highest virtues and values of our collective cultures. In an age where an increasing number choose not to marry, marriage is frequently referred to as 'just a bit of paper,' and even governments cannot bring themselves to officially recognise it as anything special, it is important to reiterate that all civilisations have recognised that marriage embodies the highest virtues of a culture; indeed the socialising effect of marriage is one of the important foundations of the state's authority. Defining marriage as the context and expression of true love allows us to reiterate and clarify that the highest virtues and values of any culture are found in the commitment of a couple to marry, live a life of true love and raise any children to be good men and women themselves.

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ganda? Their clever deception could well lead you to make the most serious mistake of your life; a mistake which would be ruinous for you personally, for the Tory party, and for British Society.

The deception depends on at least three crucial lies;

1. That homosexuals are somehow 'born gay', so that their adoption of a homosexual lifestyle is no more a matter of choice than is their skin colour.

2. That homosexual practices and relationships are in all ways equal, or at least equivalent, to those of heterosexuals.

3. That legislating for same-sex marriage will strengthen marriage and result in a more humane and liberal society, in which freedom is advanced and discrimination is eliminated.

These are all demonstrably false, as is comprehensively documented in the web links below.

Taking the lies in order;

1. All studies that purported to show a tenuous genetic link to homosexuality have been proved to be fatally fraudulent and were usually conducted by homosexuals, with very clear motives to falsify their findings. There is emphatically no proof whatever that homosexuality is innate or genetic. There is some evidence that certain factors in a person's upbringing can make the adoption of a homosexual lifestyle more likely, but ultimately the individual's decision is just as much a matter of choice as is the case with a spouse who feels "irresistibly" tempted to commit adultery, or to engage in any other harmful or deviant behaviour. People succumbing to such temptations are in no way entitled to equality rights, or to have their destructive lifestyle foisted upon our democratic society and promoted through the education system.

2. Compared to people engaging in heterosexual practices, especially within a faithful marriage, homosexuals suffer from far higher rates of: Psychological disorders, suicides, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and, of course medical problems, including cancers of the mouth and anus, and STD infections, especially HIV/AIDS. Apart from the obviously unnatural nature of sodomy, with its much increased risk of infections, all of these disorders are very greatly exacerbated by the inherent infidelity and instability of homosexual relationships. While it has been emotionally compelling to portray homosexuals generally as being faithful, devoted couples, earnestly desiring to reinforce their relationships by a marriage ceremony, in general, this is a gross misrepresentation of the facts. The reality is that homosexuals typically have multiple partners, and it is largely this that accounts for the hugely heightened rates of infection, stress, and domestic violence. The extra costs to the NHS and social services alone would be reason enough to make the normal British tax payer unhappy for homosexuality to be promoted, as would undoubtedly be the effect of the proposed same-sex marriage legislation.

3. The very real and successfully pursued 'agenda' and aim of the gay activists is unquestionably the destruction of the foundations of traditional society, and in particular the elimination of the family as the basis for nurturing

children. Be under no illusions: their public clamour for tolerance is actually extremely selective and is definitely not extended to anybody who dares to question their views. With utter contempt for democratic consensus, they will suppress and sweep away all vestiges of our Christian heritage and morality, so that unrestrained promiscuity and sexual anarchy can become the norm for society. To this end, a new 'political correctness' will become established and used energetically, in truly Orwellian fashion, against anyone, who dissents from, or even fails to embrace with sufficient zeal, the measures enacted to promote this "Brave New World". (You might find it eye-opening to study Peter Tatchell's web site.)

As already mentioned, all of the gay activists' lies and the refutations of them I have stated are authoritatively documented in the web links below, which I have listed in the same paragraph order used above. I trust that you will make the time to study these thoroughly and be persuaded to reverse the tide of evil, which will otherwise overwhelm our society. Would you not prefer to be remembered as the brave Prime Minister, who saved Great Britain from the anarchic tyranny assaulting many Western nations, rather than the one who misguidedly accelerated us into the abyss of Sodom and Gomorrah?

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Web Links:

- <http://conservativecolloquium.wordpress.com/2007/10/01/born-gay-hoax-studies-debunked/>
- <http://www.scotpho.org.uk/population-groups/lesbian-gay-and-bisexual-lgb-people/data/health-issues>
<http://carm.org/homosexual-gay-sex-harms-no-one>
- www.massresistance.org/docs/gen/.../Redeeming_rainbow/index.html (especially pages 108-112) and: <http://c4m.org.uk/downloads/10reasons.pdf>
www.massresistance.org/docs/marriage/effects_of_ssm.html

Morality Forum Action

Morality Forum Supporters in different parts of the country (in some cases working together with members of the SPUC) have been distributing leaflets door-to-door in relation to same-sex marriage.



M.F. Forum supporters also participated in the rally in Trafalgar Square against same-sex marriage on March 24th. The Sex Education Bulletins from SPUC continue to be distributed as do the Safer-media petition forms to protect children from online pornography, and also the Coalition for Marriage petition forms and leaflets.



United Nations International Women's Day.

The following speech by Theresa Quarmby was given in Huddersfield on March 16th at an interfaith event, in relation to the United Nations International Women's Day: I believe God is the creator and created us male and female and saw that it was good. He said that a man should leave his mother and father and cleave to his wife-that a wife should be a fruitful vine in the household. He said: be fruitful, multiply and take dominion. What I take that to mean is a marriage relationship of fidelity and love for ever. If we think about where our true dignity comes from we must realise that regardless of what kind of culture, racial or economic background we come from true dignity comes from God. When we look at the ills of society we see the hatred, hurt and suffering caused by so much misunderstanding. Some people will say that we should not educate women; but if we could come to understand that women are divine beings who were meant to be beautiful partners to their lifelong spouse. Women are an integral part of something that makes the world beautiful. One thing we have to realise is that if we are going to build an ideal world free from violence and hatred we need to start with ourselves. We need women leaders who embrace moral and ethical values. It is wrong that schoolgirls of 12, 13 and 14 years old are given morning-after-pills and can be sent for an abortion without parental knowledge-yet a teacher cannot give an aspirin to a child without the consent of a parent. So we need much more education in that area. I would like to add my support to Kiran Bali (President of Women's Federation for World Peace-Yorkshire Branch) when she says she is working to advance the impact and co-operation among faiths towards developing solutions to complex social problems, especially conflict. Religiously motivated conflicts around the world undermine the very principles of peace that our faith traditions teach. As people of faith we must work together to overcome these divisions and engage in constructive change. For this to happen all women have a part to play!!

THE FAMILY AND THE MDGs: BOOK LAUNCH AT THE UN 'DAY OF FAMILIES'

By Lynn Walsh

When the United Nations looks at global poverty, health care, and education-three major areas of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)-does it see families as part of the problem, or part of the solution? As recently as 2010, when the UN reviewed ten years of somewhat disappointing progress in reaching the MDG's there was still no mention of family and parents as resources for achieving these important goals. The recent publication of *The Family and the MDGs: Using Family Capital to achieve the 8 Millennium Development Goals* marks a renewed effort to recognise the family as a critical resource for addressing the most serious global issues. The book was launched to coincide with the International Day of Families, on May 14th in an event sponsored by the Mission of Qatar to the United Nations. The Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development commissioned the editor, Susan Roylance of the Howard Centre for Family, Religion and Society and eight other authors, including Universal Peace Federation's Lynn Walsh, to address each mil-

lennium development goal with a unique family-focused approach. The book offers many best practices that utilize the natural and essential resources of the family and may save lives.

In the chapter on overcoming poverty, Jastus Suchi Obadiah stated, "As we empower families with additional resources and education to break through the poverty barriers, we lift generations to come." Regarding attaining universal education, Mary M. Harris wrote, "There is no substitute for the participation and support of families in the education of children. No government agency, no children's advocacy group and no body of educators can take the place of a supportive family environment and proactive parental and familial caregiver participation in the welfare of a child." In addressing HIV/AIDS, Terrance D. Olsen, PhD., stated, "Those who take family life seriously are our greatest allies in the fight against AIDS...Those voluntary organisations, including religious ones, who teach abstinence and family commitment should be encouraged, not criticized...Moral commitments to family life are fundamental." Throughout the pages are examples utilizing family capital to provide solutions, perhaps more sustainably than any other resource. *Please contact UPF (www.upf.org) if interested in receiving a copy of the book or a summary booklet available in all six official languages of the United Nations. "Worldwide the family is indeed the starting point, the indispensable and the irreplaceable foundation for all successful development." E. Douglas Clark, from the Introduction.*

Mongolian youth join WAIT as they prepare for Public Performances

By Marshall de Souza



As part of WAIT UK's outreach to the community, six Mongolian youth started attending training sessions on 16th March 2013. They came to the Lancaster Gate training centre and heard an Introduction to WAIT and its Rules, after which they joined the

group in learning a new dance. Under the guidance of WAIT youth leader, Kenta Barrett, the young team began learning the "Red and White" dance, which was a key feature in WAIT UK's performance from 2007 to 2009. The team discussed the dance with Kenta, and agreed what aspects they would change for the present group. The Mongolian youth came along after a number of wonderful partnership work (including participation in various public events) between WAIT UK and two other organisations, Moncharity (who do charitable work with homeless children in Mongolia) and World Culture Association (an organisation that unites people centred on culture). The Mongolian children seem to fit really well into WAIT, and have enjoyed making new friendships, while learning a new dance together. Initially, four two-hour sessions were planned; but now we have increased them to eight, so that the team can prepare to deliver a WAIT Concert on Friday evening, 24th May in order to raise funds for our AIDS prevention work in Kenya.