

# Morality Forum Update

Standing up for family values in society

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## The Battle to Protect the Innocence and Purity of Children in our Schools Intensifies - By John O'Neill

*Safe at School has condemned the Welsh Government's move to make Relationships and Sexuality Education a compulsory school subject in all schools in Wales. From 2021 parents in Wales will no longer be able to withdraw their children from lessons on relationships and sexuality calling the decision a 'fundamental breach of parental rights', Safe at School said that parents in Wales will be 'powerless to protect their children' from teaching on LGBT+ and other sensitive matters. Antonia Tully of the Safe at School campaign said: 'This is a staggering move by the Welsh Government. 88.7% of those who responded to their own public consultation last year said that parents should be able to withdraw their children from LGBT+ classes'. 'Once again, parents are being totally ignored. The Welsh Government has effectively taken over the education of children and teenagers in the sensitive and intimate areas of human relationships and sexuality. This is the task of parents, not the state. And critically parents are being denied their right to bring up their children in line with their own beliefs and values'. 'Safe at School will be supporting and advising parents in Wales about what they can do to work with schools to make sure that the new subject does not expose their children to unacceptable and inappropriate teaching.' Antonia Tully also said: 'Parents are also under attack from Ofsted. Their Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman, is now criticising the Government for not doing enough to stop parents from protesting about teaching on relationships which they find unacceptable'. 'Parents are being turned into the enemies of their children, as well as the state. If our governments were serious about equipping children for life in 21st century, they would be harnessing the support and active engagement of parents. Parents know and understand their children best. Let them teach their own children about relationships and sexuality.'*

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### GENERAL IMPORTANT NEWS

#### Abortion will end when more of us are willing to become guilty with Mary Wagner

**'Let's not be afraid to peacefully interfere, following Mary's example, with the abortion business.'**



BUENOS AIRES, September 16, 2019 (LifeSiteNews) – Proving to be a sign of contradiction in today's world, Canadian pro-life advocate Mary Wagner has been convicted. She was found guilty of interfering with the operation of the abortion business she entered where, according to her testimony, she offered “hope and love

to the mothers about to abort their children.” Mary’s attempt to save a child is judged a crime while those who exterminate them live free of accusations, penalties, and restrictions. Those who try to save the lives of the innocent by championing their right to be born are accused, imprisoned, and restricted from the vicinity of the extermination centres. What is it that drives Mary to seek justice for these children, even to the extent of putting herself at odds with the law? I once heard the story about how Mary travelled with friends when she was about 20 years old to study in France. It was there that a group of acquaintances invited her to visit a Nazi death camp. Aware of her own deep sensitivity, she declined the invitation several times, until one day she agreed to go. At the death camp, she felt a deep sorrow. Sadness and despair seemed rooted in the place. The story goes that Mary, feeling a pain deep in her heart, realized that the Holocaust had not ended, but that

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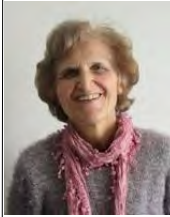
Safe at School has also highlighted how the Government is using Local Authorities in a sinister move to spy on parents who want to protect their children from inappropriate RSE lessons. In a recently published document, the Department for Education is urging Local Authorities to brief schools on how to look out for any signs of parents disagreeing with teaching on LGBT relationships. Safe at School condemned this totalitarian strategy as “a Marxist strategy which suppresses free speech, and that the real purpose of the DfE’s advice document is to ensure that Local Authorities effectively take over how schools teach Relationships Education, shutting out parents in the process.” Actions for Local Authorities include: Showing ‘strong support for Relationships Education and/or teaching about LGBT.’ Parents and grandparents and other concerned citizens are being asked to write to their MP and to highlight how appalled they are that the Department of Education is spying on parents who wish to protect their children from inappropriate and harmful SRE lessons, and to ask the MP’s to contact the Secretary of State for Education to withdraw the advice given for Local Authorities. Special thanks again to Safe at School for the outstanding work they continue to do in fighting to protect our children from amoral SRE lessons. From all the various consultations about SRE lessons it became very clear that a large majority of people do not want their rights to know what is best for their children taken away from them. It is ironic that it is a Conservative administration that is allowing this shameful, disgraceful, totalitarian assault on the human rights of parents to be threatened. Previously, the Tories were known to stand for traditional family values. The Blair government paved the way for the LGBT indoctrination in schools with various acts of legislation, which started with the removal of *Section 28* legislation which prohibited homosexual indoctrination in schools. The Cameron government furthered the LGBT cause with legislating in favour of same-sex marriage. The politicians need an urgent reminder that they are there to serve the wishes of all the people in their nation, not just the wishes of a totalitarian, numerically small lobby group which wants to impose its beliefs and ideals onto the whole nation, sweeping away in the process freedom of religion and conscience and parental rights. In the USA we see the wonderful example of what can happen when a key politician acts in a righteous and proper way. Donald Trump recently became the first American president to participate in the annual March for Life in Washington DC. Trump is a dedicated pro-life person and his administration is legislating to stop the *holocaust* of abortion in the USA through appointing pro-life judges and supporting the pro-life lobby in different ways. It is assumed now that the convenience abortion laws in the USA will be rescinded. We urgently need politicians in our nation to come forward and to speak out and to act to protect our children from amoral SRE lessons in our schools and to protect parental rights and freedom of religion and conscience. Unfortunately, many of our key politicians in all the main political parties support the LGBT cause, including Boris Johnson. This is why it is so crucial that the religious leaders come to the forefront to lead the fight for parental rights and freedom of religion and conscience. Unfortunately, our main religious leaders such as the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Archbishop of York Dr. John Sentamu and others, are compromised regarding the LGBT agenda, so it is left to the grassroots religious people to take the initiative. This is happening already with the Muslim parents in Birmingham and other initiatives such as recent demonstrations outside the Houses of Parliament. However, much more needs to be

done. Many more people need to be involved and we need a coordinated, integrated strategy which will involve people from all backgrounds, but especially religious people need to be at the forefront of such campaigns, as religious people are meant to act as the conscience of their nations - Ezekiel 3:18, Ephesians 5:11. Let us keep in our prayers that righteous politicians will come to the forefront in our nation who will speak out strongly to defend the rights of parents and the protection of our children in schools. Also, may each one of us do our best to join in with the various initiatives concerning these very serious issues. Martin Luther King Junior: “He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.” Deut. 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them.” *Safe at School: information @spuc.org Tel: 02070917091*

## Universal Peace Federation Summit Explores Southeast Europe Peace and Development Tirana, Albania

Participants from over 50 nations attended the Southeast Europe Peace Summit organized by UPF. The summit, held from October 25 to 27, 2019, featured a wide range of activities.

**Interfaith Cooperation and social engagement – best practices. Director, Women’s Federation for World Peace, West Midlands, United Kingdom - Patricia Earle.**



Patricia Earle is the Director of the Women's Federation for World Peace in the West Midlands region of the United Kingdom and, with her husband, a representative of the Universal Peace Federation. She has been working in Birmingham for peace in the community, and around the world, since 1991. She founded a Women's Peace Group in 1993, and regularly hosts events in her home, bringing together hundreds of women from different nationalities, religions, races and cultures around the themes of peace, friendship and social action. Patricia is married with 4 children, all working in the National Health Service and caring professions. Patricia Earle, having worked for the past 27 years in peace and interfaith activities in the city of Birmingham, described the origins of her Women's Peace Group in the early 1990's, at the time of the Bosnian War, when WFWP organized a 40-day chain of prayer across European nations. Beginning with a small number of Christian women, in recent years more than 100 women have been meeting on a regular basis, consisting of 1/3 Christian, 1/3 Muslim and 1/3 other faiths. At each meeting, someone shares about an issue of common concern, and there is always a practical outcome, whether money raised to support the work of the speaker, or women volunteering their time to support a cause. The largest project has been the building and maintaining of an Interfaith Children's Home in India. However, the main impetus for practical action comes from the time of prayer during each meeting, and the common experience of the Divine, which is love, and has no name. The meetings also allow friendships to be formed, fear removed, stereotypes changed and barriers broken down, creating a safe space for women to share their heart and feelings, all of which helps to create the motivation to put interfaith into action.

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it continues today in abortion centres around the world, where, in the name of human rights, human beings are deprived of their natural rights and murdered. In each legal abortion, the Holocaust lives on, the strong rule over the life of the weak, a child is stripped of freedom, a child dies. When will this injustice end? When more of us become like Mary, willing to go to jail so that others might be free, free to live. When will abortion end? When more of us become guilty with Mary. Let's not be afraid to peacefully interfere, following Mary's example, with the abortion business. Mariana Rodriguez Varela is an outspoken pro-life campaigner in Argentina, who organized a vigil at the Canadian embassy in Buenos Aires and across her country to pray for Mary Wagner's liberation. #YoQuieroSerCulpable *Abortion, Civil Disobedience, Mary Wagner, Pro-Life Witness*

## **Victory! Kraft Heinz Pledges No More Ads on Explicit Sites Dawn Hawkins - Senior Vice President and Executive Director National Centre on Sexual Exploitation**

The global companies Kraft Heinz and Unilever recently came under public scrutiny for advertising on Pornhub—a large, sexually exploitive, pornography site that normalizes themes of racism, incest, and violence against women. Following initial public backlash, Unilever pledged to never advertise on a pornography website again, but Kraft Heinz initially declined to rule out future plans to advertise on porn sites. They also justified their ad choices, as one of their directors, Nigel Dickie, originally stated that the advertising placed on Pornhub was simply part of the Super Bowl campaign for their "DEVOUR" product line.

The National Centre on Sexual Exploitation, which is dedicated to addressing the harms of the full spectrum of sexual exploitation and abuse, including pornography, published an op-ed calling out Kraft Heinz for associating with a pornography site and launched a social media campaign for consumers to contact the company asking them to publicly commit to no longer advertising on pornography websites. Two days later, after individuals from across America reached out to the company, Kraft Heinz is committing to no longer put ads on pornography sites. On November 6th, Kraft Heinz consumer relations emailed people who complained, stating: "We are very sorry we disappointed you as that is never our intent with our marketing. Kraft Heinz has pledged not to advertise or promote any of its brands on Pornhub or other similar sites." Statement by Haley Halverson, Vice President of Advocacy and Outreach for the National Centre on Sexual Exploitation: "Kraft Heinz made the right choice to no longer partner with the pornography industry, and the National Centre on Sexual Exploitation applauds them for this new commitment. When mainstream corporations normalize the pornography industry, they fund and promote its inherently sexually exploitive content. Not only does most mainstream pornography depict themes of violence against women, incest, and racism, but recent revelations also reveal that sex trafficking and child sexual abuse videos have been found on Pornhub despite its so-called concern for consent. Commercial sexual exploitation,

in any of its forms, ought to be intolerable to our society which is why I am so glad to hear Kraft Heinz's new policy. We couldn't do it without support from friends like you, so thank you!"

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**Mr. Jack Corley President, FFWPU and UPF Eastern Europe sub-region - Family values, Peace values.** Mr. Jack Corley is an Irish citizen and has worked with the Unification Movement in Europe, the United States, Southeast Asia, the former Soviet Union and China. Between 1990 and 2005 he worked in the former Soviet region as Vice President of

the International Educational Foundation and Secretary General of UPF Eurasia, and organized many conferences on character education in the People's Republic of China. From 2006 to 2009 he served as assistant Secretary General of UPF International. He currently serves as the President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and Universal Peace Federation for the East European sub-region. Quoting from Genesis, Mr Corley said that we should "Be fruitful, multiply and have dominion". As Dr. Moon said at the summit, what is missing is God. We have all kinds of human solutions, but how do we actualise the ideal of the family? We all come from a family, unless we are space aliens! The family decides our character. If it's a loving family, it will be reflected in this. We cannot underestimate the value of the family. Is there anyone here who doesn't want to be happy? We all seek happiness, even the king and the queen. We tend to pursue material goals rather than spiritual and emotional ones. Barbara Hutton owned the Woolworths stores, which were very popular. She said that even though she was the richest woman in the world, she was also the most unhappy woman in the world. J.P. Getty also said he'd give up all his material wealth for one successful marriage. What are the 2 forms of education required? They are education of character and education in the areas of material development. There should not be a contradiction between them, but we should keep in mind the priority. Mr. Corley explained that he comes from a family of 5 girls and 5 boys, very Irish and very Catholic. You learn there how to fight, but also how to forgive. The mothers who are here, if you have many children, you learn to become the greatest peacemakers. Do you ever graduate from being a child to your parents? No, it's a lifelong experience. Sibling rivalry is a big issue in families. Self-discipline in the sexual area is also important, because people cannot control this just because they sign a marriage contract. The 4th experience of love is when we become parents. Many people are unhappy because their parents were ill-prepared for that role. We experience 6 levels of relationship in the family, between older and younger siblings, with grandparents, etc. For example, if a boy had a difficult relationship with his father, he tends to be rebellious towards authority. We need to put the family back into order, to bring peace in the world. Finally, Mr. Corley cited a quote from Confucius 2,500 years ago: "When there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character; when there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home; If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nations; when there is order in the nations, there will peace in the world."

## Morality Forum Action

On September 27<sup>th</sup> John O'Neill delivered abortion information leaflets in the Stanmore area of NW London. The main leafleting day for the Harrow branch of SPUC was September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Message sent to *Coalition for Marriage*: Thank you very much! And do not forget that the real marriage is not just husband and wife, but God, husband and wife. God has to be in the centre, as well as God centred love. If there is no God in the centre, then true love is most likely to miss as well, and everything is very shaky. People just run off, if things do not work so well. Best wishes Bruno

On September 24<sup>th</sup> and on October 1<sup>st</sup> John O'Neill was interviewed by Pastor Chika Amadi on her weekly TV programme. The topics discussed included: The Sexual Revolution, personal responsibility, the death penalty and the sexualisation of children in schools.

On October 5<sup>th</sup> John O'Neill attended the Annual General Assembly of The Christian Peoples Alliance. June Darby and John O'Neill delivered general election leaflets supporting Pastor Chika Amadi who stood as a CPA candidate in the Hayes and Harlington constituency. John also went door-to-door canvassing together with Pastor Chika. John delivered leaflets on 7 occasions supporting the CPA prolife candidate, Deborah Longe, in the general election constituency of Walthamstow.

On October 19<sup>th</sup> John O'Neill participated in a prolife peaceful demonstration organised by the prolife organisation Bio-Ethical Reform group in Walthamstow. The BER were targeting Stella Creasy the Walthamstow MP concerning her extreme pro-abortion views. John handed out postcards and had positive conversations with a number of people.

On October 26<sup>th</sup> Bruno Klotz, Anne Kobayashi, John O'Neill and Tony and Hildegard Bain participated in a demonstration opposite the Houses of Parliament, concerning protecting children in schools from harmful SRE and Sex Education lessons.

On 28<sup>th</sup> November John O'Neill spoke on a phone-in on national radio station LBC concerning the rights of private renters.

The latest *Safe at School* bulletins, abortion information leaflets and other items from SPUC have been widely distributed to religious organisations and also to individual people. John O'Neill continues to highlight to church pastors and their congregations about the amoral government Sex Education and Sex and Relationships Education proposals concerning children in schools.

## Vatican message To Sikhs

The year 2019 was especially important for Sikhs. They celebrated the 550th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of the Sikh religion and their first Guru, who was born in 1469. Dear Sikh Friends, The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue sends you its most felicitous congratulations on the momentous commemoration of the 550th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji (1469-1539) celebrated worldwide on 12 November this year. May the celebrations and festivities marking this historic event fill your hearts, homes and communities with great joy while

reinvigorating fraternity and fellowship among you and enhancing everywhere unity and peace in and through you!

Faced with increasing threats to living peacefully together, we think it opportune to share some thoughts on how we, Christians and Sikhs, can promote human fraternity for harmony, peace and prosperity in the world. Human fraternity determines the overall strength of humanity. It measures the health of relationships between people, at family, local, national and international level. As history attests, the bond of goodwill among people strengthens human solidarity. It fosters co-responsibility and forges human alliances for peace and prosperity. Hence, to help human relations stay healthy and hearty, we all have to play our part. Our respective faith in God, as a loving Father, invites us to recognize, love and help the 'other' as a brother or a sister, since to love God and to love our neighbour are two aspects of our life of faith. On the other hand, as the Bible says, if someone says, 'I love God' but hates his brother, he is a liar (Cf. Holy Bible, 1 Jn 4:20). In other words, a God-oriented person can only be happy by loving and being kind towards others (Cf. Guru Granth Sahib, p. 273). Indeed, our faith in God may only be measured by how much we love, respect, help and support our fellow beings, most especially the poor, the weak and the needy. It is no surprise that Guru Nanak ji called upon his adherents to follow this profound exhortation: "Let universal brotherhood be your highest religious aspiration" (Guru Granth Sahib, Amritsar, 1604, Japu, Stanza 28, p. 6). Universal Fraternity is both richness and responsibility. As richness, it structures relationships within the ethical framework of treating life with dignity and sanctity as a God-given gift. It also helps us to treat the rights of all human beings with respect and sanity. As responsibility, it demands that we fulfil our duties towards others. This attitude of goodwill towards all is so necessary to help bring about world peace. In his message for the World Day of Peace, in 1971, Pope Paul VI said that, "Whoever works to educate the rising generation to believe that every man is our brother, is building peace from its very base." He added, "Where goodwill amongst men is at root disregarded, peace is at root destroyed" (Paul VI, Message for the Celebration of the Day of Peace, 1 January, 1971). The promotion of human fraternity begins in the family, which is "the wellspring of fraternity" and "the foundation and the first pathway to peace" (Pope Francis, Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace, 2014). In the family, one can learn and pass on the values of mutual love and respect, fraternal caring and sharing, service and selfless self-giving. In a spirit of mutual acceptance and cooperation, the family can ensure the well-being of all peoples. "Peace and joy at home, peace and joy in the world around" (Guru Granth Sahib, Amritsar, 1604, pp. 619, 1136). Religions too have an important role in nurturing fraternal relationships in families, communities, nations and in the wider world. Their role becomes even more crucial and beneficial when certain groups seek to divide people and tear apart the fabric of society. As believers, with shared convictions and concerns for the welfare of everybody (sarbat da bhalaa), may we, both Christians and Sikhs, strive to become "artisans of fraternity". (Pope Francis, Meeting with the Members of Higher Committee for achieving goals, contained in the Document on 'Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together' 11 Sept. 2019, Santa Marta, Rome). Let us join hands with people of other religious traditions and with people of good will, in order to promote human fraternity everywhere! Wishing you all once again a joyous Prakash Diwas of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji! *Miguel Ángel Cardinal Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ President Rev. Msgr. Indunil Kodithuwakku Janakarathne Kankanamalage Secretary. This article is published by permission of Westminster Interfaith*





## TRUE FAMILY VALUES MINISTRY

### The Authority of True Love

#### A. The governing authority of true love.

##### 2. *The glory and power of love in a true family.*

- The nobility of love. True love demonstrates and teaches the highest virtues and the highest dignity. The British Royal family was one of many examples of the embodiment of courage, responsibility and nobility, particularly Edward VIII, who remained in London during the blitzkrieg to suffer with the people. But today this family has lost its authority because of the corruption of love. They invest totally in their children. They give and give and forget what they have given, and give again. They endure any difficulty without ceasing to give.
- The person of true love fulfils three roles:
  - A teacher (of virtue).
  - An owner (a leader who takes responsibility for his realm).
  - A parent (in his sincere concern for the people). Therefore, we must be people of absolute love in order to be true parents.
- The authority of love.
  - Secular authority is feared; it is backed by physical force. Godly authority is based upon love. In Mark 1:22 it is stated that Jesus "taught them as one who had authority."
  - By virtuous character.
  - By self-sacrifice for the people.
  - Without intimidation or threat.
  - The people revere such a person.
  - If one feels some indulgent and selfish joy, they feel uncomfortable, even judgment, to face an example of godly love. Such fear born of respect promotes proper ethics.
- True love governs with joy. True authority is not just to control but to govern with love. True love guarantees the people's welfare and protects the spiritual standard of the public sphere. True love elevates those who serve the public, and advances the public interest. People find joy through living under the authority of true love.

##### 3. *The home is a palace of love.*

They want their children to be better than themselves - smarter, more attractive, more loving, more resourceful, more successful. Parents are never jealous of their child's surpassing them.

- Even a hovel can be a palace if God's love is there.
- The palaces of secular rulers are whitewashed tombs if love is absent.

4. *True family life is a life of true nobility, or kingship. Kingship is defined: "The power of true love given to all people through true family relationships."*

- Kingship expresses the glory and preciousness of love in the family. We can be overwhelmed with the grandeur of

God's love expressed through the beauty of a family. Secular kingship often relies upon external beauty, display and pageantry.

- Kingship expresses the authority and awe which derives from love. Grandparents and parents authority is imbued with true love; it induces awe and respect from the youngsters. Secular kingship too often uses force to implement authority, and controls by fear, not respect.
- Kingship expresses the power of true love to attract the cooperation and solidarity of others joyfully. We naturally are attracted to cooperate and work together with the leader who is working for the sake of everyone. Secular authority utilizes coercion of law and police to keep society in line.
- Kingship expresses the respect due grandparents, parents and children who have the authority of true love. Secular authority exalts external skills, not family values, as the basis of respect.

5. *In our family, the grandparents are kings and queens of the past, the parents are king and queen of the present, and children are kings and queens of the future.*

- With democracy, the age of royalty is over. In democracies, it is the people who confer respect and authority on the king. If they withhold it, the king ceases to be king.
- Today we proclaim that all men are created equal, so there is no political or social basis for exalting one person as king.
- But as a result, in democracy we have no models of true morality, dignity, virtue, and value. As perceived by Alexis de Tocqueville, in *Democracy in America*, democracy destroys "the natural superiority of reason and virtue." It is "silent on the most important question facing us **Quid sit home?** or **What is man?** It therefore can provide no coherent answer to the question of the limitation of human will. It can provide no answer to those who, for reasons of efficiency or malevolence, want to dispose of the society's weakest members, the aged and the unborn. It can provide no fertile source for the creation of beauty. . . . The democratic regime threatens to obscure every reference point that transcends the sovereign individual. When this occurs, Tocqueville suspected, democracy is doomed. We will no longer fathom the true, the good, or the beautiful, and our institutions will crumble." (Brian Anderson, *Ibid.*)
- Indeed, we look up to celebrities based upon physical beauty or strength, intellectual cleverness or business savvy, and gain vicarious pleasure watching their goings-on.
- Our presidents often are little better; their virtue is further compromised by the demands of partisan politics.
- Notwithstanding, some exceptional men and women have arisen within the democratic world by God's will.
- But now we are entering a new age, in which each person can have the dignity of king and queen.

### The Nobility of Three Generations

#### 1. *The nobility of grandparents*

- Grandparents represent the past.
- Grandparents represent the spirit world. By honouring them, we honour all our ancestors, the entire spirit world, and God himself.

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

## Letters and Emails Received

[Mass Protest at Parliament Square - Protection of children from harmful RSE lessons] Many thanks for sharing this vital information John. May the Lord deliver the UK, the schools and the next generation from this evil! Yours in Christ, Pastor Moses

Hello John, it was good to meet you last Saturday. Thank you also for the copy of Morality Forum Update, which I have been reading with interest. Please let people know about our website ([www.schoolgatecampaign.org](http://www.schoolgatecampaign.org)) and encourage parents to consult with their schools. If there is any other way you think you can help, please let me know. Any suggestions would be most welcome. Thanks, and regards. Susan

Thank you, John. Continue your good work on moral issues. Many Blessings, Barbara

Thanks for this John. (SRE Letter to MP's) I have written to my MP, Conor Burns, homosexual. David. <https://youtu.be/ljDYWr9eGnQ?t=151>

Thank you, Rev John for sending. (Morality Forum Update) God bless and continue to uphold and send divine support for this great work for our heavenly father. May the Lord reward you for your hard work in Jesus mighty name. Thank you again and God bless. Taiwo

Dear John, Thank you for your latest Update. Thank the Lord for such dedicated people as yourself. We unfortunately live in a bohemian society where Christianity, morality and a sense of decorum no longer exist. May God give you the strength to carry on with your valuable work. Maria Rose

### Hold On to Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers

Gordon Neufeld and Gabor Maté Vermilion, 2019, xi + 332pp, £9.99 ISBN 978-1-78504-219-5

This book was written 'with the radical intent of reawakening people's natural parenting instincts'. In opposition to the modern obsession with parenting as a set of skills to be followed along lines recommended by experts, it focuses not on what parents should do, but on what they need to be for their children. The authors, a clinical psychologist and a retired physician, give particular attention to what they call 'the phenomenon of peer orientation' – the chief and most damaging of the competing attachments that undermine parental authority and love. They contend that for the first time in history, young people are turning for instruction, modelling and guidance not to their parents, teachers and other responsible adults, but to their own peers, who cannot possibly guide them to maturity.

By and large, culture is no longer being transmitted by parents to their children, but a very distinct and alien culture is being transmitted horizontally to children by their peers. All too often, peers have replaced parents as the most significant people in the lives of children and young people, but peer relationships typically lack the unconditional love and acceptance, the desire to nurture, and the willingness to sacrifice that characterise the parent-child relationship. **Cultural breakdown:** Dr Neufeld and Dr Maté argue that the reason that children so readily transfer their attachments from nurturing adults to each

other is not due to individual parental failure, but to cultural breakdown. Daycare, schools and the loss of extended family have all contributed to a climate in which children are growing up 'peer rich' and 'adult poor'. The authors note that peer interaction has also become a priority for many churches, with members grouped by age rather than by family, inadvertently promoting the loss of multi-generational connections. In five major sections, the book addresses: •The phenomenon of peer orientation; •How peer orientation undermines parenting; •How peer orientation stunts healthy development; •How to hold on to our children (or how to reclaim them); •Preventing peer orientation. No book on parenting will command universal agreement in every respect and *Hold On to Your Kids* is no exception. Nevertheless, many of its observations will resonate with every parent and it is full of helpful insights. For example, having noted that children who have replaced their parents with peers are the more likely to be sexually preoccupied and active, and that unwanted teenage pregnancies have escalated in countries where peer orientation abounds, it comments that: 'The sex of adolescence seldom comes with the protection of commitment, the promise of exclusivity, the tenderness of consideration, or the support of the community. It is sex that is unprotected in the deepest sense – psychologically.' **Parents matter:** For parents with peer-oriented children, Dr Neufeld and Dr Maté suggest four steps to reclaiming them and offer the encouragement that the relationship with parents and family still matters profoundly to even the most peer-oriented child. Above all, parents must seek to cultivate a profound intimacy that their children's peers cannot compete with, and each child must know that he or she is wanted, special, significant, valued, appreciated, missed and enjoyed. Structures that facilitate the parent-child relationship are key: family holidays, family celebrations, family games, family activities; and above all, the family meal is one of the most significant attachment rituals of all. In response to the question, 'Who is to raise our children?' the authors respond: 'The resounding answer, the only answer compatible with nature, is that we – the parents and other adults concerned with the care of children – must be their mentors, their guides, their nurturers and their models'. **Digital age:** First published in Canada in 2004, this new edition of *Hold On to Your Kids* contains 'a postscript for the digital age', which observes that peer orientation has shaped the digital revolution, and the digital revolution both favours and furthers peer orientation. The authors hold that digital social interaction acts like a persistent and pervasive weed that eventually takes over and interferes with what children truly need. Digital connections are an unfulfilling substitute for real attachments, but the secret of reducing damage is not outright prohibition, but timing. Young people should not be exposed to social media until they are well-satisfied and well-satiated by a warm attachment to their parents and mature enough to handle it. The overriding emphasis throughout the book is that 'Parenting is not a set of skills and behaviours, but above all a relationship.' In keeping with that, Dr Neufeld and Dr Maté wisely write: 'We do not recommend that parents accept our suggestions until they have the confidence, the patience and the warmth to follow through with them. One must not parent a child from a book – not even this one!' *This article is published by permission of Family Education Trust*

## Bishop calls LGBT indoctrination of kids 'child abuse': 'We must stop this insanity'

TYLER, Texas, November 13, 2019 (LifeSiteNews) – A Catholic bishop of the United States denounced as “child abuse” the “insane and evil” transgender message given to children in schools that was recently highlighted in a video circulating on social media. Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas, expressed disgust over a video that featured two LGBT activists telling a classroom of school kids that boys can become girls and girls can become boys and one’s “identity” can change over time. The LGBT activists told the children that “genitals actually don’t determine our gender,” and that “some people born with vulvas can be boys,” and that “people can also be fluid, feel more like female or male based on a different day or time.” Bishop Strickland tweeted that the LGBT lesson promotes an “insane and evil message” that is destroying the lives of “innocent children.” “In a sane society,” he wrote, this would be “called what it is, child abuse.” Those “propagating this insanity would be prosecuted, “In a series of tweets appearing on the feed for Questioning LGBT/CSE Education, “sex educator” Nadine and “sex researcher” Eva told children that “gender is how you feel on the inside about whether you’re a boy or a girl, man or a woman, if you’re non-binary, feel like neither or both.” The two presenters held small mannequins that appeared to have ambiguous genitalia. “People can also be fluid,” Eva said, “feel more like female, feel more like male,” and added, “It’s really individual.” When the children were asked whether someone born with a vulva is a woman or a girl, most held up hand signs with the word “true.” However, Nadine dismissed their response, saying, “Not everybody is sure, and that makes sense. But our genitals don’t determine our gender. So, some people born with vulvas can be boys.” The children were then introduced by the sex educators to a person they called a “role model” who said she was born a “girl” but who now “identifies” as a man. Saying that she had been through the “spectrum” of presenting herself as a boy and as a girl and “everywhere in between,” the “role model” explained that she “transitioned” to a male and had a double mastectomy, what she called a “top surgery.”

Bishop Strickland has been regularly outspoken about some of the most controversial issues of the day, including abortion, homosexuality, and contraception. During the current meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, he expressed dismay, for instance, when Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego objected to keeping abortion as the “preeminent” issue for the bishops’ social justice program. Bishop Strickland told his colleagues openly that the word “preeminent” should remain in a letter declaring that abortion remains the primary social justice issue for the bishops to pursue. He later tweeted that he was saddened that 1 out of 3 bishops voted against the pre-eminence of abortion among their concerns. He tweeted: “Thank God the USCCB voted to uphold the pre-eminence of the Sanctity of the life of the unborn. It is sad that 69 voted no.” In previous tweets, Bishop Strickland called on fellow bishops and Catholics to “wake up” and confront the dangers posed by the LGBT agenda. Reacting to a news story that a Catholic hospital may be sued for refusing a hysterectomy to a gender-confused woman, he tweeted: “Not only Catholics but all believers need to WAKE UP....this cuts at the very roots of civilization.”

## Are We a True-Love Species?

By Stephen Stacey



Sometimes we forget that we are a species. Yes, we know we are mammals. But, beyond this, what do we know about our species? In the world of animals, there are different forms of family structure. Some are single-parent species, and other animals form harems. Some animals form matriarchal herds and others lay many eggs and walk away. In some species, the partners stay together for a season while they raise their young, while other species bond and stay together for life. Each species has its one, optimal way of sustaining itself across the centuries. But what is ours? Those species that bond for life – the swans, albatrosses, puffins, gibbons, turtle doves, barn owls, beavers, French angelfish, some penguins, arctic terns, and more – are interesting to watch. They all live by the same set of mating rules. They don’t engage in pre-marital sex. For example, the albatrosses can take several years to find their ‘soul mate,’ and, only after they choose each other do they engage in intimacy. Thus, at the moment they choose each other, both partners are saying, in their own unique way, “I do.” Then again, among their common species norms, it is very rare to find infidelity occurring and divorce is almost unheard of. In essence, good Catholics and Mormons are just replicating the norms of the true-love cranes and love birds. The consistency of the behaviour amongst the true-love species raises an interesting question. Is it that the Bible is trying to teach a sexual and family norm that is not natural for our species? Or did Europe and America become so successful because the Bible consistently reminded our ancestors of our natural species-norm – which might be the true-love norm – and, when they followed this norm, they found that they could eventually build flourishing nations? The Old and New Testament together create a worldview that identifies humans as being a true-love species. Thus, when the Christian activists seek to encourage the young to delay sexual intimacy until marriage, are they just trying to encourage us to reconnect with our natural selves – the sexual and family norm that allows our species to excel?

For further evidence that we are might be a true-love species, it is useful to understand how the partners in the true-love species keep their attraction to each other alive in their ‘marriages.’ Somewhere in their ancestral history, the males and the females had to give up something. The males gave up the strong impulse to want to run after the young females during the annual mating season. And the females gave up the chance to get up close and personal with each new generation of alpha males. What did they get in return? They gained the ability to sense on-going affection. The true-love species are the most affectionate of species. The male moose is driven to distraction by the females for a couple of weeks a year and then returns to chewing grass for the other fifty weeks. However, the lucky puffin male gets to experience months of tender affection with the woman of his dreams. He doesn’t get the young females, but he does get something that he consid-

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ers to be far more precious – on-going affectionate love. Thus, the members of the true-love species, to keep their love alive for many years, express a large range of habits that we humans can recognize as acts of affection. The male arctic tern will regularly bring his beloved a gift – a fish. The storks will dance together around the kitchen. The cranes just like doing everything together. Mrs. Beaver has a long ‘to-do’ list, and when Mr. Beaver has cut down a tree and fixed the dam, she will snuggle up close to him. The albatrosses say “hello” to each other in an excited way that expresses how deeply in love they are. The puffins snuggle up warm and close every night. The rockhopper penguins will give each other massages with their beaks. And Mr. Prairie Vole will stay by his beloved’s side when she is stressed, staying with her until she calms down. In understanding our possible connection with this specific species norm, the research clearly shows that those human couples who have learned the art of showing consistent affection to each other are probably the happiest of couples. Our community life also has similarities with albatross or puffin communities. The albatrosses build individual homes to raise their young in. The couple, by themselves, takes responsibility to feed and teach their young. The young albatrosses act in a way that shows that they are appreciative and respectful of the ways of their parents. The young have, for millions of years, accepted their natural responsibility to follow in the footsteps of their parents and gone on to build lasting marriages of their own. Through respecting their ancestral traditions, the albatrosses have survived through a multitude of ups and downs across the ages. Then again, in their communities, the albatrosses do not steal from each other, they do not kill each other, they very rarely will commit adultery, and they seem not to be racked by jealousy when their neighbours have more good fortune than they do.

The astute observer will recognize the connection with the Ten Commandments here. Long ago, the albatrosses learned that the above behaviours are essential to the maintenance of peaceful communities. The Ten Commandments also advise us of the basic rules of being a good neighbour. The links between us and the other true-love species are strong. What if we really are a true-love species and we just keep forgetting it? If we are a true-love species, do our political representatives have any right to pass laws that contradict our optimal, natural state of being? Also, how would one build a society that encouraged and supported citizens as they seek to fulfil the natural responsibilities that are inherent in the norms of the true loves? For sure, if the young are born with a natural predisposition towards wanting to find lasting love, how crazy it must seem to them that our nations today seem intent on creating a culture that makes such a dream ever-harder to achieve. No wonder rates of depression and self-harm are continually on the rise. If we do have a species norm that brings about optimal outcomes for men, women, children, and our nations, it is good to know what their norm might be. In that space, we will stand on solid ground. We will have much more confidence in our understanding of what will bring about a better future for our communities, and what won’t. *Stephen Stacey is a lecturer and author. He is just finishing his latest book - We Are a True-Love Species: World Peace Can Be Ours.*

## Firebrand UK commentator obliterates social justice movement: ‘Do something better with your life’



September 25, 2019 (LifeSiteNews) – On this week’s episode of The Van Maren Show, Jonathon Van Maren speaks with Douglas Murray, British journalist, author, and political commentator. Murray has written numerous books, including the international bestseller *The Strange Death of Europe*.

This book is one of the “most insightful things written on the migrant crisis, on the identity crisis gripping Europe,” Van Maren says. Murray has been a contributor to *The Spectator* since 2000 and has been Associate Editor at the magazine since 2012. He has also written regularly for numerous other outlets including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun*, *The Evening Standard*, and *The New Criterion*. He is a regular contributor to *National Review* and has been a columnist for *Standpoint* magazine since its founding. Today, Van Maren and Murray discuss Murray’s newest book, *The Madness of Crowds*. They discuss what Murray calls the four biggest hot-button issues in politics today: “gays, women, race, and trans.” Murray points out that people are currently being forced to say things with which they don’t agree. “One of the hallmarks of the totalitarian society is that you make people say things that are not true and that they know not to be true and that you know not to be true because it demoralizes them and allows them to pass other lies. A big issue with the social justice movement, Murray argues, is that people aren’t fully thinking through and analysing the causes they are supporting. “I think that we become incapable of thinking about issues we need to think about.”

Van Maren and Murray agree these issues are being imposed from the top down, despite being sold as a growing ground-up movement. The imposition of “diversity” is seen in corporations, governments, universities – almost everywhere. Murray challenges everyone to seriously consider these hot button issues, where they come from, truly think them through, and then “do something better with their lives.” Murray hopes that his book will touch young people who are being told to weaponize identity issues and politicize every aspect of their lives. The politicization of race and gender is a “zero sum game” that will end up in nothing but “unhappiness.” Murray instead encourages listeners to seek out the source of meaning in their lives. Murray argues a large reason the social justice movement took off was because people had a great gap in their lives, allowing the social justice movement to become the “new religion” of many. Overall, Murray sees the social justice movement in its current state as a waste of time and a detriment to society. Rather than focusing on breaking each other down, Murray encourages people, especially the young, to do great things. You can purchase Murray’s book, *The Madness of Crowds*, at Amazon and other booksellers.