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Human Responsibility

By John O'Neill

When you buy a car or a fridge you get an instruction book. Almighty God has given mankind our 'Instruction book' on how to live our lives on this earth. Our religions teach us to love and to serve and to live for the sake of others. By living in accordance with such wonderful tenets and virtues, we can become beings of true love; eventually, one in heart and mind with our living Creator. (Matt: 5:48... "be ye therefore perfect as your Father which is in heaven is perfect") The great civilisations throughout history have endured because of their religious and spiritual foundations. Living in accordance with religious principles is not something you can prefer to do or not to do. (D.H. Unwin. Study of 88 Civilisations). There are numerous examples contained in history and in our holy scriptures of single individuals, nations etc. defeating evil through taking responsibility by their actions: The World Wars. David and Goliath etc. If God programmes people to live in a certain way, then we become like machines and robots. The human portion of responsibility is a vital component for our spiritual growth, together with our 'Instruction book.' Imagine how our Creator must be enduring unspeakable pain and agony at the suffering and pain caused to millions of his children every day in our world at the present time because of ignorance, discrimination, wars, crimes, family breakdown, starvation etc.

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The Marriage Files

The Purpose, Limits and Fate of Marriage. Patricia Morgan. Wilberforce Publications, 2014. 276pp £10.99 ISBN 978-0-9575725-3-9

Written in the wake of the passing of the Marriage (Same-Sex Couples) Act 2013, *The Marriage Files* documents the stages by which same-sex marriage was undemocratically imposed by a political elite, and a centuries-old institution was redefined overnight. But it does far more than that. Patricia Morgan draws on her encyclopedic knowledge of family law and policy and of post-war social history to explain how we arrived where we are and to chart the trajectory we are on. She considers the tactics employed by feminists and homosexual activists to undermine marriage under the veneer of respectability: 'Activists became champions of health, and campaigners for equality and justice rather than heralds of counter-cultural sexual liberation anxious to cast off moral restraints.' The decay of marriage is attributed 'not simply to a lack of morals or corruption on the ground, but the rise and entrenchment of anti-family doctrine and its consequences'. Patricia Morgan warns that same-sex marriage will lead to further, much more far reaching changes: 'The coming of same-sex marriage portends a speeding up of change well under way throughout all and every aspect of society. Increasingly the power that pressure groups wield throughout the legislature, education, media and political machinery will move beyond combating the toxicity of homophobia to concentrate on the even greater task of eliminating heterosexism or heteronormativity.' From beginning to end, *The Marriage Files* is packed with facts, figures and quotations from parliamentarians, philosophers, academics, activists, columnists and media personalities. The quotations and citations are frequently not introduced, so the reader will need to keep referring to the end notes, not merely to locate a precise source, but also to identify who wrote the words being cited. *Published by kind permission of Family Education Trust*

Safe at School news

The latest, excellent edition of Safe at School news, from the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children contains very important information regarding keeping children in

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school safe from harmful, amoral, sex education lessons. **“Action points for parents:** Make sure your child’s school makes clear to all parents that SRE is not a compulsory subject and that parents have the right to withdraw their children. Ask your child’s school to hold a consultation on sex education involving every parent. Make sure that full coverage of sex education is given on the school website, including access to the teaching materials used in the classroom. Check to make sure that your child’s primary school is not including sex in science lessons. Parents can exercise their legal right to withdraw their children from inappropriate lessons. Parents should ask to see all the worksheets and DVDs used in their child’s sex education lessons.” One of the headings in the bulletin states: **Massive grants given to normalise homosexuality in Midland schools:** “CHIPS is a teaching resource for primary schools which uses illustrated children’s books, songs and activities to embed homosexual and transgender themes into the school curriculum.” For any parent needing advice about sex education in schools, and to order copies of Safe at School news please call Antonia Tully on: 02084073463. Email: safeatschool@spuc.org.uk

Media Standards

More than 500 people have complained to ITV and the TV regulator Ofcom about the violence contained in the Jekyll and Hyde programmes which have been broadcast recently at 6:30 pm on Sundays. One recent edition contained a man clubbed unconscious; a family tortured and burnt alive and a terrifying hybrid monster, half-man and half-dog, shot dead by gangsters. One parent commented: “Didn’t get much sleep last night as my son was having nightmares.” Film bosses have been strongly criticised recently for banning a video which contained the Lord’s prayer. At the same time commercials for alcohol and violent video games are being shown before films aimed at children, as well as disturbing films containing violence and sex with a 12A or 12 rating, which means that children under the age of 12 can see them with an adult present! The very high rates of sex, violence and bad language in the electronic media send out all the wrong messages, especially to easily influenced young people. It is very irresponsible. That is why it is vital that ordinary, decent people make their views known to the media companies, media regulators, MPs, etc. especially with regard to protecting our young people and their innocence and purity.

People, the planet and the pill

By John Smeaton, Chief Executive, SPUC

A worrying report landed on my desk recently dealing with the topical issue of the environment. It was about the impact of E22, a chemical widely used in contraceptives. This substance is being excreted by millions of women around the world, entering waterways and wreaking havoc on fish. Studies have found that the drug is ‘feminising’ fish and affecting fish fertility for up to three generations. With no political will to install the necessary filters, E22 is also ending up in our drinking water and affecting humans. It seems that unexplained testicular cancer is increasing along with infertility. Childhood gender dysphoria, where children are confused about their sexual identity, is also rising. Is this a pro-life issue? Yes, it is.

Apart from the damage caused by E22 to our ecosystem, many contraceptives kill early embryos. And the abortion culture has its roots in contraception; a profound rejection of new life. From now on every glass of water will be a reminder to me of the damage contraceptives are doing to people, before and after birth and the planet. *This article was published in the September 2015 edition of the Pro-Life Times*

Universal Peace Federation - World Summit 2015 - Examines Religion’s Role in Peacebuilding [Excerpt]

Bishop David Alberto Frol, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Argentina, gave a heartfelt testimony about the importance of inner peace. Despite all the advances in modern science, and even if people have a good financial situation, without peace of mind there cannot be true happiness. Inner peace does not depend on external conditions or any scientific or technical progress; it comes from a relationship with God. Bishop Frol spoke about the moral duty that we each have to help those less fortunate. “We sin by omission if we give up our responsibility as children of God,” he said. He referred to a balance which is inherent in the human race. “It is not a simple task, but it is the basis for reaching a moral and spiritual awakening that is a driving force of a global transformation.” He said that peace begins within each of us, and to this end, education and the life lessons learned in the home are critically important. The world today is filled with many negative influences. The family, which is the basis for society, is under attack. “The spiritual value of prayer, faith and hope are divine gifts. They are the foundation and purpose for the prosperous life in this world,” he said. Bishop Frol concluded with words of gratitude to the UPF. “Through all the programs that took place, I could feel the spirit of true love to build a better world.” He said: “We leave for our countries with the commitment to carry out the principles of love and understanding of each other.”

UPF Plenary Discusses Women’s Role as Peacebuilders [Excerpt] Professor Yeon Ah Choi, the president of WFWP, spoke about the importance of: “creating a peaceful society and environment for the sake of the future happiness for all humankind. We are in an age when the views of women are being increasingly appreciated and welcomed, particularly with regard to peacebuilding,” she said. The founders of UPF proclaimed “The Coming of the Age of Women” in 1992 and invested in numerous programs to educate and support women “to be leaders for a century of true peace and happiness.” She quoted Dr. Sun Myung Moon on the role of women centring on the family: “Peace must first be realized in the individual and in the family, because these form the basis for all human organizations and systems.” Professor Choi spoke about the activities of the Women’s Federation for World Peace, which promotes the Interfaith Peace Blessing movement and pure love youth education. “Participation by women is needed in all aspects of society, from diplomacy and politics to the economy and legal system reform,” Professor Choi said. “Women need to be active in education and culture, in sports and the arts, not to mention the diverse activities of NGOs.” In closing, she emphasized the need to encourage and foster the practice of living for the sake of others.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury recently stated how even he himself wondered where God was at the time of the recent atrocity in Paris. Almighty God's answer to the Archbishop's question would surely be, to inform him that: if we ignore his sacred laws and principles, then evil will flourish. Western countries have turned away from God's laws and principles in recent years, dominated by liberal, humanistic thinking, which allowed immorality to become rampant, amoral sex education, abortion-on-demand, same-sex marriage etc. Our religious leaders need to determine to do something about it, starting by calling our nation to repentance. God-centred nuclear families are meant to be the textbook of true love teaching people how to relate to all humankind. True religion means establishing heaven on earth for everyone. It is building a world where people of all nations, cultures, races and religions may rejoice and live in harmony together. Traditional family values have been undermined and numerous wrong messages sent out by irresponsible media people etc., who often portray the sexual act as though it is a recreational sport. Celebrity culture and the "me first" generation have been other key negative influences in our nation. Since a religious ethos was last prevalent in the UK in the 1950's there has been a ten-fold increase in crimes and enormous increases in social problems! Religious people are meant to act as the conscience of the nation. It is a sad reality that during the past decades there has often been a deafening silence caused by religious leaders failing to speak out concerning the many negative influences afflicting our nation. As well as speaking out themselves, religious leaders should have been encouraging their congregations to act also. The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer became known for his staunch resistance to the Nazi dictatorship whereby he emphasized: "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." In other countries issues such as same-sex marriage and amoral sex education in schools have been blocked because of the actions of religious leaders working together. Let us all pray that our religious leaders will be able to take their God-given responsibility, by working together and speaking with one voice regarding challenging the humanistic, anti-religious agenda. If that does happen, Almighty God will surely be able to intervene in a powerful way and our nation can look forward to better days, free from the damaging effects of the humanistic agenda.

**Worse health, lower life satisfaction,
and higher crime rates later in life' –
the legacy of childcare in Quebec**

The Quebec universal childcare system is the largest programme of its kind in North America. According to research undertaken by the economist Pierre Fortin, it has helped expand the provincial economy, increased employment rates and women's participation in the workforce, and boosted the flow of taxes into both the provincial and federal coffers. 1. However, new findings from a longitudinal study have sent out a warning to both the Canadian government, and to governments throughout the Western world,

that such results have been achieved at a cost to children. The study, led by researchers from three North American universities, found that children with increased childcare access 'subsequently had worse health, lower life satisfaction, and higher crime rates later in life'. While boys were more likely to show higher levels of hyperactivity and aggression, girls were marked by a decline in prosocial behaviour. 2 One of the lead researchers, Professor Kevin Milligan from the University of British Columbia, said in an interview that he had no ready explanation for the results: 'Not quite sure what it is about the program, whether it's staffing, whether it's curriculum, whether it's funding. I don't know the answer.' 3 However, Andrea Mrozek, executive director of the Institute of Marriage and Family Canada, suggested that the problem does not necessarily lie with any of these four factors, but rather with what she termed an 'attachment void'. Drawing on the research of Dr Gabor Mate and Dr Gordon Neufeld in their book, *Hold on to your Kids: Why parents need to matter more than peers*, Mrozek commented that: 'Peer attachment... is what happens when small children are placed in large groups with other small children. They begin to look to the other children as role models instead of looking to, or attaching to, loving and mature adults. The results are, not surprisingly, not good.' 4. References: 1. Jordan Press, 'Study raises questions about NDP's proposed universal child-care system', *The Globe and Mail*, 21 September 2015. 2. Michael Baker, Jonathan Gruber, and Kevin Milligan, *Non-Cognitive Deficits and Young Adult Outcomes: The Long-Run Impacts of a Universal Child Care Program*, NBER Working Paper No. 21571 September 2015. 3. *The Globe and Mail*, op. cit. 4. Andrea Mrozek, 'New research shows Quebec daycare harms children', *Institute of Marriage and Family Canada*, 22 September 2015. *This article was published in the November Bulletin of Family Education Trust.*

Heart and True Love

We all would like to live in a world where every person is well taken care of and enjoys a happy life internally and externally. How can we bring about such a world which seems for many to be just a utopia, an unreachable goal? The answer to this question lies in the Heart of Man, in our original nature which longs for truth, beauty, goodness, and all the precious things which make our life enjoyable and allows us to grow in an atmosphere of loving relationships. When we look into our own Heart, we realize that we have various desires in conflict with each other, which stem from an immaturity in the realm of being able to love ourselves and others. This situation leads to all kinds of problems which cause us to be unhappy. The ultimate solution to whatever issues we would like to resolve lies therefore in our acting in a responsible way based on a mature understanding of what True Love means, while considering the individual situation as well as the greater purpose of securing the wellbeing of all humankind. This website is built on the conviction that only the practice of True Love can lead us into a bright future which every child born on this earth deserves to experience. For this reason, the core purpose of sharing via this website on the Internet lies in having a deeper understanding of what True Love means, and how we can best apply it in the various situations we may encounter. At the core of every human

Morality Forum Action

Dear John, Many thanks for your work. Together with yourself and others we delivered over 1300 leaflets for SPUC last week. Very many thanks. Ian [Secretary. Harrow branch SPUC]

The sex education bulletins, abortion leaflets and petition forms, and Pro-Life Times newspapers from SPUC continue to be distributed to numerous religious organisations and individuals.

Theresa Quarmby continues to be very active in Huddersfield. As well as having her excellent letters published in the Huddersfield Examiner, Theresa in particular supports the work of the Maranatha Community and also the SPUC.

Joan Langrick (age 84) who lives in Maidstone often speaks on national and local radio stations concerning moral and family values.

John O'Neill in recent weeks has spoken about moral and family issues at various inter-faith events, Christian churches and at meetings of the Association of British Clergy. After speaking to some of the elders at the Eritrean church in Wood Green, N. London, about how to protect children in school from harmful sex education, John was informed that this information had been conveyed to 300 ladies at a Women's meeting at the church. John is also trying to arrange for the excellent abstinence team WAIT to perform at relevant venues.

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST BOMBING SYRIA AS MANY OF US DO NOT WANT TO GO TO WAR WITH RUSSIA BY PROXY. HI, I am sorry this e-mail is going to be rather impersonal but I really want to get it out to as many people as possible before we land ourselves in a war with Russia by proxy. I have set out my reasons below which I hope you will forward to your own MP before they take this most important vote next Wednesday. If you do decide to forward this, please remember to include your own name and address otherwise your e-mail will be returned. As I said I am sorry to be so formal but I have all too vivid memories of the last war and I dread to think of us being at war again. If any proof were needed that our bombing Syria is a very bad idea surely the shooting down of a Russian plane by Turkey, who are both supposed to be allies, this must surely be it. We know the Turks and Russians have opposing agendas regarding who are Syria's enemies and as Russia is dependent upon Syria's warm water ports they will never change their mind regarding getting rid of their President. This being the case it is surely time we all realised their agreeing to this is sheer wishful thinking. The fact that we are prepared to align ourselves with Turkey, who also has their own agenda, is a really bad idea. The Russians were our great allies during the last war and sacrificed 26,000,000 lives whose bravery undoubtedly helped to save our own country. Russia has proved to be a great friend when we desperately needed one, but could also prove to be a very powerful enemy if we were foolish enough to enter this conflict.

Our hands are already far from clean as we continue to supply arms to Saudi Arabia who, in turn trade them with ISIS. Surely our double standards are, as one rather wise politician once predicted, "Opening up the very gates of Hell" as we invade so many countries and pretend it is for their own good. Winning

hearts and minds cannot by their very nature co-exist with killing so many of their people in such a brutal and indiscriminate way. We also know that ISIS hates Moslems even more than they hate the West and so our government should be straining every sinew in order to stop the attacks which so many are suffering in this country at this present time. Not only are these attacks bad for them but also extremely bad for us as this provides great PR for ISIS as they tell the rest of the world how the West are attacking their people! David Cameron's spin on 70,000 Free Syria troops calling for our aid is as toxic as Tony Blair's lie on only a 4 minute warning being given. Because the 70,000 troops, Cameron has quoted are already deeply committed to removing their President so will certainly not be prepared to stop their own conflict so they can fight ISIS on our behalf. Finally, I must say I was extremely angry by the way David Cameron treated the very valid points Jeremy Corbyn raised when he was asking that much more thought be given before taking action. Instead of treating their debate regarding the possibility of going to war, with the gravitas it surely deserved, he joked around as he continually tried to score political points. Surely the men he is seeking to send into action deserve far better than this? Here's to wishing us all a more peaceful world. Joan (Langrick).

The Need to Educate for Character

By June Darby

Character lectures were developed so that young people can have the right education. Academic education's aim is to prepare people for work. Incredible developments in the 20th century, but also a lot of suffering. The 'Family' is in crisis. Before the war society was more cohesive; the Church was influential. Now, we have high divorce rates, STDs, Drug problems, huge crime increases, alcohol abuse etc. We need to focus on universal values and balanced education. How to have good relationships, character. Truth, beauty, goodness, love. "Character is destiny" (Heraclitus-Greek Philosopher). A person of character knows who they are. We have to be rooted in God's love in all that we do. People of character are determined by their internal lives, living in principle ways, God's ways, with unchanging hearts. There has been an incredible breakdown in values. There is an emphasis on individualism. Schools teach superficial values. We have to earn self-esteem. It is a good thing to feel guilt. Our conscience is our compass. Universal values bring harmony.

Universal laws are woven into the fabric of the society. Goals of character education: how to have a loving character, integrity, caring. Heart is the core of character. Jesus: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart...and love your neighbour as yourself... That which comes out of a man is what defiles him." Matt. 6-21: "Where the treasure is, there will your heart be also." Good examples: Self-control, live for others, good deeds. Loving, gentle hearts. We will grow spiritually, have good marriages etc. We need to understand the environment. Cultivation of heart is minimal in school or non-existent. If people don't know these principles, they can become criminals. School and home should work together to develop character. *June Darby gave a presentation about Character Education at a meeting of the Association of British Clergy, on September 19th 2015, at 43, Lancaster Gate, London, W2 3NA*



True Family Values

The Family of True Love

B. What is a “family”?

1. *The family is not just parents and children, but includes the entire family environment.*

- A family is three generations in one home: grandparents, parents and children.

They are a family through the abiding presence of true love.

True love is both spiritual and physical.

Spiritually, true love means that each family member lives for the sake of the whole family.

Physically, true love means that all family members are biologically connected in one blood lineage.

- A house.

The house is part of the family.

It presents the face of the family to the world.

- The family includes its rightful possessions of goods and land. In traditional agrarian life there was solidarity with the soil.

The soil is the source of wealth and blessings.

The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck expresses this well: “. . . he is a happy man in spite of being poor.

His home is made of earthen blocks; the jars in which he stores his grain harvests are earthen; the gods he worships are sculpted of earth. . . As his wife nurses his child in the sunlight of the fields, her skin and the child’s skin turn brown as the earth, and her excess of milk flows into the earth.” (see Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, Joymakers, p. 12)

We love the earth and it nurtures us. The earth moves according to natural law. The city is dehumanizing; people want to relate to the land.

- Pets, farm animals and a garden.

We care for the things of creation as a type of family members.

Even garden plants need love and care.

For example, the Findhorn Community in Scotland does prayer and meditation to impart energy and love to their gardens. This results in extremely large vegetables even though the soil is rather poor. They understand that plants are affected by human spiritual energy.

- God Himself.

God dwells in our family.

God is ever supporting and protecting us.

Have a prayer room or altar in the house.

When we enter our home, we greet God.

We maintain the sanctity of the home.

- Our ancestors.

The family extends vertically through the generations.

If we were spiritually open, we would sense that our ancestors often visit us.

Seven generations of ancestors influence our family life, according to the Bible.

We should respect our ancestors and be grateful for what they bequeathed to us.

- Angels.

The “household gods” in traditional society had a special altar. They protected the home. These often were angels.

Angels visited Abraham and Sarah, and he showed them great hospitality. These angels protected Lot and his family in the city of Sodom.

Evil spirits may also come in. We should be sensitive to the spiritual pretences in our home, especially to protect the children. Praying, reading God’s words and living for others as a family creates the good spiritual atmosphere in which God and good spirits can dwell.

2. *Thus, the family is a community of heaven, humanity and earth.*

- These three dimensions are intertwined in our lives.

- There should be harmony among them.

- The Chinese character for “blessing” means the harmony of God, humankind, and the earth within the will of God.

- God, human beings and the earth rejoice together, or suffer together.

Adam’s family: God, Adam and Eve, angels, the Garden and the animals.

After the Fall, God grieved (Gen. 6:6), the people suffered (Gen. 3:16-19), the angel was punished (Gen. 3:15-16) and the land was cursed (Gen. 3:17-18).

3. *The family as a whole acts to give true love.*

- Behind every successful individual is his or her parents and spouse.

- Even a successful man cannot feel content if his children abandon him.

- The house and land welcome the public. People are invited to visit and share; it becomes a community center.

If your property has such a public purpose, you can own a mansion and it is not a sin.

Even a humble apartment should be clean and welcoming to guests.

4. *God lives in the family.*

- Marriage is a covenant with God as well as a covenant with the community and a promise between two people.

- The family ideal can only be realized if God is dwelling in that family, because God is the origin of true love.

- The true family foundation.

The true foundation for the stable, prosperous family consists of God, husband, wife, and children in good interaction. This means there are four positions, roles and functions. This is called a Four-position foundation, or a true family foundation.

This is the foundation for the proper functioning of the entities in each of the positions.

These four positions in good give and take are the model or pattern for the family.

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

Post-abortive pastor: Pastors must no longer be silent from the pulpit on abortion



“There is a reason why ‘mother,’ ‘baby,’ and ‘abort’ have been changed to ‘a woman’s right to choose’; it’s a marketing ploy

designed to hide a brutal practice.” Those are the words of Shane Idleman, founder and lead pastor of Westside Christian Fellowship in Lancaster, California, who writes of the pain of consenting to his girlfriend’s abortion when he was young and had walked away from God. After seeing an article called “Still-Silent Shepherds” last year in World Magazine, he was moved to action.

Shane writes: “Approximately 23 years ago, as a prodigal, I conceded to my girlfriend’s request to abort our child around the 5th week of conception. The pain of that decision still haunts me today. What would they look like? Was it a boy or a girl? I can picture walking and talking with my child... watching his or her first steps... holding them when they cry and rejoicing with them when they succeed. But these are just dreams in my mind; dreams that often leave me heartbroken. Regret is one of the hardest pains to deal with because it is a constant reminder that we failed... failed God, others, and the aborted child.”

Groups such as Planned Parenthood say that there are little, if any emotional scars for the women involved... the baby is just tissue. This is very deceptive—the emotional scars can last a lifetime. And it’s not just women who feel the pain, the men often carry tremendous guilt as well. He admits he almost didn’t publish his story, saying, “This article was extremely difficult for me to write — I shed many tears, contemplated deleting it, and prayed diligently for direction. But I cannot, and will not, remain silent.” When he published his confession, he did more than confess a past sin; he uses it to offer hope and call pastors into speaking out against the tragedy of abortion. He details the hope he found in Christ for healing, and also how “a few years ago, with my wife’s support, I was able to locate the woman who had the abortion. I apologized and asked for forgiveness. She did the same. This one act of forgiveness brought tremendous closure and peace.” While it’s impossible to undo an act like abortion, it is possible to find hope and healing. But he says more pastors need to speak out about this atrocity: “Pastors... make no mistake about it: We play an enormous role in shaping the direction of the country. We can no longer remain silent while silent screams go unheard. Deep repentance must take place at the individual and national level; our consciences have been seared. Our job is to preach the totality of God’s Word, including those things that are hard to hear, so that both conviction and comfort take place. When human life is devalued, atrocities such as the holocaust, slavery, sex-trafficking and abortion occur. God help us when we ignore our calling to confront evil. Pastors are to be pillars who support truth. When was the last time your pastor discussed this controversial topic from the pulpit? Change will not occur until we confront sin rather than hide from it. ‘We need more prophets in our pulpits and less puppets’ (Leonard Ravenhill). Today, the truth is often neglected, watered down or avoided altogether in the hope of not offending and building an audience. Abortion is rarely mentioned so repentance is rarely sought and hope is elusive. We want to build a church rather than break a heart; be politically correct rather than biblically correct; coddle and comfort rather than stir and convict.”

For Idleman, “the need to address silence in the pulpit about

abortion outweighs the pain of releasing it.” Idleman’s article shows courage and offers hope to many. Churches are filled with those who have had part in abortion, but rather than ignore the topic out of fear of condemning, churches can offer hope for healing and forgiving, opening the door to experiencing greater freedom. But as Idleman notes, it has to start at the top. When the pastor is able to take the lead on an issue like this, the people will follow. Idleman’s courage creates a culture in which post-abortive women can know they are able to be loved and accepted, where prodigals like Idleman can discover healing rather than carrying a deep-dark secret. Abortion is not the unforgivable sin, and while the baby can’t be resurrected, Idleman shows that repentance isn’t about condemnation but healing. *From Life Site News. Reprinted with permission from Live Action News. August 6, 2015*

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being lies his or her unique Heart which desires to share Love with another person or being, wanting to care for, nurture and make them happy. We are destined to live in a realm of deep relationships. Therefore, we need to focus more than anything on gaining profound insights concerning the centrality of Heart and True Love which is known to everyone who listens to his conscience and original mind. We have arrived at a point in time where the problems in the world can only be resolved in reasonable ways when we consider that the earth is one village and we are all brothers and sisters from the viewpoint that we long to live in a world where True Love abounds. Such a loving world needs to be created by people who listen to the voice of their conscience and act in accordance with their original mind, aware of the fact that the highest value in human life is our ability to give unconditional Love. Once we realize the indescribable value of the Human Heart as the source of True Love we will never stop caring for others until every single person living on this earth is free to experience the realm of profound Love which is supposed to be part of all people’s lives. May we all recognize that nothing is more important in life than cultivating our becoming mature people who are capable of giving and receiving True Love so that we can secure lasting joy and fulfilment for which we are longing, deep inside our soul. This is my hope, as I invite you sincerely to enrich this website - www.heartandtruelove.com - through your insights concerning True Love, so that based on this home in the worldwide Internet we can develop a movement to secure the most important human right for all people, the right to live in a world where people care deeply for one another and live by giving and receiving True Love. Sincerely yours, Nikolaus Beutl

Letters and Emails Received

John, just to say thank you for your unstoppable concern about what is right and on the other side about ‘life - threatening’ issues. Don’t give up, we all know that the tide is changing! God bless, Christa

Dear John, I hope you are well. Thank you for emailing me the Autumn edition of the Morality Forum Update, which I found very interesting and informative. Keep up the good work. Accept my seasonal greetings to you and your family. Best wishes, A.Ghaffar [Imam]

Thanks John and thanks also for your latest MFU and I noticed you included my local Shades of Grey campaign. It’s a very good newsletter with a lot of extremely useful information for times such as this. Best wishes, Pippa.

Romania holding the line against anti-family sex education

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Antonia Tully, leader of the Safe at School initiative, a project of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, was invited to Romania this month by the Metropolitan Orthodox Church of Moldova and Bukovina and pro-life groups to speak about the impact on children of graphic sex education. Here is her encouraging report about parents' resistance in Romania which she concludes with the words: "If mandatory sex education is stopped at the Romanian border it will deal a much needed blow to the global campaign to sexualise and defile the innocent hearts and minds of the world's children." The global drive to make school sex education mandatory for the world's children is finding strong and organised resistance in Romania, where the issue currently hangs in the balance. The country's Minister for Health favours pro-abortion/LGBT style sex education while the Minister for Education would like to see Romanian children taught the family values promoted by the pro-life lobby. The good news is that introducing graphic sex education into Romanian schools will not be a pushover. Having recently returned from a week-long visit to Romania at the invitation of the Metropolitan See of Moldova and Bucovina, I saw parents and the Orthodox church standing shoulder to shoulder determined to protect their children from damaging sex education. The bad news is that the sex education lobby has been given access to the political and civic infrastructure to promote its position and materials. In 2013, over 2,000 public libraries in Romania became the channel for distributing a graphic sex education programme; "Sex v the Stork". This online resource was written by a Romanian, Adriana Radu, following a year she spent in Germany working with a pro-abortion organisation. Roundly condemned by pro-family groups, "Sex v the Stork" was launched in the Romanian parliament on national "Day of the Library", and made available to any child visiting a library via the internet, avoiding control by parents or schools. Speaking to packed meetings in five different towns and cities mainly in the north east of Romania, I invited people to look across Europe to Britain. Teaching children as young as five and six years old about their sexual organs, followed by detailed animated presentations of sexual intercourse are fairly standard elements of British classroom sex education. In Britain we are being told that children have a "right" to this education, indeed they "need" it in order to avoid pregnancy and to stay safe from sexual abuse. Nothing was lost in translation when I informed parents, teachers, doctors and priests that there is no evidence that teaching young children about sex protects them from premature pregnancy or sexual abuse. My take home message is: Parents you are the first and best educators of your children. You are the best people to protect your children. In October 2015, 60 pro-abortion organisations petitioned the ministries of health and education to impose sex education on the country's schools. This was accompanied by typically vulgar demonstrations outside the respective ministries, with young people brandishing condoms, underwear and bearing placards with slogans such as "My vagina- my choice". 82 pro-life groups responded with a joint statement firmly rebuffing the claims of their opponents. Drawing on their recent past, they pointed out that the first political system to significantly separate children from their parents was Com-

munist. They said: "It is not difficult to identify in the proposed approach for sex education an essentially Communist principle: children do not belong to parents they belong to the state". This sinister aspect of secular, state-sponsored sex education is perhaps not so keenly felt in many countries. But it is in Romania, where Christian families suffered so greatly under Communist rule. Based in the lovely university city of Iasi (pronounced 'yash'), I covered several hundred miles by car travelling around this beautiful country. But it is a country haunted by people who are not there. For every Romanian alive today (approximately 18 million live in Romania, with a further 2 million living abroad), there is one who has been lost to abortion. 20 million unborn babies have been killed by abortion in Romania from 1970 to the present day. However, I am very hopeful for Romania. During my recent visit I heard a number of priests publicly pledge the support of the church to defeat sex education in schools. The Archbishop of the Diocese of Buzau and Vrancea spoke at the meeting I addressed in the city of Buzau, again positioning the church with ordinary parents in their initiatives to protect their children. In 2011 the Orthodox archbishopric of Iasi, established the first dedicated, diocesan pro-life department in Romania. The department offers care and support for women in crisis pregnancies, it runs a social project for large families and has produced an accredited pro-life, pro-family teaching resource for schools in Iasi. Archbishop Teofan is clearly loved by his flock, not least for his outstanding pro-life witness. However grateful my Romanian hosts were in each place I spoke, I am more grateful to them for their commitment to life and the family. Many, many Romanian families are resisting the sex education invasion from the west which would indoctrinate and corrupt their children. If mandatory sex education is stopped at the Romanian border it will deal a much needed blow to the global campaign to sexualise and defile the innocent hearts and minds of the world's children.

40 Days For Life kicks off Lenten vigil outside abortion clinics in 273 cities, 21 countries



WASHINGTON, D.C., February 10, 2016 (LifeSiteNews) – The international pro-life organization 40 Days for Life kicked off its 18th campaign today on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. With 273 cities

participating this year in 21 countries, 40 Days for Life continues its remarkable growth. "The 273 cities make this campaign the largest 'spring' campaign ever," Steve Karlen, Director of North American Campaigns, told LifeSiteNews. Karlen said the vigil continues to spread globally, and there is more encouraging news to report.

"We have first-time campaigns in places like Bolivia, El Salvador, Germany, Scotland, and even Hong Kong," he said. "This morning we announced the 65th and 66th abortion centers to close their doors following a 40 Days for Life campaign: Oklahoma City, OK and Roswell, GA," Karlen continued. "And since

Adults' self-interest trumps children's best interests every time

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New research reported in the Family Education Trust Bulletin indicates that children with increased childcare “subsequently had worse health, lower life satisfaction, and higher crime rates later in life.” One of the most disturbing aspects of contemporary Western culture is the willingness of a selfish materialistic society to conduct long-term social experiments on the lives of children. These social experiments would almost certainly be banned if they were medical experiments. We have assumed easy ‘no-fault’ divorce would be better for children. We have assumed that children being brought up by same-sex couples will not be disadvantaged. And when evidence to the contrary emerges in the damaged lives of some of these children, (below), now grown to adulthood, we shrug our shoulders because the best interests of adults (for which read self-interest) will always trump the so-called best interests of the child: Emotional Problems among Children with Same-Sex Parents: Difference by Definition. Donald Paul Sullins - The Catholic University of America January 25, 2015. *British Journal of Education, Society and Behavioural Science* 7(2):99-120, 2015. Abstract: Aims: To test whether small non-random sample findings that children with same-sex parents suffer no disadvantage in emotional well-being can be replicated in a large population sample; and examine the correlates of any differences discovered. Methodology: Using a representative sample of 207,007 children, including 512 with same-sex parents, from the U.S. National Health Interview Survey, prevalence in the two groups was compared for twelve measures of emotional problems, developmental problems, and affiliated service and treatment usage, with controls for age, sex, and race of child and parent education and income. Instruments included the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) and the Kessler Scale of Psychological Distress (SPD). Bivariate logistic regression models tested the effect of parent psychological distress, family instability, child peer stigmatization and biological parentage, both overall and by opposite-sex family structure. Results: Emotional problems were over twice as prevalent (minimum risk ratio (RR) 2.4, 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.7-3.0) for children with same-sex parents than for children with opposite-sex parents. Risk was elevated in the presence of parent psychological distress (RR 2.7, CI 1.8-4.3, $p(t) < .001$), moderated by family instability (RR 1.3, CI 1.2-1.4) and unaffected by stigmatization (RR 2.4, CI 1.4-4.2), though these all had significant direct effects on emotional problems. However, biological parentage nullified risk alone and in combination with any iteration of factors. Joint biological parents are associated with the lowest rate of child emotional problems by a factor of 4 relative to same-sex parents, accounting for the bulk of the overall same-sex/opposite-sex difference. Conclusion: Joint biological parentage, the modal condition for opposite-sex parents but not possible for same-sex parents, sharply differentiates between the two groups on child emotional problem outcomes. The two groups are different by definition. Intact opposite-sex marriage ensures children of the persistent presence of their joint biological parents; same-sex marriage ensures the opposite. However, further work is needed to determine the mechanisms involved.

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2007, we also know of 11,165 lives saved from abortion and 127 abortion workers who experienced conversion and left their jobs during a campaign.” As one of those former workers, Ramona Trevino said 40 Days for Life would always be meaningful for her. “On a personal level, 40 Days for Life will always hold a special place in my heart,” Trevino told LifeSiteNews. “It was during a 40 Days for Life vigil that I reached out for prayers while working for Planned Parenthood.” “It was during this vigil that I received prayers and support from complete strangers who came together united as the body of Christ,” she said. “I will never forget that one and only single campaign that took place outside my clinic several years ago. Trevino, who this year is an outreach coordinator for the Plano, Texas, campaign, will forever be grateful to those who continue to participate and dedicate their time to a 40 Days for Life campaign. “It will serve as a constant reminder to me how great God is and how during those 40 days I was transformed,” she said. Trevino hopes her personal testimony will help open doors that otherwise would be shut in regards to outreach. “I’m also hoping that my involvement in this campaign, along with my presence out on the grass, will not only inspire others to get involved but also challenge the workers to examine themselves and their consciences,” she stated. “I hope that they will see me as someone they, too, can be—Free!” While Christians across the nation will organize local prayer vigils, this year there will be two 40 Days for Life vigils in Washington D.C.: one at the U.S. Supreme Court, and another at Planned Parenthood’s flagship headquarters, currently being constructed at 1225 4th St NE, at Florida Avenue. The power of the fervent prayer at 40 Days for Life vigils around the world since its inception is undeniable, with the thousands of documented babies spared from abortion, the dozens and dozens of abortion workers who’ve had a change of heart and quit their jobs, and the 64 abortion businesses that have closed. Vigils take place at abortion facilities, but Cirignano says the decision to have two simultaneous vigils in the nation’s capital is because “The Supreme Court offers a unique focal point for the abortion and religious freedom decisions that will effect our National legal system.” He added, “It is also more visible and more convenient for the media and Members of Congress to stop by and promote on social media.” Karlen expressed enthusiasm at the start of this latest 40 Days for Life campaign. “I couldn’t be more excited to launch this campaign,” he told LifeSiteNews. “I’m always thrilled to receive the first report of a baby saved from abortion, and today it didn’t take long. The campaign team in Edmonton, Alberta reported a mother changing her mind and choosing life after the very first hour of prayer this morning! Praise God!” 40 Days for Life CEO David Bereit originally started the movement in 2004 in Texas. “With a looming Presidential election, the Supreme Court preparing to hear some of the most crucial pro-life cases since *Roe v. Wade*, and Planned Parenthood lashing out after being exposed for harvesting and trafficking aborted baby body parts, there has NEVER been a more important time to pray and fast for life,” Bereit told LifeSiteNews. “We are incredibly encouraged by the record-breaking response to this 40 Days for Life, which will be our largest Lenten campaign ever,” Bereit added. “People of faith and conscience are invited to join with more than 100,000 people who will be praying and fasting, holding peaceful vigils, and conducting grassroots community outreach in 273 cities around the world. With God, all things are possible... even ending abortion!” The forty days of fasting, prayer and outreach will conclude on Palm Sunday, March 20.