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Politically Correct Moral Reasoning: Creating the Foundation for Same-Sex Marriage. for Social Decline, and for a Growing Authoritarian State

By Stephen Stacey

Throughout history, we have used a whole range of methods of moral reasoning in order to bring about healthier societies. Typically, these methods have their roots in philosophy or religion. Let us look at just a few simple examples: “What if everyone did it... for example, steals?” -- Consequentialist or teleological reasoning. The golden rule: “One should treat others as one would like others to treat oneself” The silver rule: “One should not treat others in ways that one would not like to be treated” – (Confucius). The application of the principle of respect for all key stakeholders, to the best that is humanly possible. Whatever we do has social repercussions. We need to make sure in seeking to be helpful to one group of people we don’t harm other groups in society. Using such methods of moral reasoning helps us to learn something about the rightness or wrongness of someone’s behaviour or words -- to the extent their behaviours or words harm or benefit community life. Throughout history, a law maker would run the behaviour being evaluated through these traditional methods of moral reasoning and, if all is well and good, then move on to create a law for the benefit of the social good.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Don’t Stand By!

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) falls on 27th January each year. This year is the 71st Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. On HMD we remember the millions of people killed in the Holocaust and Nazi Persecutions as well as the numerous genocides over the past century: in Armenia, Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. We honour the survivors of these regimes and challenge ourselves to use the lessons of their experience to inform our lives today. The theme for 2016 is **Don’t stand by**. The Holocaust and subsequent genocides took place because the local populations allowed insidious persecution to take root. Whilst some actively supported or facilitated state policies of persecution, the vast majority stood by silently – at best, afraid to speak out; at worst indifferent. Bystanders enabled the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and subsequent genocides to take place. It’s a problem we still face today, often through fear or a sense of powerlessness or, in many cases, unfortunately, yes, also, through a certain level of indifference. In his 2016 New Year message titled ‘**Overcome Indifference and Win Peace**’, Pope Francis captures the theme powerfully. He warns us strongly against the dangers of many different kinds of indifference now and throughout the ages. “We are witnessing hordes of men, women and children fleeing war, hunger and persecution”, he says, “ready to risk their lives simply to encounter respect for their fundamental rights”. He urges us to “be reborn, to overcome indifference which blocks solidarity and to leave behind the false neutrality which prevents sharing.” In this Jubilee Year of Mercy “all of us are called to realise how indifference can manifest itself in our lives and to work concretely to improve the world around us, beginning with our families, our neighbours and places of employment”. He adds that God’s grace will lead people to “building an ever more just and fraternal world, a world in which every person and every creature can dwell in peace, in harmony of God’s original creation.” *This article was published in the February edition of Westminster Interfaith Newsletter*

Strong criticism of Government plans to regulate out-of-school settings

Sir Edward Leigh and other MPs have been strongly critical of government plans to regulate out-of-school settings. Sir Edward stated: “*The whole thing is a ridiculous mess that will severely damage the big society...Some groups will cut their provision to less than 6 hours to avoid having to register; and some will close down altogether. Groups*”

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that rely on teachers as volunteers will be especially vulnerable because teachers will not want to risk their career by being involved in an amateur outfit that might slip up with Ofsted. It is the children who will suffer, not us, Ofsted or the government...all because of this bizarre, unfocused, ill-thought-out, politically correct imposition on our freedom. The following is an excerpt of the response from The Family Education Trust: *“For centuries, Britain has been regarded as a free land, where its people enjoy freedom of religion, the right to a private and family life, and freedom of association. The government’s proposal ironically undermines these fundamental freedoms and poses a threat to true British values...When a Prime Minister is threatening to interfere with law-abiding individuals, it is evident that our civil liberties hang by a slender thread. And when a government wants to keep a register of where parents send their children for out-of-school activities, it is well on its way to totalitarianism.”*

Lessons in parenting proposed by the Government

David Cameron has received criticism for his plans to encourage all parents to attend classes on how to raise children. Mr Cameron wants families to learn how to discipline their offspring, communicate better and teach good behaviour. One Tory backbencher said that the idea looked like the “nanny state gone mad.” Laura Perrins from Mothers at Home Matter stated: “It is ironic that the Prime Minister is encouraging parenting classes when he spends a good deal of his time making it difficult for mothers to stay at home and care for their children. Doesn’t he know that to parent a child you actually have to be there to care for them? Yet this Government is making it exceptionally difficult for mothers to do that. This is just another example of nanny statism dictating how we should raise our kids.” A study by 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.” When a religious ethos was last prevalent in our nation back in the 1950’s, it was the norm to have good manners, be courteous, respectful, and to dress modestly etc. As well as taking seriously the authentic comments by Laura Perrins, Mr Cameron needs to face the facts that show how the permissive society and the humanistic agenda has had a very negative impact on family life in our nation. Mr Cameron’s number one priority for helping families should be to do all he can to see that a religious ethos is again prevalent in our nation.

Divorce

A study by University College London has found that children brought up by single parents and in step families are three times more likely to suffer mental health problems. Experts said the findings added to “a mountain of evidence” about the damage caused by family breakdown. Former High Court Judge Sir Paul Coleridge, who is the founder of the Marriage Foundation think-tank has stated that: “family breakdown was the scourge of society and cost the country 47 Billion pounds a year.” Sir Paul added: “Family breakdown has a devastating effect on children, who by every measure of success do worse than children from unbroken families. It is accepted by every child expert that the most important factor in a child’s healthy development is the stable and healthy relationship of the parents. The reason we have had such an upsurge in family

breakdown since the Eighties is because of the huge upsurge in unmarried relationships producing children. The fact is marriage provides a great deal of extra security during the period of very great stress in bringing up children. I’ve seen the cruelty divorced parents inflict on children at Christmas - and it’s obscene.” ‘Quickie Divorce’ has also been a major factor in the traumas caused by divorce. A study carried out by the law firm Seddons, showed that 22% of those who were divorced or separated felt later they had made a mistake. ‘Quickie Divorce’ is a humanistic policy. Our religions teach us that marriage is for life, and that divorce should only be allowed in exceptional circumstances such as violence or infidelity. Our religions also offer the formula for successful marriages: Each couple should have Almighty God at the centre of their marriage, and, by genuinely living for the sake of each other and also for the good of all mankind, their marriages would be on solid ground, and thoughts of divorce irrelevant.

The Family is the School of Love

By Reverend Marshall DeSouza

We have to get to the root of the problems concerning our world



today. We learn everything in the family. God started the institution of the family. The family is the place to nurture heart and character, the primary training ground for relationships. It will be ingrained in us if learnt

from a young age. The family is the foundation for norms and ethics. Empathy begins with mother and infant. Anti-social behaviour stems from family breakdown. Strong families are an asset to wealth production. Relational skills mean best job performances.

Grandparents represent the past, children the future and parents the present time. Families bridge cultures. Peaceful families support peaceful nations. Matt 19:1-9. God created the institute of the family. Moses allowed divorce because of hardheartedness. The natural order in the family means order in the Universe. In Asia and Africa relationships are important: Respect for elders. Grandparents are in God’s position. Practice love and respect in our families, then take it to the society. Service is putting love into practice. Good families create harmony and are the cornerstone of the society. Strong families will be an example to others. Altruistic purpose, service to the community. 4 realms of heart: Child’s sphere. Spouses’ sphere. Siblings’ sphere. Parental sphere. A child just wants to take. Love grows from the input from the parents - inherit from them. A foundation for self-discipline, moral conduct and conscience, respect and gratitude. Learn give and take and forgiveness, learn to share. Taking is all right, but giving is better; growing your heart.

Purity: The family is meant to be a pure institution. Diverse relationships round out the personality. Parental love is unconditional, so deep. A parent will do anything for their child. If the family is God-centred, it will lead to peace in the nation. Each person in the family is the embodiment of God. Love all people with an unconditional heart of love. *Rev. Marshall Desouza gave a presentation about, ‘The Family as the School of Love,’ at a meeting of the Association of British Clergy, on November 21st, 2015, at 43, Lancaster Gate, London W2 3NA*

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You might ask yourself what insights lawmakers might receive if they applied these traditional methods of reasoning to heterosexual marriage. "What if everyone ... married someone of the opposite-sex in order to best protect their biological children?" That's best practice and responsible citizenship. "Would I like this done to me?" "If possible, would I like to be raised by



the two people who created me?" Yes, sounds good. Respect for all key stakeholders? Are the wishes of both sets of grandparents and children respected? Yes. There are fewer costs to society and, on average, healthier future citizens.

Also, neighbourhoods tend to be more law abiding. Research shows that, on average, it's the safest place for women -- both physically and mentally. It's also a place where a man can channel his sex drive into the creation of a family and home -- thus protecting society. All looks well and good. The level of respect is high. There are no real signs of deep troubling issues here so the State can go about creating laws to support this form of family for the sake of the social good.

Now what happens if one applies these same traditional attempts of moral reasoning to same-sex marriage and the ensuing right to buy surrogate children or have children through IVF. "What if everyone ... married someone of the same-sex" shows us that the human race would die out in one generation. Not a sensible way to sustain democracy. Respect for all key stakeholders? As we saw in my previous blog, using the word marriage to define same-sex unions creates a multitude of problems for heterosexuals -- the original owners of the word. Fewer will marry. Their children get encouraged to dabble in same-sex eroticism making it harder for them to both marry and stay married. Faith communities weaken so couples and children have less support, etc. So other stakeholders, some 98-99% of the population, are not respected with this law change. "Would I, as a child, like to be brought into a gay, parental relationship through surrogacy? Would I like to be taken away from my mother's love at birth?" No. If everyone was bought with dollars, either at conception or from the womb, the world would start to struggle very fast. If we, as we are growing up, said to our same-sex parents that we miss the love of a mother or father -- we would be told we were homophobic and ungrateful. We all would know we had been bought, like slaves to serve a need. There's a deep lack of respect for children here.

Thus, if one goes through traditional methods of moral reasoning, the results show us: "Don't do it. There is nothing positive here for the community, for the rest of society. Letting same-sex couples use the word marriage is not a helpful legislative step forward. Another possible solution for homosexual couples needs to be found." So why is the redefining of marriage being pushed through the courts? Surely the lawyers have been properly trained in moral reasoning. The only way this law can be heading through

the courts and legal system is because the traditional methods of moral reasoning have been replaced with a modern method of moral reasoning that can't see the inherent problems in redefining marriage. When it comes to moral reasoning there is a new kid on the block. It might be called politically correct moral reasoning. It involves applying a new standard of right and wrong. "Is this new law or policy trying to be inclusive, tolerant, and fair? Is it accepting of diversity and seeking for equality?" These are nice words. They assume thoughtfulness for the diversity we see in our modern multicultural, pluralistic societies. Ideally, PC moral reasoning aims to be a final check on laws and policies that have already been formulated based on the traditional forms of moral reasoning. Applied in this way, laws would hopefully be more just and fair, more considerate of others who might come from different cultures or have a different gender. All is well. What seems to have happened, however, is that instead of being able to make better laws because of the application of the two different moral filters -- the traditional and the modern -- the same-sex lobby and their allies have decided that traditional methods of moral reasoning are less important, or even sometimes no longer needed; and this is especially so in areas relating to sexual norms and family formation.

According to them, laws or policies around the issues of sexual behaviour and family formation are now to be almost exclusively judged according to the 'is this inclusive, tolerant, fair, and accepting of diversity' moral framework. But the 'does the behaviour harm the social fabric?' moral framework is not used; is not to be used. There are a couple of themes here, themes that occur in all laws and policies that are made solely on the basis of the mantra of 'tolerance, fairness, and inclusivity.' The first theme is that this form of moral reasoning places enormous power into the hands of people who the law is seeking to be fair to. Thus, the redefining of marriage places enormous power into the hands of 1-2% of the population -- the power to harm and maybe even ultimately destroy the heterosexual marital-family -- and the power to create increasingly poorer outcomes for their children. Put simply, through seeking to be fair to a minority, our lawmakers create enormous unfairness for everyone else. Secondly, modern moral reasoning, because it is based on words like tolerance, fairness, and inclusivity, automatically makes anyone who disagrees with the law under discussion into a person who is intolerant, unfair or bigoted. It immediately puts all those who disagree into the position of being in the wrong. Thus, in the redefining of marriage debate, heterosexuals cannot win whatever they do. They lose either way. If they seek to be tolerant and allow same-sex unions to be called marriages -- the heterosexual marital and sexual norm weakens considerably -- and many people are harmed in substantial ways. And if heterosexuals ask for another solution be found so as to prevent harm to their families they are told they are bigoted and homophobic -- and their business and careers suffer. Because of these two natural outcomes, when lawmakers seek to make society more tolerant for a tiny number of people, much more intolerance is created. And in seeking to create a healthier society, society decays. Sadly, so many people in today's world have been trained by universities and the media into using solely this modern form of moral analysis

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Morality Forum Action



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. Very positive feedback and gratitude is often received from recipients of the sex education bulletins.

Theresa Quarmby helped to raise funds for the SPUC by participating in a 'White Flower' collection at a church in Huddersfield.

Information, fact sheets, and the results of studies and surveys about key moral/family issues are regularly sent out to key relevant people such as politicians and media people.

On February 26th, John O'Neill helped to distribute abortion information leaflets door-to-door in South Harrow, NW London, together with other members of the Harrow Branch of SPUC. John O'Neill continues to speak about key moral/family issues at various religious events.

On March 12th, John O'Neill attended the AGM of Mediawatch-uk in Central London. Thankfully, after some financial concerns Mediawatch-uk is able to continue with the excellent work the organisation is doing to protect the public from harmful media content. Although she will still remain on the committee, after 6 years' excellent work, Vivienne Pattison is stepping down as the Director of Mediawatch-uk. In the photo Vivienne is seen receiving an award from the Chairman of Mediawatch-uk, Reverend Dave Chesney.



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on certain key issues. This is dangerous.

Anyone who now uses the more traditional forms of moral reasoning to evaluate the redefining of marriage -- and sees the future social weakening that is inherent in the law -- is in a terrible place in society. It is perilous for such a person to say: "I think this is a poorly thought out law." They are instantly jumped upon by those who only use the modern, inclusive method. It is the ferocious response of the same-sex lobby that now keeps many professionals silent; unable to share what their natural, moral reasoning shows them to be true. We need to ask who in society can now stand up to these 'we must have fairness' mobs. It would be nice if politicians, judges or academics take responsibility for the youth wing they have

created. It would wonderful if they could act as shields to protect good people; responsible citizens who just wish to protect their children. One wonders how we can revert back to a society where people like the former boss of Mozilla can be free to say something rational and sensible -- that marriage is about two opposite-sex people taking responsibly for their children -- without being ripped to shreds. In the same-sex marriage debate most of the media now turn to the pop and film stars, to politically aligned athletes, and to other celebrities who support the same-sex cause. They are the new spiritual leaders in this new world order. They are to be listened to. Who needs seminaries and schools of learning? Who needs to study the classics and world history or philosophy to become wise? It seems all one needs to be a moral leader in today's world is to be good at singing, and it helps if you can dance and twerk as well. Then you have a right to most front pages in the Western world, to share your vision of inclusiveness and fairness, all without any reference to traditional moral reasoning. Elton John and Madonna showed us this in their recent spat with Dolce and

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EUTHANASIA RISK IN OUR NHS HOSPITALS

By Katherine Hampton



Lives Worth Living a campaign of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, is calling on health chiefs to prevent euthanasia in hospitals in England and Wales. New guidelines on caring for dying people contain dangerous proposals that

patients can be given two to three days to live and then dehydrated and starved to death. Frail, elderly people nearing the end of life are particularly at risk from the new guidelines, published last December by NICE (the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence). The guidance replaces the notorious Liverpool Care Pathway, which claimed around 60,000 lives a year before it was discontinued in 2014.

Leading NHS consultant, Dr Patrick Pullicino, said: "The new NICE guidelines have the same central flaw as the Liverpool Care Pathway: Patients must be diagnosed as 'dying' although there is no medical way to predict death. The diagnosis of 'dying' should be banned from the NHS." Lives Worth Living has said that care should be based on the patient's day to day needs, until the patient dies naturally. The last days of life are among the most important in a lifetime. People deemed to be dying are being denied fluids in NHS hospitals. The new guidelines say that it is "uncertain" whether denying fluids will "hasten death". But Dr Pullicino has condemned this as "totally bogus and playing with people's lives". "The facts have to be spelled out accurately," he said. "If you stop hydration there is a 100% certainty this will kill you." "The NICE guidelines put patients at risk of euthanasia in our NHS hospitals," said a spokesperson for Lives Worth Living. "We have launched petitions calling on the Chief Executive of NHS England and the Chief Executive of NHS Wales to put a stop to these dangerous practices." **Sign the petition to stop euthanasia practices in our NHS Hospitals.** Go to: www.spuc.org.uk. *This article was published in the May 2016 edition of the PRO-LIFE TIMES.*



True Family Values

The Family of True Love

C. A true family is a family which is centered on true love.

1. The term centered on has a special meaning.

- It represents the center of a three-dimensional relationship, with God, parents and elders above us, youngers' below us, and our spouse and siblings to the right, left, front and back of us.
- Love takes on different qualities according to these different directions.
- The family includes its rightful possessions of goods and land.
- Pets, farm animals and a garden.
- All qualities of love are naturally harmonious with each other.
- Therefore all relationships have a natural harmony.
- Characteristics common to relationships in all directions.

Every human event has both vertical and horizontal dimensions.

The vertical dimension refers to the mental or spiritual side of every human event. It is invisible to the senses. The horizontal dimension refers to the physical side of every human event, which is visible and tangible. Centered on refers to the purpose and cause (the vertical axis) of the actual, resultant relationship (the horizontal axis).

True Love: What is it?

A. The characteristics of true love.

1. Spontaneous and irrepensible.

- Based upon the irresistible desire of the heart.
 - Where something is held back, love is strangled.
 - Love cannot be coerced or demanded of the other.
 - Love and freedom exist together or not at all.
- Pure.
 - Love is the root motivation. It cannot be employed in the service of other motives. This means true love is pure, unadulterated by other motives.
 - Therefore, first love, virginal love, is the strongest. We all desire eternal love, because purity is eternal.
 - After experiencing betrayal, we tend to hold back; we can neither be free nor honest again.
 - Only total repentance and confession to the other can overcome the horrible prison that is created in a relationship when one partner violates love. Such honesty and repentance rarely happens; divorce is far more likely.
- Love finds and follows the shortest route. It jumps instantaneously from person to person, faster than the speed of light.
- Love flows through the relationship of two entities, like the circuit created by plus and minus electricity. When there is no connection, love cannot flow.

2. A partner is required for love to be fulfilled. No one can make love by himself or herself.

- Therefore we are unhappy when we are alone. Everyone is looking for a partner to whom they can express their love. When someone receives our love and responds with happiness, then we are most happy.
- Many people love their pets, because their pets respond to them more reliably than do other people.
- The greatest partners for our love are the members of our own family: our parents, brothers and sisters, spouse, and children. These partners are provided for us by God through the natural course of life. They are lifetime partners upon whom we can always rely, and in whom we want to invest ourselves.
- God also needs a partner of love. For this He invested Himself totally in the creation. His love is the root and model of true love.

3. Total investment.

- Unconditional, as God invested Himself in the creation, we invest in others and the world around us.
- It never ends, even when the beloved does not respond.
- To give, forget what you have given, and give again, is the way of true love.
- Love can never force itself, but always waits for the response of the beloved (1 Cor. 13).
- Without a relationship with the living God, true love is too hard; we can't keep going on our own power.
- Go to the point beyond your own power, giving more than you have to give, and God can be found there.

True love is like water and air: it automatically flows from high to low, from the place of high pressure to low pressure.

By sacrificing oneself, one becomes empty, and the true love of God naturally flows in.

4. True love seeks the welfare of the beloved. The true loving person wants his or her partner to be 1000% better, happier and more fulfilled than him or herself.

- The true lover looks at the beloved from God's viewpoint.
- True love never seeks its own way; it never seeks to use others.

5. God's love is the source, model and goal of true love.

- Love was the motive and purpose for God's creation of the universe and humankind.
- God designed the universe so that love would be the most precious existence.
- Love is the source of life, joy and happiness, even for God.
- God created love to be the strongest force.
- We are born from God and the love of our parents.
- We grow to perfect the dwelling of God in us and our love for our spouse and children.
- We return to God, to heaven, where love is the reigning Principle, after making ourselves fit for heaven in this life by the practice of true love.

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

Letters and Emails Received

Dear John, Thank you for your letter, together with the helpful enclosures. [Pornography fact sheets etc.]. It was a good debate [Pornography] in the House of Lords I thought, and I have appreciated a number of subsequent letters of encouragement which I have received. With best wishes, Rt. Revd. Dr. P. Forster. [Bishop of Chester]

Thanks John I have signed the petition [Transgender issues] and I will forward it to all my contacts. Thanks for all your good work! God bless you! Best wishes to you and your family. Françoise

... I wrote to Woman's Hour with comment when they had a short discussion on whether it's okay to swear at home in front of the children. I also wrote to the head of ITV with a copy to the head of selection for entertainment about 'Jekyll and Hyde', the violent Saturday evening entertainment and I wrote a letter to the four people mentioned in parliament on your 'transgendering' email. Look forward to hearing from you, best wishes, Jacqueline

Dear John O'Neill, Thank you for your letter...and for the info about pornography! Best, Rachel [Johnson] Daily Mail.

Dear Mr O'Neill, Thank you very much indeed for your letter of support for the way in which I spoke out against redefining marriage during a recent appearance on Question Time. I was heart warmed by the many messages of support which I received and you can be assured that I will always take a stand against any attempt to change our current laws [N. Ireland] in relation to marriage. I appreciate you taking the time to get in touch and let me know your thoughts. With very best wishes. Yours sincerely, Nigel Dodds OBE MP.

Thank you for the information. Much appreciated. Dr. Edwin Sawacha. MBE [M.F. Winter Update]

Hello! John, Many thanks for the Update. God Bless you... Peace! Ken

Dear Brother John, Thank you for your emails and the wonderful work you are doing for our communities and society. May God continue to bless you and empower you. Kind Regards, Bridget

Dear John, Thank you so much for sending this survey [child safety online] to us. I have completed it. More grace to you. Kind regards, Pastor Lara

Porn is murdering the moral character of millions of men and women - March 9, 2015 (LifeSiteNews) Jonathan Van Maren



Time and again when I'm on the road for speaking tours, people ask me a question: How did things get so bad? How did our society manage to toss out our Judeo-Christian traditions and exchange them for such unrestrained

promiscuity in such a short amount of time? There are many answers to this question, of course. But for today, I'd like to pose one theory: Nothing has shifted our culture faster than the spread of viral pornography. Think about it: If over 80% of men and close to half of women are viewing pornography every single month, how can we possibly expect them to be shocked by the exhibitionism and lewdness of the Gay Pride Parade? Within the confines of our homes we are watching thousands upon thousands of naked people committing every sex act imaginable, over and over again, day after day. When we emerge blinking into the sun, should it be any surprise that parades prominently featuring public

nudity and bizarre sexuality would not ruffle us in the least?

For many, it's just as if the scenes on the screens have leaked onto the street. It's Christians, too. About 77% of Christian men between the age of 18 and 30 use pornography every month. In one American survey, more than half of pastors copped to having viewed porn in the past year. Many complain that there seems to be a lack of moral leadership on issues surrounding pornography and sexuality within the Christian community and in the culture at large. Should that be any surprise when the majority of Christian leaders have themselves been implicated? Shame and hypocrisy are tremendously powerful forces.

The Sexual Revolution may have been the explosive event that blew a hole in the Judeo-Christian dam holding back pent-up floods of depravity. But it is the porn plague that has infected us all. It is the sexual sins surfacing on every screen that has made quislings of the very men who were tasked with rallying the forces of the church against the forces of the Revolution. That is why the Porn Generation, even those growing up within the confines of Christian communities and spending each Sunday within the walls of churches, pay little attention to sexual morality. It's a trend that's being referred to as "sexual atheism"—those who claim to be Christian, perhaps even attend church services, admit the existence of God—but don't think that their sex lives should be impacted by any code of conduct. They do what they please, and with whom they please. They have taken their cues on sex from porn, not from Scripture. Trees without roots easily blow over. I believe pornography is also the reason so many young evangelicals and Catholics flocked to join the ranks of those calling for the redefinition of marriage. After all, anal sex and a buffet of other sex acts are mainstream in pornography.

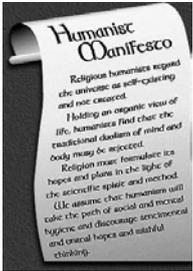
Can anyone expect those raised on this sexual diet to mount any protest against those calling for the state to formalize and endorse "alternative" sexual relationships? Especially when in droves, young Christians are beginning to experiment with alternative sexual lifestyles themselves?

Pornography has successfully normalized virtually every sex act, and as the result, they have become normal. The Telegraph reported on this trend some time ago: According to a new piece of research by two American university professors, the more porn heterosexual men watch – the more it opens up their mind to be increasingly accepting of "non-traditional sexual situations". "Our study suggests that the more heterosexual men, especially less educated heterosexual men, watch pornography, the more supportive they become of same-sex marriage," Indiana University Assistant Professor Paul Wright told The Washington Examiner.

"Pornography adopts an individualistic, non-judgmental stance on all kinds of non-traditional sexual behaviours and same-sex marriage attitudes are strongly linked to attitudes about same-sex sex. If people think individuals should be able to decide for themselves whether to have same-sex sex, they will also think that individuals should be able to decide for themselves whether to get married to a partner of the same-sex." As Christian parents, educators, and church leaders struggle to deal with the cultural currents, there is much to be done and many battles to fight. But at the end of the day, rooting pornography out of our homes, schools, and churches is the single most urgent task before us. Because pornography is poison, and it is murdering the moral character of millions who are drinking it daily and deeply. It is destroying relationships. It is rewiring the brains of adolescents who are learning about sex not from their parents or church leaders, but from contorted porn stars and smut-peddlers. Many Christian communities spent decades building their church walls thick and high. But Wi-Fi signals ooze right through the brick, bearing a soul-destroying payload. Prevention and education are the only weapons we have left, and it is time we used them.

Secularism, Humanism - Dangerous Modern Philosophy with an Ancient Origin

by David Treybig



“Secular Humanism is an outgrowth of 18th and 19th century enlightenment rationalism. This insidious philosophy is at the heart and core of the cultural war.” One of today’s most influential philosophies is that of modern humanism. This way of thinking is having a profound influence upon modern nations and peoples. This philosophy is at the heart and core of the cultural war taking place

within the United States and many other Western nations. Although proponents of modern humanism point to a resurgence of interest and support in the last century, the underlying principles of humanism are really quite ancient. Secular Humanism is the most dangerous religion (sect, cult) in the World today. Homer does an excellent job of describing the dangers of Humanism. He is absolutely right in saying that Humanism is the most dangerous religion in America, ... Duncan Homer was warning people about the threat of secular humanism to freedom many years ago. It is a pity that almost no one listened. Now our country is almost destroyed morally, educationally, and spiritually. What is interesting about humanism is that it is the exact opposite of Christianity. Humanism is a religion based on pure atheism. Whatever Christianity says is right, Humanism says is wrong. Humanism is the pure evil. Unfortunately, it is also highly organized into political action groups with well-defined purposes and goals. All other religions lie somewhere in between Humanism and Christianity.

Modern Humanism Defined

What Is Humanism? After summarizing literary humanism, Renaissance humanism, cultural humanism, philosophical humanism and Christian humanism, Edwords comes to modern humanism, the broad philosophy consisting of both secular humanism and religious humanism. “Modern Humanism, also called Naturalistic Humanism, Scientific Humanism, Ethical Humanism and Democratic Humanism, is defined by one of its leading proponents, Corliss Lamont, as ‘a naturalistic philosophy that rejects all supernaturalism and relies primarily upon reason and science, democracy and human compassion.’ Modern Humanism has a dual origin, both secular and religious, and these constitute its sub-categories. Secular Humanism is an outgrowth of 18th century enlightenment rationalism and 19th century freethought... Religious Humanism emerged out of Ethical Culture, Unitarianism, and Universalism. Today, many Unitarian-Universalist congregations and all Ethical Culture societies describe themselves as humanist in the modern sense... Secular and Religious Humanists both share the same worldview and the same basic principles. This is made evident by the fact that both Secular and Religious Humanists were among the signers of the Humanist Manifesto I in 1933 and Humanist Manifesto II in 1973. From the standpoint of philosophy alone, there is

no difference between the two. It is only in the definition of religion and in the practice of the philosophy that Religious and Secular Humanists effectively disagree”.

The Focus of Humanism

These philosophies are all focused on humans. Human beings—not God—are at the centre of all this thinking. Within secular humanism, anything dealing with the supernatural (including God, the Bible, angels, demons) isn’t considered. In general, secular humanists consider all religion to be superstitious thought that has held back the progress of humanity. “Secular Humanists maintain that there is so much in religion deserving of criticism that the good name of Humanism should not be tainted by connection with it.”

Secular Humanism

While both branches of modern humanism, religious and secular, have had profound influences upon Western societies, the latter has received more attention and attained more success in both Europe and the United States in recent years. According to Edwords, “The Secular Humanist tradition is a tradition of defiance, a tradition that dates back to ancient Greece. Prometheus stands out because he was idolized by ancient Greeks as the one who defied Zeus... he continued his defiance amid his tortures. This is the root of the Humanist challenge to authority...” Only a Humanist can suggest that, even if there be a god, it is OK to disagree with him. Humanist myth: “Much of Human progress has been in defiance of religion or of the apparent natural order.” The opposite is true, all progress appeared where faith was strongest (Rome, Spain, North Europe, England, then US... that’s how power and progress moved based on faith). Powers that oppressed religion always collapsed. Humanist myth: “Politically, the defiance of religious and secular authority has led to democracy, human rights...” The opposite is true. French revolution was Humanist and brought only blood, destruction, corruption... it suppressed human and religious rights. Later it evolved into the Communist totalitarianism, based on Marks, who synthesized all humanist Philosophies into the Godless Ideology killing 150 million people in peaceful times. That is what Atheism, Materialism and Humanism does. Western Democracy however came based on a Christian strive for religious freedom in England and later in US. It was bloodless, peaceful, and really guaranteed human rights. Humanists make no apologies for this. For this is part of the “tradition”. Humanists are quite proud of their tradition of defiance of authority and believe that their actions have made the world a better place to live. They believe their approach is more caring and considerate of people and that their way of thinking is superior to others. Secular humanists proudly live here and now as opposed to some supposed life after death. They believe in evolution—that man evolved from animals. Thus Communists treated people as animals. They are advocates of contemporary sexual values determined by the momentous animal instincts. Thus family is an obstacle for their perverse sexual needs. Yet statistics show that married, faithful to each other spouses are happier and more sexually satisfied. While at the same time humanists lead the society to drugs, free sex and destruction - a pure suicide.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

By John O'Neill



Sophie chose life for her baby because she met pro-lifers at the March for Life UK. She had booked an appointment to have an abortion.

On March 16th I went in the afternoon to Ealing in West London to participate in the 40 Days for Life International pro-life campaign, which takes place outside abortion clinics. The vigils in Ealing are continuous throughout the year, and are organised by the Good Counsel Network (www.goodcounselnetwork.com) who are based in London, and who also hold vigils outside two other abortion clinics in London. Prayers are said continually throughout the day by the participants in the vigils. I was particularly moved by the dedication of an elderly lady from the GCN who was standing near to the abortion clinic. She was calmly, politely approaching ladies who came out of the clinic, offering them a leaflet and a chance to talk over the consequences of the tragic, heart-rending, horrendous situation they find themselves in, concerning their unborn child. It was a bitterly cold day, and this elderly lady had been faithfully standing outside this clinic for the whole afternoon. During the 40 Days for Life campaign 471 babies are known to have been saved, and 4 abortion clinics have closed during this time.

While I was there, I observed mainly young women coming out from the clinic at regular intervals. I felt very saddened by the sight of these young women, many of whom will no doubt have been completely deceived and lied to over the course of their short lives concerning sexual morals and ethics. It is also never explained to the women seeking abortions about the very serious mental and emotional suffering many of them will experience after having their abortion. The media often portray the sexual act as though it is a recreational sport, and many of the sex education programmes in schools are amoral and only encourage the children to have sex. Pornography has been allowed to become mainstream in our society, with devastating consequences for young people and adults also. The sexual revolution and the permissive society have been a complete disaster for our nation. Britain has the highest rates of teenage pregnancies and divorces in Europe. STDs have been at record levels amongst our young people in recent years. There is a 20% failure rate in young people who use condoms, yet, many of the sex education programmes give the impression that condoms are totally safe.

“Research has established the fact that once out of denial and trying to justify the abortion, innumerable post abortive women will suffer remorse, guilt, grief, anxiety and eating disorders, suicides, depression, low self-esteem, difficult relationships, despair, anger. Inability to forgive oneself, etc.” Research in New Zealand by Otago University shows that abortion increases women’s risk of mental illness by 30%, and there are about 28 worldwide studies now linking Breast Cancer with abortion.

The following information is from a very important leaflet which has been produced by The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. “Pro-life pavement counsellors stand near

abortion clinics and offer women free help, without coercion, to avoid abortion. Hundreds of babies are saved from abortion each year. It is currently lawful to do this provided there is no obstruction or harassment. Privately run abortion clinics want to create ‘buffer zones’ around their premises making it illegal to offer women help. These clinics receive around £600 for each abortion they perform... This little girl is alive today because her mum was helped by a pro-life pavement counsellor... Her mother needed emotional and practical support when she was pregnant. In despair, she went to an abortion clinic. Outside, a pavement counsellor offered her hope and the chance to continue her pregnancy. ‘The last minute offer of support provides a lifeline to any woman who still feels ambivalent or under pressure when arriving at the abortion clinic’ says Image, a pregnancy support group in Manchester. **Sign the petition calling the Home Secretary to reject calls to make it illegal for peaceful pavement counsellors to offer pro-life alternatives near abortion clinics. To sign online, please go to www.spuc.org.uk. email: enquiries@spuc.org.uk, or call 02070917091 to request a petition form.”**

I really admire the dedication and sacrifice of the people who stand outside abortion clinics offering help and hope to women considering having an abortion. This really is frontline spiritual, moral work - saving lives. God’s deep concern, heart and love is clearly being manifested in a powerful way by such people and long may it continue, until abortion is no longer seen as being necessary in our troubled world.

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Gabbana. Sadly, on the basis of such a distorted view of understanding right or wrong, it is almost impossible to hold a reasoned discussion and come to a reasonable conclusion on many really important issues today. The discussion is closed down.

Even the judges of Supreme Courts in many countries find simple, moral reasoning is hard work when activists are shouting: “Bigot!” “Intolerant!” and “It’s unfair!” in their ears. We have found ourselves in a very precarious place, a very hazardous place indeed. In a marriage redefined society, those who understand that healthy community life is only possible if there are healthy marital and sexual norms will find themselves being constantly persecuted and harassed. They have to learn to be tolerant and inclusive – no matter the social damage. People of faith suffer the most. So it seems we find ourselves trapped in lies that are profound in nature and one sincerely wonders how society can find its way out of its deadly, erroneous thinking whilst the modern moralists hold so much influence in most social institutions. All authoritarian societies create youth wings. Hitler had his Hitler-Jugend. The USSR had its Young Pioneers. We now have the same-sex lobby and its allies. That’s what happens when you build a society based on lies. You need young people who have been taught to view the world in a certain ideological way, and then they are used to go around aggressively pursuing all those who disagree with the lies. That is all that is happening here. The redefining of marriage gives birth to an authoritarian State. Nothing can stop this if the Supreme Court can’t see past the mantra of ‘we must have fairness, tolerance and inclusivity’. Nothing can protect those who see the truth.