

# Morality Forum Update

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## Gun Control or Heart Control? A Great Awakening

By David Eaton



[ This article concerning USA has much relevance regarding the knife crime epidemic in the UK]

In the aftermath of another heinous act of mass murder, this time at a high school in Parkland, Florida, there was the usual spate of hand-wringing over the question of gun laws in the United States. For the record, I'm not fond of guns and would like to see greater prohibitions on the sale of automatic weapons.

That said, it was not at all surprising to hear certain commentators reflexively cite and blame the usual suspects (the NRA, the GOP) for "America's gun problem." In a discussion after the Parkland shooting, MSNBC commentator Mike Barnicle asked the rhetorical question, "Is this a cultural problem?"

The answer should be fairly obvious. Our "gun control" problem is a resultant phenomenon, a symptom of a serious cultural and spiritual disorder. By all means, let's have the debate about guns and laws, but we need to understand this is not fundamentally a "gun problem" but rather a "heart problem." It's well-known that politics is downstream of culture. The Greeks understood this long ago; Plato was very perceptive when he cited musicologist Damon's assertion that "if you change the songs of a nation soon you will change the laws." Politicians and our political punditry are reacting

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### The case AGAINST abortion decriminalisation taken directly to MPs

"Vote against decriminalising abortion", MPs urged

PRO-LIFERS up and down the country had face-to-face meetings with their MP in SPUC's most successful constituency-based lobby ever. Thanks to you, we were able to get our first-class materials to our supporters and give them the advice and help they needed to put the case against decriminalising abortion to their MP. SPUC's well-briefed supporters met with MPs in every corner of England and Wales. And the lobby has clearly made an impact. One MP stood up in Parliament during a recent debate on buffer zones and said: "Three ladies came to talk to me... in my constituency about their deeply held views on ... the pro-life side – which were rooted in their deep faith and conviction and presented with great calmness and dignity." SPUC's mass lobby is part of our ongoing campaign called: We Care About Women. This campaign is dedicated to opposing any move to decriminalise abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law and stripping unborn babies of every last shred of legal protection. Without your support we would never have been able to go ahead with such a large-scale lobby. This has given us a vital head start in the fight to defeat any future attempts in Parliament to decriminalise abortion. *This article was published in the Winter 2018 edition of the SPUC ALIVE newsletter.*

#### Interreligious and Intercultural Breakfast

On the Topic: "On the Way Searching for God – Find God in All Things, Find God in All Religions" 2018, February 17th, Vedahof/Gramastetten/Upper Austria

In the course of the World Interfaith Harmony Week 2018 UPF-UA and the Family Federation of Upper Austria organized an interreligious breakfast at Vedahof in Gramastetten/Upper Austria. 45 guests, representatives of eight different religious denominations, gathered for a shared breakfast. The president of UPF-Austria explained the development of WIHW, initiated in 2010 by King Abdullah II. of Jordan. Five religious representatives, one of Islam, Catholicism, the New World Church of The Christ, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Unification Church each, expressed their thoughts on the topic, "On the Way Searching for God". The subsequent exchange among

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to the Parkland tragedy in the way they have for decades. Rather than examine deeper cultural concerns — family breakdown, sexual immorality, a debased entertainment industry — their focus immediately becomes political. This is not to suggest there isn't a law-and-order aspect in the equation. However, we already have many gun laws on the books. Both the Parkland perpetrator and Las Vegas shooter obtained their guns legally. There are as many as 100 million gun owners in the USA and most are law-abiding citizens. Most gun-related crimes in the USA are committed with illegally obtained weapons. Chicago has some of the strictest gun laws in the country, yet annually leads the nation in gun-related crimes — over 4,000 cases in 2016. A study on gun-related crime published in 2017 by the federal National Institute of Justice found that between 1993 and 2013 gun ownership increased by nearly 50%. Yet during the same period, gun homicides decreased by nearly 50%. Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin pointed to the fact that in the 1950s there were far, far fewer gun laws on the books, yet the kinds of mass shootings we are seeing with disturbing frequency were almost non-existent.

In spite of the fact there are laws on the books intended to mitigate crimes such as murder, domestic abuse, driving while intoxicated, rape, etc., people still commit these crimes. When these occur, justice is usually served and punishment meted out. But laws will continue to be violated because this is not primarily a law-and-order issue, but rather a behavioural issue rooted in one's spiritual and psychological disposition. Because our identities, individually and collectively, are determined by what we value, treasure and love, our behaviour will reflect those values. It's no secret we are facing a moral crisis and our sense of morality has become deeply skewed. There are many of a liberal persuasion who wish not to engage in discussions regarding morals because of their trepidation about "religious" connotations and the accompanying component of "judgment." Because the current iteration of progressive orthodoxy hails openness and tolerance to be significant aspects of its Holy Grail, judgment is considered anathema to all that. For progressives, making distinctions on the basis of any moral standard vis-à-vis behaviour is often viewed as being discriminatory — invidious, in fact.

To be fair, there are some of a conservative/capitalist persuasion who also avoid moral issues because it might negatively impact profit margins. "Sex sells" is a primary dictate of Madison Avenue. Then there is Hollywood. Unspoken in many of the "gun control" discussions is just how inured we've become to violence due to the promotion and glorification of sex and violence in popular culture. Film producers, directors and musicians make fortunes by creating and aggressively marketing content that has morally corrosive aspects to it. Yet these same people are often the first to condemn the NRA or GOP for their failures to address the gun-control issue, as well as chide religionists for being backward and out of step with contemporary social norms. This double standard is fairly typical, but yet another example of the moral malaise in which we now live. **Causal Dimension** : In 1934, anthropologist, J.D.

Unwin, published his seminal book, *Sex and Culture*. In an attempt to examine the Freudian premise that "civilization is a by-product of repressed sexuality," Unwin studied 86 cultures and tribes going back thousands of years (Sumerians, Greeks, Romans, et. al.) and found that in every case when sexual mores were loosened, societies fell into moral decay and tended to dissipate. As a liberal, Unwin was somewhat conflicted with his findings, but in the spirit of anthropological integrity published his results anyway. Not wanting to cast moral aspersions, he wrote: "I offer no opinion about the rightness or wrongness... In human records there is no instance of a society retaining its energy after a complete new generation has inherited a tradition which does not insist on pre-nuptial and post-nuptial continence." Monogamy, according to Unwin's research, has been the constant factor in the success and survival of all societies, regardless of their political, religious or cultural characteristics (his research corroborates St. Augustine's contention that people and nations fail because they choose to love the wrong things). Though his conclusion speaks to the importance of marital fidelity, his side-stepping of the moral issue — rightness or wrongness — leaves us needing a more thorough explanation. We need to connect the dots. Because family breakdown has become epidemic, children are not inculcated with well-defined moral codes; thus, moral confusion often results in immoral conduct. It is precisely the misunderstanding of God's principles regarding love — divine, parental, conjugal, filial — that lies at the heart of our cultural maladies. Essential to the account of the course and motivation of the Fall are the matters of jealousy and "lack of love." Because the Archangel did not process jealousy in a principled fashion, he became predisposed to unprincipled behaviour. This issue is of primary significance, for without knowing the principled ways to process inappropriate or unprincipled emotions, we inevitably deviate from God's ideal. By not being able to properly process resentment, jealousy or rage, we become predisposed to the problems of sexual immorality, family breakdown, corrupt politics, depraved entertainment — and gun violence.

#### **Accountability and Judgment:**

Ayn Rand's stated, "You can avoid reality, but you cannot avoid the consequences of avoiding reality." As we come to terms with the reality of school shootings we see that many of the perpetrators were from broken homes, had mental health problems, spent copious time on social media, had misanthropic tendencies, and were addicted to video games.

Of all these contributing factors, a case can be made that family breakdown has the most deleterious effects on the hearts and minds of young people. It is an issue that should not be easily dismissed as being a myopic, Christian (and thus judgmental) explanation as to why these tragedies occur with alarming regularity. In this respect, judgment is an important component in shaping our cultural identity. Avoiding the discussion about the realities of family breakdown and infidelity because it may be "judgmental," or because it may cast moral aspersions, is counterproductive to the process of solving the "heart control" issue.

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As British philosopher Roger Scruton observes, judgment is implicit in any faith-based community because once ideals and tenets are firmly in place, there is expectation that good citizens of the community will abide by them in order to realize the “ethical vision.” For the religious person there is an understanding that judgment is our destiny — something we all will encounter when we ascend to the spiritual realm. This concept is deeply rooted in the Judeo-Christian cultural sphere and though we may live our lives with the intention of doing what is morally and ethically correct, how we actually behave in relation to others is the ultimate measure of our contributing to an ethical society. As Scruton observes, our intellectual life has become “one vast commotion of specialisms,” where making distinctions between the “virtuous and the vicious, the beautiful and the ugly, the sacred and the profane, the true and the false — is to offend against the only value judgment that is widely accepted, the judgment that all judgments are wrong.” A prevailing opinion in contemporary culture is that exercising any kind of judgment is somehow illiberal and mean-spirited. Subsequently, the morality of our culture declines and we continue to be lost in the abyss of moral relativism, situational ethics or worse — a “post-truth” culture. Coming to the realization that there are moral truths, and not merely interpretations of truth, is crucial. By accepting such, responsibility and accountability become significant aspects in our psychological maturation. Not to accept this reality is being irresponsible and immature. In his Farewell Address to the nation upon leaving office in 1796, President George Washington gave heed: “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labour to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens.” Perhaps the Parkland tragedy will conjure a “great awakening” that will prompt us as a people to put an end to the day-to-day abnegation of religious-based morality. Lack of love, jealousy, resentment, and the accompanying bad behaviour triggered by these emotional impulses can only be assuaged by the proper understanding of the causal dimension of the Human Fall. If we think about it, guns, fire, music, religion, money and even politics, can have beneficial aspects as well as deleterious ones. Motivation and intent determine everything. Dealing with the “heart control” problem starts with a proper diagnosis of the cause of the problem. Only then can a proper remedy be prescribed and real healing take place — and our “gun control” problem be ultimately resolved. *David Eaton has been Music Director of the New York City Symphony since 1985. In addition to his conducting career, he has been an active composer, arranger and producer with 64 original compositions and over 700 arrangements and transcriptions to his credit. One of his recent compositions, “70 and Counting!”, was performed at the United Nations as part of its 70th Anniversary concert in 2015. In 2016, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by Unification Theological Seminary.*

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the guests made very clear, that the common by far prevails over the separating, when people of different religions are entering into a dialogue. Then all participants went for a joint prayer for peace to the near Prema-Church, a church of the five world religions.

The prayers of the representatives of the respective religions were emphasized by a water ceremony. It is the idea behind this ceremony that a river does never reject streams entering. The streams symbolize the various religions and denominations coming from different wells, but all of them seek for a common goal, for an ideal, peaceful world. After each representative of a religion had blessed his glass of water with the values of the respective religion according to his rites, he or she then poured the water into a common bowl. With the song “Irish Blessing” the choir said good bye to the guests, who made God noticeable in this morning together. Mag. Maria Pammer/UPF-Upper Austria

## ‘Transgender ideology in schools is psychological abuse’

**‘If I walk into my doctor’s office today and say, “Hi, I’m Margaret Thatcher,” my physician will say I am delusional and give me an anti-psychotic. Yet, if instead, I walked in and said, “I’m a man,” he would say, “Congratulations, you’re transgender.”**

‘If I were to say, “Doc, I am suicidal because I’m an amputee trapped in a normal body, please cut off my leg,” I will be diagnosed with body identity integrity disorder. But if I walk into that doctor’s office and say, “I am a man, sign me up for a double mastectomy,” my physician will. See, if you want to cut off a leg or an arm you’re mentally ill, but if you want to cut off healthy breasts or a penis, you’re transgender... To indoctrinate all children from preschool forward with the lie that they could be trapped in the wrong body disrupts the very foundation of a child’s reality testing. If they can’t trust the reality of their physical bodies, who or what can they trust? Transgender ideology in schools is psychological abuse that often leads to chemical castration, sterilization, and surgical mutilation.’

- **Michelle Cretella, ‘I’m a Pediatrician. Here’s what I did when a little boy patient said he was a girl’, The Daily Signal, 11 December 2017.** *Dr Cretella is president of the American College of Pediatricians, a national organization of pediatricians and other health care professionals dedicated to the health and well-being of children. This article was published in the February 2018 edition of Family Education Trust Bulletin*

## Courage, Fervour, and the Example of Poland

Good News, Mateusz Morawiecki, Poland, Rosary Rally. January 8, 2018 [Excerpts]

— *When one is convinced that his cause is just, he will fear nothing.* — Saint John Bosco. I can’t think of a better way to start the New Year than with a positive story — one that shows what great things are possible when a nation rejects the forces of atheistic secularism and turns back to God! This to page 4

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week, Poland's bishops strongly backed the abortion ban, releasing an appropriately strongly-worded statement. "There can be no place for killing other people, especially disabled and sick children!" said the bishops. "This is not only a matter of worldview or religion but above all of science which unambiguously shows that human life begins at the moment of conception." The Polish legislature also recently passed a bill that would return the country to the traditional practice of keeping Sundays as a day of rest by requiring stores to close. Reserving Sunday as a day of rest has enormous benefits for the spiritual, mental, and physical welfare of a nation, above all for families! The Polish people suffered immensely under atheistic Communism; they saw first-hand what happens when God is systematically pushed out of a country. It is interesting that the country's prime minister, the one who wants to "re-Christianize" Europe, risked and suffered much from a very young age in order to play an active role in the Solidarity movement that opposed Communism in Poland. Communism is now effectively dead in Poland; but the country, like all other Western countries, is facing the new threat of radical secularism, which in addition to being dead-set on the destruction of religion, also loathes the traditional family and the unborn. Poland's willingness to reject the pressures of the EU and wealthy secularists is a credit to the faith of the Polish people, and an example for the rest of us. Poland is showing that it is possible for a 21st century Western nation to resist the forces of secularism, and to bring faith back into the public square. May other Western countries begin to take note, and follow Poland's example. *Editor's note: This piece first appeared on Human Life International and is republished here by permission. LifeSite News*

## Letters and Emails received

Thanks, John, for this excellent examination of critical issues and occurrences! Great work. Lynn [ Winter 2017 – 2018 Morality Forum Update]

Hi John, Peace be with you. I must say that I found your publication both interesting and inspiring. I am very pleased that you are involved with SPUC, and genuinely interested in moral reform of our Western Society. I must say that I am totally in agreement with your principles and ideas. Take care and God bless. Yours in the love of Jesus and Mary. Valerio Critelli.

Hello John, Thanks for the Winter Morality Forum Update sent to us. In fact, It came at the right time and the information there is very good and useful for the Upcoming event in May, leaflet attached. Many Thanks. Kind regards, Joycelyn [Reverend]

Thank you for the copy of the Morality Forum Update. I got the information on sex and relationships lessons from the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and sent in a (quite long) submission. I also sent a copy of their front page to six friends or relatives to see if they would do something too. Best wishes, Jacqueline

Dear John, Thanks for the email and will definitely sign the petition [SPUC}. Hope to see you soon. God bless. Kindest

regards, Theresa

Dear John, Thanks for the Update. Please keep me informed. Best regards. Cllr. John D. Nottingham.

## Morality Forum Action

On May 5th, John O'Neill participated in the annual March for Life UK, from Holborn in Central London to Parliament Square. On April 10th, John delivered abortion information leaflets door-to-door in Rayners lane, NW London, together with other members of the Harrow branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Separate petition forms from the SPUC concerning the decriminalisation of abortion, and the setting up of buffer zones outside abortion clinics have been widely distributed. John O'Neill has received positive feedback after speaking in Christian churches and also meeting with Muslim leaders in recent months concerning key moral, family issues, such as abortion and the LGBT agenda.

John O'Neill contacted Middlesex F.A. about players repeatedly using foul and obscene language during local semi-professional football games, with no action taken by referees. John was informed that the matter would be looked into.

Dear Bob, [Blackman MP] It came to my attention that Ofsted inspectors behave very rude when it comes to people like Jews, who have socially conservative views. A Jewish school incurred Ofsted's wrath for not teaching girls as young as three about gender reassignment and sexual orientation. What is going on here? Ofsted seems to focus on schools that strongly support marriage and family values like modesty. They are asking pupils inappropriate questions, including about same-sex marriage. Is that Ofsted's purpose? To lead a crusade against marriage and family values? This must stop. Ofsted cannot continue to behave like a spearhead of all those that are against marriage and family values. That is not what Ofsted is there for. If they cannot do better than that, they better get dissolved. They should not be allowed to terrorize schools and pupils. They need to respect freedom of opinion and worry about the quality of teaching Maths, English etc and nothing else. Please make sure that Ofsted gets reigned in. Best wishes, Bruno Klotz.

Dear Rosena, [Allin -Khan MP] I am not happy with your response. How then can simply expressing an opinion infringe on anyone? Nottingham Council recently banned the leader of the pro-life vigils in Nottingham from participating in those vigils because of "harassment and intimidation". They wanted to ban all the other participants in the vigil also. The matter was taken to court and Nottingham Council lost! All this talk about harassment is just another trick to make sure that those who make big money out of abortion can continue as before. Money is more important than life, obviously. Abortion is against universal law. It all backfires, as so many other things that also go against the principles that our creator has established. If we go with the devil, we will reap what we sow. You can already observe it. It is time for a change. This country has kicked out God, and then they wonder where God is in all the problems that this country faces. Well, they have kicked Him out, and now they have to solve the problems without the blessing of God. Too bad! All the best, from Bruno

Andy Johnson continues to be a staunch defender of moral and family values in the Devizes area in Wiltshire.



**True Family Values**  
(compiled by **Frank Van der Stok**,  
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## Love for the World and God

### *B. Love for the cosmos: the way of a child of God.*

*9. Holiness means set apart from everything else for God's service.*

- In ancient Israel, the Temple had a Holy Place where only the priests could enter, and only if they removed everything profane, put on special clothing and purified themselves. But the Most Holy Place was even more sacred; only the high priest could enter, and only once a year. They took care to maintain the holiness of the Temple as a home fit for God to dwell, lest God's blessing leave them.
- A holy person does not let himself be contaminated by sin.
  - He makes his physical body and spirit a place of purity, where God alone can enter in.
  - He does not allow his home to be compromised.
  - He understands that God has nothing to do with evil.

*10. The holy person lives in the world so that he can transform it.*

- We are not called to separate from the world.
- At the same time we overcome the temptation to compromise with evil, especially when it is rationalized as necessary in order to "get along" and get "practical results" in the world. Ultimately, such compromise can invalidate whatever fruits may come.

*11. Holiness upholds heaven and earth.*

- The cosmos (heaven and earth) is to become the kingdom of God, without evil.
  - Heaven is a spiritual realm without evil.
  - To live for heaven is to see beyond worldly affairs and to consider how one's deeds will be recorded in terms of their eternal significance.
- On earth as well we should be concerned for the long-term impact of our deeds.
  - Words, spoken and written, will influence people beyond one's immediate intentions.
  - Writers and thinkers who promote false theories do long-term damage are ultimately responsible for all the suffering which results (e.g. Feuerbach, Marx, Freud, Kinsey, Hefner).
  - The way of holiness is to speak and act as if my words carry the weight of the entire world. Then I will always be responsible to be upright.
- Righteousness and holiness set the standard by which the world can live.
  - "The earth is upheld by the veracity of those who have subdued their passions, and, following righteous practices, are never contaminated by

desire, covetousness, and wrath." (Vishnu Purana 3.12)

-The 7,000 who did not bow to Baal: only because of this remnant could God continue to work with the chosen people. They are the unsung heroes of Israel (I Kings 19:18).

-Holy sons and daughters provide eternal stimulation to the hearts of people of the entire world. They are the internal leaders of the world

-"The myriad objects owe their existence to the mutual stimulation subsisting between Heaven and earth. Similarly, the holy sage stimulates men's hearts and the whole world is thenceforth at peace." (I Ching 31)

*12. The individual is fully qualified to participate in true family life on the basis of practicing the vertical ethic, through filial piety, civic virtue and patriotism, sainthood and holy sonship. We all ultimately are to be holy sons and daughters of God.*

## Family Education of the Heart

### *A. True love requires that we educate our hearts.*

*1. While existing on the foundation of ethics, love is not a duty dictated by ethical standards. It is the spontaneous flow of emotion from the heart. Why is the ethical foundation necessary?*

*2. We know from experience that love is often changeable. Emotions run hot and cold, affectionate and hateful. This is the character of selfish love.*

- Selfish love is changeable; it is not true. It disappoints. It fails.
- Selfish love is narrow and short-sighted, hence it does not prosper. True love is giving and goes beyond the self.
- Selfish families do not serve the public. There is no basis for God's love to dwell in their midst.

*3. True love contains true standards within it. It naturally abides by ethical norms and encourages others to abide by them.*

*4. Therefore, love grows on the foundation of ethics.*

- Ethical norms lay out the paths which free us to give and receive love.
- The vertical ethic nurtures the quality of character that promotes true, lasting love.

*5. This is expressed completely in the family.*

*6. Therefore children learn the standard of ethical love through experience in the family.*

*(to be continued...)*

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

## WHEN THE NATION PRAYED... THE PROVIDENTIAL HAND OF GOD IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

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AT THE GATE OF CAIRO: After the fall of Tobruk, the Eighth Army was in full retreat, reaching the El Alamein line of defence on Monday, 29th June, 1942. Rommel's army came up to it the next day. Alexandria was only 65 miles away. The German radio boasted that Rommel and the Afrika Korps would sleep in Alexandria on Saturday night. Suddenly the advance stopped, the panzer divisions rolled westward. This sudden receding of the tide remains a mystery. Rommel, in his 'Papers' said: "Our strength failed in front of El Alamein." THE TURNING OF THE TIDE: Two dedicated Christian men were appointed to the most responsible position in the Middle East on 15th August, 1942. Field Marshal Alexander as Commander-in-Chief and General Montgomery as Commander of the Eighth Army. On 3rd September, according to the wish of King George VI, there was held another National Day of Prayer. People flocked to the churches all over Britain. On 23rd October, Montgomery issued this Order of the Day to the Eighth Army: "Let us pray that the Lord, mighty in battle, will give us the victory." A succession of remarkable occurrences followed. When the attack on the German forces was opened, Rommel was in Germany, sick for the first time in his life. General Stumme, appointed, to take his place, died of a heart attack next day, leaving the German High Command structure in a hopeless state of confusion. At the same time, Rommel's Chief of Staff was actually on leave. And, due to faulty intelligence, the Afrika Korps was taken completely off its guard when the bombardment began. Then, too, Montgomery's tremendous pre-offensive build up had remained completely hidden from the Germans, although it included the movement of 900 tanks. Finally, the German Military Attache in Rome, responsible for ensuring that supplies of petrol reached the Afrika Korps, had been on leave and was unable to give sufficient attention to the problem. By the time Rommel arrived back in North Africa, on 25th October, the battle was already lost. As his General Cramer said: "Alamein was lost before it was fought. We didn't have the petrol." Surely none of these things could have been due to coincidence. Said Churchill afterwards, concerning Alamein: "Before Alamein we never had a victory. After Alamein we never had a defeat." A BUMPER HARVEST: During 1942 shipping used to bring food to these shores from overseas was urgently required for carrying men and munitions. Yet Britain had to be fed. A supreme effort was made by British agriculture and a degree of cooperation and united labour was achieved as never before in our history. Added to this were the prayers of innumerable people that God would bless their efforts. There was a bumper harvest! It had become apparent to R.S. Hudson, the Minister of Agriculture, that God had been with us, for in a postscript to the BBC nine o'clock news on Old Michaelmas Night 1942, he said: "But this also I would say to you, in humility and seriousness. Much hard work and technical skill have played their part in these mighty yields, amongst the richest of all time. But I believe that we have a higher Power to thank as well, and from the depths of our hearts. Some power has wrought a miracle in the English harvest fields this summer, for in this, our year of greatest need, the land has given us bread in greater abundance than we have ever known before." D-DAY –

THE DELIVERANCE OF A CONTINENT: The task was a huge one. A massive instrument was needed and God had been preparing it and the man to lead it was King George VI, General Montgomery, Admiral Cunningham, Admiral Tovey, General Sir Miles Dempsey (Commander of the British Second Army in the invasion of Europe) and General Eisenhower (the Supreme Commander) – all these had a declared testimony of their faith in Almighty God. There was also the preparation of the forces to be involved in the coming invasion. The Deputy Chaplain-General, Canon Llewellyn Hughes, said: "The consecration of our armies has not been a last-minute effort. We were asked, and strongly asked, to make our men as Christian as we could, to preach the Word of Christ faithfully because it is true; to bring men to God that he might make them good. Most of the men are not regular churchgoing men, but they are God-going men, and they have their picture of the King of kings in the sanctuary of their hearts. And when General Eisenhower and general Montgomery in their final Orders of the Day asked us all to pray that God would prosper us, that prayer went up from honest hearts, freely and fully convinced that the business in hand was a liberation according to the will of God." THE DECISION WHEN TO INVADE: The Supreme Commander, his Commander-in-Chief and their Chiefs of Staff met at 4a.m. on Monday, 5th June, for "the final and irrevocable decision". Messages went to all the vast forces concerned: the invasion of France would start on the morning of the next day. General Eisenhower gave testimony to the effect that this had on him, when he was speaking in Abilene, Kansas, his home town, on 4th June, 1952. ('Time' magazine, 16th June, 1952). "this day, eight years ago, I made the most agonising decision of my life. I had to decide to postpone by at least 24 hours the most formidable array of fighting ships and of fighting men that was ever launched across the sea against a hostile shore. The consequences of that decision at that moment could not have been foreseen by anyone. If there was nothing else in my life to prove the existence of an Almighty and Merciful God, the events of the next 24 hours did it. The greatest break in a terrible outlay of weather occurred the next day and allowed that great invasion to proceed, with losses far below those we had anticipated." V.E. DAY 1945: The Rev. David E. Gardner, in his book "The Trumpet Sounds for Britain", Vol.2 (Christian Foundation Publications), from which the preceding material has been drawn (and is used by permission), writes: "I well remember V.E. Day. London was rejoicing. The royal family, the Prime Minister, the Service chiefs, and members of the Cabinet, all appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace before a joyful and tumultuous throng. It was a proud moment in history. The Service chiefs came to the microphone in turn, made short speeches, and paid tribute to the part which their respective arm of the Services had played in bringing about this great victory. The Prime Minister spoke – the one who had always been conscious of that overruling providence, that guiding, guardian hand. He must have come straight from the Thanksgiving Service in St. Margaret's Westminster. His Majesty King George VI then stepped quietly to the microphone. I can hear his voice today, as he said with great emphasis: "We give thanks to Almighty God for the victory he has granted us in Europe." Written and distributed by Tremore Christian Fellowship, Tremore Manor, Bodmin, PL30 5JT (01208 831204). This leaflet may be photocopied without permission, provided that no alteration or addition is made.

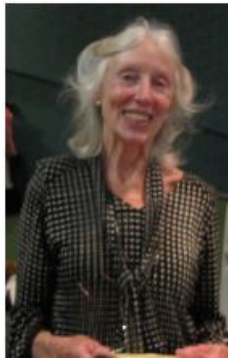
### Obituary: Bryan Warner 1926 - 2018



Bryan Warner passed away to the Spirit World on 22nd March in the early morning. He was peaceful and had many visits from his Children, grandchildren and friends throughout the day before. He was 92yrs old – born 31 January 1926. Bryan did outstanding work as the first Editor of the Morality Forum Update. We were very fortunate to be able to

have a person with Bryan's excellent, journalistic capabilities as the Editor. Bryan's articles and comments in defence of traditional moral and family values came across in a very clear and profound way, based on his sincerity and dedication, and his love for God and mankind. Thank you, Bryan! [John O'Neill]

### Obituary: Theresa Quarmby 1940 - 2018



Theresa Quarmby passed away peacefully 29th January 2018 at 8am with her family surrounding her, saying their last farewell. Theresa developed an aggressive cancer 6 months ago which sadly took her life. Theresa invested in caring and supporting her community in so many ways. Theresa was also a dedicated campaigner in defence of moral and family values. She was especially dedicated in defence of unborn children through her work with The Society for the Protection of Unborn

Children. Theresa's regular letters published in the Huddersfield Examiner gave hope and inspiration to many people because they were so clear and deep, centring on facts, and heavenly laws and principles. Theresa was also very supportive of the work of the Morality Forum. She always passed on copies of the Morality Forum Update to some of her friends in Huddersfield each time it was published. We also published over the years some of the wonderful letters Theresa wrote, and also some of the excellent articles she wrote, when speaking at different events etc. I was always very inspired by Theresa's wonderful example, and I will miss very much her contribution to the work of the Morality Forum. Thank you, Theresa! [John O'Neill]

## Ealing Council ban peaceful pro-life vigils - 'a dark day' for Britain, democracy and freedom of speech

By John O'Neill

Speaking in advance of the council meeting Antonia Tully, The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children's director of campaigns said: "It will be a very dark day for Britain if Ealing Council next week decides to introduce a Public Space Protection Order around the Marie Stopes abortion clinic in Mattock Lane, Ealing. A measure to prevent peaceful, prayerful people from standing quietly near the entrance of the abortion clinic in order to offer help to vulnerable women, strikes at the heart of the freedoms we enjoy in this country. What is so terrible about offering women last-minute help as they

approach the abortion clinic? Every year, hundreds of women take advantage of this help. Hundreds of children are alive today because their mother encountered the Good Counsel Network outside the clinic. As different councils around the country, including Ealing, have debated this issue, we have heard false statements about harassment and intimidation from those taking part in pro-life vigils. Nothing could be further from the truth. The people who take part in pro-life vigils have neither capacity for nor inclination to aggressive or coercive behaviour. And critically there is no evidence that any such behaviour has occurred. A PSPO in Mattock Lane Ealing would be a blatant attack on people of faith who are mandated by their religion to offer help to those in need and to speak out against injustice. If Ealing Council imposes a ban on pro-life vigils in Mattock Lane, it will be responsible for escalating the war against unborn babies and their vulnerable mothers. A war which history will surely judge very harshly. Abortion is the deliberate taking of an unborn child's life. The pro-life movement in Britain will not be silenced by Ealing Council." The good news is that there is going to be a challenge in the High Court, taken by a lady who was able to keep her baby because of pro-life people being outside the abortion clinic. I was outside the Ealing Council building on the evening the vote was taken regarding the buffer zone proposal. Testimonies were given by women who would have aborted their children but for the pro-life people being outside the abortion clinic. Babies and older children were together with the mothers as they gave their testimonies. It was a very poignant situation, which highlighted the sacred, holy, wonderful work being done by the pro-life volunteers in saving lives. What Ealing Council have done is totalitarian, shameful, and a blatant attack on freedom of religion and conscience. The issue of freedom of religion and conscience is under attack, not just in this country, but world-wide, especially through the LGBT agenda, and the Marxist Cultural left-wing agenda which wants to suppress all debate, such as in Universities, which contradicts their totalitarian ideology. We are clearly living in very challenging times: We see the recent chemical attack horrors in Syria, the on-going Israeli/Palestinian conflict, Iraq etc. However, in this edition of the Morality Forum Update, and the previous edition, we see how Almighty God was able to work miracles through the power of prayer. The work of the Universal Peace Federation is playing a leading role and offers genuine hope to end the misery and suffering that we see all over our troubled world, centred on Universal moral and spiritual values. UPF's core values consist of: We are one human family created by God. The highest achievements of men and women are rooted in spiritual and moral development. The family is the "school of love and peace." Peace comes through dialogue and cooperation. Service is the foundation of reconciliation. UPF are working on very high levels, with conferences and seminars etc., which feature high level politicians, religious leaders, academics, etc. One recent excellent example of the wonderful work UPF are doing, has been the Parliamentarians for Peace initiative, which has been inaugurated in every continent. History shows conclusively that eventually all evil ideologies and systems will come to an end. (D.H. Unwin. Study of 88 Civilisations}. Let us all take heart from that fact, and also, the fighting spirit exemplified by Antonia Tully concerning Ealing Council: "The pro-life movement in Britain will not be silenced by Ealing Council."

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Antonia also highlighted how, “A PSPO in Mattock Lane Ealing would be a blatant attack on people of faith who are mandated by their religion to offer help to those in need and to speak out against injustice.” Ezekiel 3:18 - “If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.” May each one of us do our best to challenge the many evil influences in our nation and to be “light” which can give hope to others, especially to those people who cannot see or feel any hope in our troubled world. Also, to keep in our prayers that the court case regarding the buffer zone will go in the favour of the Good Counsel Network, and that the work of the Universal Peace Federation and other like-minded organisations will be able to bring substantial results which will bring hope and peace, especially to those people living in dire circumstances such as the Syrian war situation.

### What Mums want and Dads need to know Harry and Kate Benson, Lion Hudson, 2017, pb, 218pp, £8.99, ISBN 9780745968858

Drawing on the ‘back from the brink’ story of their own marriage, the stories of couples they have helped over the years and numerous surveys, Harry and Kate Benson make a convincing case for saying that if a husband prioritises his wife’s happiness they will enjoy a successful marriage. In the words of Kate, ‘When my husband is interested in me and is kind and generous to me, every part of me lights up. When my husband neglects me it slowly weighs me down like a wet blanket.’ Harry Benson identifies the arrival of children in particular as a major stress factor which reveals and exacerbates tensions in a marriage. A mother inevitably has ‘baby, baby, baby’ as her focus as she is engaged physically, emotionally and practically in bringing a child into the world, nourishing it and caring for it. On the other hand a new father may feel his wife is so competent and attuned to the baby’s needs he can maintain his focus on his work outside of the home. It is at this point especially, Benson contends, that to secure a vibrant marriage, a husband needs to make a determined effort to turn his focus to his home and most especially to his wife. He needs to take responsibility for the quality of the marriage. ‘We need to start thinking about the family in a different way,’ he says, ‘by recognising mum’s role at the centre of family life and working out what mums want.’ This was supported by his survey of 291 mothers of whom 95-98 per cent said that what they most desired from their husbands was ‘friendship’, ‘being interested in me’ and ‘being interested in the children’. He helpfully spells out what this looks like practically, asking: ‘What can I do for you?’, taking trouble to find out what is on his wife’s mind, taking notice of her, complimenting her, caring for her and putting her at the top of his list of people who matter. It boils down to an attentive and sacrificial mindset – what the framers of the marriage service expressed in the promise ‘to cherish’.

### Message of hope

This is a book full of hope. Real life stories show how struggling marriages can be turned around and begin to flourish, not only bringing stability and happiness to the couple concerned, but also providing a model that will give confidence to their children so that their own future marriages can thrive. Benson also encourages couples who are secure in their marriages to reach out and support those who are struggling and to share their lives and wisdom with them. He adds that such support will be of more practical help than the advice of all too many counsellors who treat husbands and wives as separate individuals pursuing individual happiness, rather than viewing them as a unit seeking to find joy and contentment together. In a nutshell, Benson writes: ‘So this is what mums want: Husbands, love your wife. Then she will love you right back. In that order.’

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## MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY – THE FOUNDATION OF SOCIETY

### God’s Three Great Blessings for human beings

*The Three Great Blessings* (Genesis 1:28) reveal to us the purpose of our existence. They show the path that each of us – and humanity, as a whole – has to take in order to reach our divine potential and fulfil our innate desire for JOY. At the same time, they unveil God’s ideal that He wants to see established in His creation. If the first human ancestors had fulfilled the Three Blessings, God would have felt the greatest joy by experiencing His own image reflected in His sons and daughters. **THE EXPERIENCE OF JOY** – the deep, emotionally satisfying and lasting joy, which unfolds through unconditional love for the well-being of one’s partner – **is the highest purpose behind God’s creation of the cosmos.** The fulfilment of our deepest aspirations can be found in the realization of the Three Great Blessings: the desire for inner peace and a mature character; the desire for a loving family and harmonious interpersonal relationships; and the wish to unfold our creativity and talents in harmony with the surrounding natural environment. We suffer, consciously and unconsciously, when these primary desires remain unfulfilled. This divine image is deeply rooted within us, but for certain reasons we find great difficulty in connecting with it. Still, we strive to make this connection time and again, because intuitively we know that the highest potential for joy and happiness is to be found there. **The family – far more than just a basic social community:** Human beings need to mature in love. The family is the place where each of us finds the relationships that are most essential for our growth of heart (spiritual growth). It is also the place where our identity is affirmed and strengthened. Through experiencing parental, filial, siblings’ and conjugal love, our heart can grow to the highest level of human love: the parental heart, which invests and gives unconditionally, again and again. That is the final “test” in the school of love. The family was purposefully established by God as the natural school of love and ethics. Families of true love are the foundation for a righteous and caring society. [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification]