

# Morality Forum Update

*Standing up for family values in society*

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## The urgent need for holding Politicians to Account

By John O'Neill

In his excellent article In the Autumn edition of the Morality Forum Update, Stephen Stacey highlighted the immense damage being done to our society by the liberal, humanistic policies and legislation enacted by successive governments in the UK, regarding abortion, divorce, the redefining of marriage and amoral sexual guidance etc. Article 18 of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights states: "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or in private, to manifest religion or belief, in worship, teaching, practice and observance." Thomas Jefferson an American Founding Father who was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence and later served as the third President of the United States from 1801 to 1809 stated that: "no nation can be governed without religion".

We need politicians who will be honest enough to face the facts regarding when their policies and legislation are not working. Violent crime in England and Wales has soared by 22% in the year to September 2016, 1,075,511 offences. We see heart-rending stories In the media every day caused by family breakdown etc., in our 'broken society.' The great civilisations throughout history  
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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### As campaign ends, 40 Days for Life reports 658 babies saved from abortion. Shawn Carney – 40 Days for Life Director



Forty days and 18,000 miles later ... yesterday marked the end of the 40 Days for Life UNITED bus tour! There is much to tell you in the weeks

ahead ... so look forward to learning what God did during the largest 40 Days for Life campaign ever. For now, there's great news! We are aware of 658 babies who were saved from abortion during this campaign! We're still gathering information and expect that number to go even higher — praise God! Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: "Sometimes, when we're praying on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, we might wonder whether we're having any effect," said one of the Pittsburgh volunteers. "Well ... we had a save today!" During this vigil participant's final prayer shift of the campaign, God showed in a real way what that effect is, through His love and grace. Three volunteers were praying on the sidewalk when a young woman emerged from Planned Parenthood — alone, holding an ultrasound picture. She walked up and said, "I went in for an abortion today, but decided not to. The people in there are not of God." She went on to say that she already had a little one at home. She was crying ... and soon the volunteers were tearing up as well. She took information about local pregnancy resources ... hugged the vigil participants ... and went home. Not long afterward, a passer-by stopped to say, "Because of you being here, I learned the truth." "Our presence does make a difference," the volunteer said, "even if we can't see it all the time." *LifeSiteNews – Reprinted with permission from 40 Days for Life.*

#### United Nations international Day of Peace "The UN Sustainable Development Goals and Religion" Oslo, Norway, September 22.

Steinar Murud, leader of Universal Peace Federation Norway, spoke on the topic 'Spiritual Values and World Peace'. He characterized the SDG as universal and something everybody should be able to agree upon. Peace itself is something we all should be able to agree upon but still we have conflicts. No peace has been sustainable. Why not?  
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Murud said that intelligent and knowledgeable people are good, but give no guarantee for World Peace. Knowledge is a step on the way, but not enough. The real foundation in any society is a question of values, not material but spiritual values. It is this foundation that has inspired and developed peaceful societies. In the UNESCO constitution it says; Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed. Peace must begin in the human mind and then expressed externally. This is a challenge. We might have good goals but if they are not rooted in our hearts they can easily remain as a utopian goal. Murud referred to Dag Hammarskjöld, the 2nd UN secretary general, who himself said the world needs a spiritual rebirth. To the degree that our society has a healthy foundation, based on spiritual values, the external goals can be achieved. Murud concluded that it is for this purpose that religions can contribute. The discussion that followed pointed out the difference in the UN approach to peace in external political goals and the eastern and religious approach focused on the spiritual aspect. They are both most relevant and complementary to build a peaceful world.

**32nd Session of the UN Human Rights Council:  
Women's Federation for World Peace  
International Side Event: Family & Prevention  
of Social Epidemics, Youth Radicalisation, and  
Sexualisation of Children June 23, 2016 - UNHQ  
Geneva. Excerpt**

*Annie Franklin, Director of International Activities for Family Watch International (FWI) invited the audience to watch a documentary entitled "War on Children: The Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) Agenda." This controversial program is being recommended for very young children and is being introduced in public schools throughout the world (<http://www.truli.com/video/the-war-on-children>). "CSE is not a sex education program as we know it, but describes a dangerous assault on the health and innocence of children," explained a spokesperson for the American College of Paediatricians in the film. The dangers of this new trend in education were assessed by educators, physicians, lawmakers and concerned parents, who concluded that this very 'non-comprehensive' program was essentially "designed to change sexual and gender norms of society, promote high-risk sexual behaviours and encourage even the youngest of children to experiment sexually." All parents with children in schools need to be very vigilant and make sure that they check the contents of all the materials used in sex education classes, which by law they are entitled to do. It is still also the right for parents to withdraw their children from sex education classes. Special thanks to Family Watch International for highlighting this vile, corrupting sex education programme, and for the outstanding work that FWI do in continually speaking out and campaigning in defence of traditional moral and family values. For advice about sex education in schools, contact: SPUC Safe at School, 3, Whitacre Mews, Stannary Street, London, SE11 4AB. Tel: 02084073463 Email: [safeatschool@spuc.org.uk](mailto:safeatschool@spuc.org.uk)*

**The Dangers Involved in Legalising Cannabis**

Nick Clegg and a number of other MPs have been calling for cannabis to be legalised in the UK. There have been harrowing examples in recent years concerning the damage caused to people

through them taking cannabis. "Our son now aged 38 has never worked since his graduation from University. From a smart, intelligent person he became unkempt, refused to pay rent on most flats he lived in and left them in total disrepair, constantly heard voices in his head telling him to do various outlandish things." "A cannabis user who smoked the drug for five years was recently jailed for killing his aunt and grandmother. Christopher Whelan's parents said that cannabis was a major factor in the killings and should be a warning to other young men." "Lara only ever allowed herself a puff or two a day for medicinal purposes...., and – tragically – enough to devastate her personality, perceptions, relationships, health and nearly her life." A 20-year study by the World Health Organisation showed that cannabis doubles the risk of schizophrenia in youngsters, seriously impairs intellectual ability, and is a gateway to 'harder' drugs. Research by Smart approaches to Marijuana in the USA has shown that legalising cannabis has led to an upsurge in children smoking the drug, an increase in traffic deaths from driving while high, cannabis related poisonings and hospitalisations, and workplace absenteeism. Clearly, the evidence shows that legalising cannabis would be grossly irresponsible. Living in accord with our Creator's universal moral and spiritual laws is the key to achieving the inner peace and contentment that drug users etc., are looking for, exemplified by living for the sake of others, which will enhance our spiritual growth, and bring us ever closer to the deep parental love of God. For a comprehensive explanation about drugs: [www.moralityforum.org.uk](http://www.moralityforum.org.uk) - 'Important Articles'.

**Morality Forum Action**

Letters and emails which include the results of relevant studies, surveys and fact sheets, continue to be sent to MPs, journalists and religious leaders etc.

Morality Forum supporters in different parts of the country continue to be active in defending moral and family values, in different ways, such as: through attending conferences, speaking on phone-in's, raising funds, praying, etc.

On November 5th, together with other members of the Harrow branch of SPUC, John O'Neill delivered abortion information leaflets door-to-door in Harrow.

John O'Neill participated in the 40 days for Life worldwide peaceful campaign outside an abortion clinic in Twickenham SW London on October 28th. John also participated in a Symposium about pornography at the Houses of Parliament on October 28th, and at a conference about the 'New Normal' in Victoria, London, on October 12th. Speaking from the floor at the Symposium John received positive feedback after highlighting how we need to go to the root causes concerning why pornography is causing so much harm in our nation. This means the need for Almighty God to be at the heart and soul of our nation again. John O'Neill has also received some very positive feedback after speaking at various Christian churches in defence of moral and family values.

Abortion and Euthanasia petition forms and leaflets, sex education bulletins and copies of the Pro-Life Times newspaper from SPUC continue to be widely distributed. Copies of the SPUC briefing notes regarding people contacting MPs concerning compulsory sex education, have recently started to be distributed to religious organisations etc., and also sent out by email.

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have endured because of their religious and spiritual foundations. We now find that our religious freedoms are under attack by the humanistic agenda, particularly in relation to freedom of conscience. We urgently need Almighty God's universal moral and spiritual laws and principles to be at the heart and soul of our nation again, and no more so than in our Houses of Parliament. History shows clearly that no society in history has been able to last for long without a strong moral code. We obtain our morals from our religions. Religious people, and especially religious leaders, are meant to act as the conscience of our nations. It is very important for religious people especially, to contact our politicians when they are in the process of formulating policies which will harm our societies, such as the redefining of marriage etc. Also, to thank them when they do good work which benefits our societies. It is also important to send to politicians fact sheets, the results of relevant studies and surveys, when contacting them.

Great news from the USA! President Trump has stopped the US government funding the abortion programmes of International Planned Parenthood, which have included participation in a brutal population programme in China, which involved forced abortions and the sterilization of women. In Europe. Antonio Tajani has been elected to the position of the new President of the European Parliament. Mr Tajani is against abortion and also the gender ideology which is designed to destroy families all around the world. Even though he has been very controversial, the appointment of Mr Trump, and also Mr Tajani, hopefully could be a key turning point regarding the better world that we all long to see.

The liberal, humanistic sex education lobby are strongly trying to influence the government to make sex education compulsory. It is the role of the parents to teach their children about sensitive subjects such as sexual matters, not schools. Overall, sex education in schools has been a disaster. Many of the sex education programmes are amoral and only encourage the children to have sex. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children have produced excellent briefing notes regarding compulsory sex education in schools: ***"SPUC Action Alert -17-1-17: Last week Labour MP Stella Creasy introduced a clause in the Children and Social Work bill to make sex education a statutory school subject. The clause was defeated, but the threat remains that children could be made to have sex education lessons in schools against the wishes of their parents. Sex education is now being presented as a safeguarding issue, that is, children must have sex education to keep them safe from sexual exploitation. Current approaches to sex education risk sexualising children and young people and making them more rather than less vulnerable to sexual predators. It is currently unclear exactly what the government plans to do on this issue, but it is very important that parents, grandparents and others write straight away to their MP asking him/her to oppose any moves to make sex education statutory."*** To order the briefing notes online, contact: katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk Tel:02070917091. Government money is being used to allow transgender materials to be used in schools, which will only confuse the children and could cause immense mental and emotional harm to some children. The American College of Pediatricians state: "Conditioning children into believing a life-

time of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is child abuse." Dame Louise Casey, the head of the government Opportunity and Integration Programme has stated that faith schools should no longer be allowed to say that marriage is only meant to be between a man and a woman. This extreme, biased and disgraceful statement only underlines the importance of relevant people contacting their MPs. The reason that the LGBT lobby have made such key progress with their so-called equality agenda, is because they influenced important government Ministers at the highest levels of office, including Tony Blair and David Cameron. Please contact MPs about compulsory sex education, the transgender issue and also the comments by Louise Casey. If politicians receive hundreds of letters or emails {all politicians can be contacted by email, which must include your name and address} about significant moral/family issues, it will surely influence them strongly about what course of action to take, even if it is only because politicians are always mindful of the dangers of being voted out of office at the next general election. There is a spiritual/moral war taking place worldwide at the present time between the forces of darkness and evil, and the forces of good and righteousness. One of the key weapons in this warfare is for religious people to work together in challenging the evil side. All religious leaders should be encouraging their congregations to contact their MPs about relevant issues, and let us all keep our politicians in our prayers, and especially pray that a religious ethos will again become prevalent in our nation. Repentance is also a vital component in this spiritual/moral warfare: 2 Chronicles 7:14 - If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

## The Attachment Theory - How Does Love work?

Frankfurt am Main, Germany, November 12, 2016  
By Monika Kunde

The family is still highly topical, even if some people have declared it to be an 'outdated model'. This is clear from the results of the "Shell Youth Study 2015", which conducted research into the value system of German youth. Young people give priority to values such as friendship, partnership and family. 89% put particular importance on having good friends, 85% a partner whom they can trust, and 72% a good family life. So we were extremely happy that almost half of those participating in the UPF event were younger than 25 years old. Following a short introduction into the basic goals of UPF by Claus Dubisz, an entertaining short video "Fred, der Exbärte: Über die Eltern-Kind-Bindung", (from a series of online presentation for young parents) set the atmosphere for the main presentation - 'the theory of attachment - how does love actually work?' The speaker, Hildegard Piepenburg, is the mother of four children as well as holding a B.Sc. in psychology, and was thus able to draw upon a wealth of personal experience as well as theoretical knowledge to give a wide range of information which she presented under three headings - 1) research into bonding, 2) research into the brain and emotions, and 3) what is love? 1) The attachment theory is an

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## Letters and Emails Received

Thanks John! I have signed it, (premature sexualisation of children in schools) and have forwarded the petition to a number of people. Kind regards, Marshall

Dear John, Thank you for sending information always. Keep up the good fight. The election of Donald Trump will seemingly enable people in USA to confront and even overturn the campaign for legalised immorality. If only Britain, or Scotland, had a leader of that sort, the good side could be more effective over here. Only Northern Ireland seems to buck the downward trend in the British Isles. Keep well...Hamish

Thanks ever so much John, for all the news/information/updates in the Morality Forum Update and other forms of communication you have been sending to us throughout the year. We really appreciate your continuous hard work and input into all that you do to uphold and promote True Family Values. Also, thank you for your outreach to all the like-minded groups. Keep up the good work! Love & Blessings.... James, Joan & Shane Simon

Many thanks John. I'm always grateful to receive your newsletters and to see you keeping the front line in the battle for morality and the family alive. We wish you and your family the very best for 2017. Ron and Catherine

Hi John, Thank you so much for sending me this Morality Forum information. It helps me a lot to understand about marriage. I would appreciate it if you could send to me this kind of information in the future. Best wishes, Emiko

Dear John, Many thanks. I enjoy reading the "Morality Forum Updates". Their truthfulness and clarity are a beacon of hope for our western society. Best wishes. Ian Kelly

Hello John, greetings from Hamburg, Germany ! I have recently been made aware of your "Morality Forum" thanks to Oivind Haugen. I agree wholeheartedly with the conclusion of your article "The Global Sexual Revolution": "The greatest confrontation in our world is about faith in God versus the denial of God"...Kind Regards, Gerhard Toelke

Dear John, Thank you for your email. As ever, your letter is very good and clear. I 'had a go' at the BBC for the number of their interviewees etc. who use the word 'sexy', which they obviously don't mention to anyone. The audience services reply was to quote the dictionary to me where 'sexy' was acknowledged as used for meanings other than its original one. I didn't go back to them, but I really feel that when someone has to quote the dictionary to justify something ethically unsound, they are refusing to think. That's half the trouble in the world today! The other night on the Radio 4 'World Tonight' programme they interviewed a performance poet by the name of 'Thick Richard' - obviously an attention-seeker! - who has started a 'Swear School' performance, which he is also taking to schools that invite him. He seems to be claiming that young people are swearing mindlessly and they need a background in the history of swearing. It will be restricted to pupils over 18. He's basically an entertainer looking for a gap for himself in the overcrowded entertainment industry. I just did a short email to 'The World Tonight' saying so and warning that more pushing at the boundaries is to be expected. Otherwise, I've been keeping an eye as ever on the sex/porn scene. 'Woman's Hour' and also the 'p.m.' programme have done something and I've sent letters with what I think is constructive comments. The editor of the 'p.m.' programme is definitely on the side of thinking we should be worried about young people, but the BBC always sounds as if it's sitting on the fence, whatever broadcasters really think. I don't think they get many people writing in afterwards. I'm glad to see 'Mediawatch' has appointed a new director. Best wishes, Jacqueline

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influential psychological theory which was established in the 1950's by John Bowlby, an English child psychiatrist. Attachment is an emotional tie, coming from the child as an expression of a basic, inborn need for closeness and security. The child, who is not capable of independent life, relies on being cared for and looks for protection and security from someone who is 'older and wiser'. In doing so, it is not a matter of the provision of food or other things, but it is about the need for love. A further need that children have is to investigate the environment, also known as the need to explore. Attachment and exploration oppose each other. The child must learn how to regulate closeness and distance. The unknown can only awaken curiosity when the child feels emotionally secure. Effective bonding promotes the child's independence and personality development. Or to express it another way, emotional security encourages learning. Complimenting the two systems of behaviour in the infant, is the so-called care system of the primary attachment figure, usually the mother. When she is sensitive to the child and promptly and reliably fulfils his needs, the child develops a secure attachment. When this is not the case, an insecure attachment develops which may be either avoiding or ambivalent. Such patterns of attachment will also affect the quality of the relationship in a later partnership. Family attachments have a lifelong importance for our emotional security. 2) The brain and research into emotions. Researchers call the brain a biosocial organ, since it is intrinsically shaped by the environment and the attachment figure. The child's first 2-3 years are especially formative for brain development. A good environment in a harmonious family with a variety of stimuli, fosters a child's brain development. A bad environment such as, for example an irresponsibly run orphanage where there is a lack of love, has an inhibitory effect. This was very clearly demonstrated by the results of the "Bucharest Early Intervention Project" a study of Romanian orphans, carried out by Charles A. Nelson. The significance of emotions for human development was long underestimated, and this topic was not recognized as a field worthy of scientific research until the 1990s. The big surprise was that feelings are not accidental, erratic and meaningless, but rather logical, 'intelligent' and thoroughly efficient. Emotions motivate us to action -without emotions we would not be able to act. We learn emotional intelligence and develop our capacity for empathy in a stable, secure relationship. 3) What is love? The understandings of the research into attachment, brain and emotions have led to the development of something like a formula for love. Sue Johnson, psychologist and partner therapist, introduces many practical applications of these results in her book: "Love Sense", which she uses very successfully as emotion focused therapy (EFT) for couples. Johnson speaks about cracking the "love code". Love is an internal composure, an attitude towards oneself and others with the goal of well-being. The need for bonding, the ability to care and to empathize, all belong to our basic equipment to practice love. Mrs. Piepenburg ended her presentation by stating that the teachings of all religions exhort us to develop our heart and to do good: 'by heart', is meant the irrepressible impulse to experience joy through love. This heart is the deepest core of our being, implanted in us by God. In this way, we resemble him and strive to experience joy through love. When we can develop loving relationships on all levels; in the family, to all people, to nature and to God, the peaceful world which we all long for, will come about naturally. Everyone could agree with this statement, and the event ended with stimulating and lively discussion over coffee and cake.



## **True Family Values**

### **The Family is the Cornerstone** **B. The arena of action for true love is one's hometown.**

#### *3. What is a hometown?*

- It is where I was born and/or where my children were born.
- It is where my ancestors lived and died.
- It is like the Garden of Eden for Adam and Eve; it is anywhere and everywhere on earth.
- It includes the ownership of property, economic enterprises, institutions of governance, cultural life, civic and recreational associations, and the institutions of spiritual life and family tradition.
- These are the arenas in which families interact, based upon their mutual commitment to the greater good, practicing, inculcating and celebrating true family values.
- This creates a "culture of heart" in the hometown, which is the kingdom of heaven on earth.
- An example is the motion picture, "It's a Wonderful Life." The hero sacrifices himself for the sake of his hometown, through the institution of the savings and loan, and through his marriage. His doubts concerning the value of his life are expelled when an angel reveals to him that his sacrifice had saved his town from becoming a hell-on-earth. "Mr. Holland's Opus" has a similar theme.
- All people are moved in their consciences by these kind of stories, because they reflect true family values.

4. From our hometown the kingdom connects with other hometowns and expands to cover the world.

### **C. Restoration of past failures is necessary to create harmonious relationships of mutual respect and common purpose.**

*1. This work is not easy. There are debts of sin to be paid, much pain to be resolved and overcome. Much love will be required.*

*2. Our families and communities are riddled by resentment, failure, hatred, frustration and broken hearts.*

*3. Before we build true peace, these must be healed and resolved.*

*4. Thus, the work of restoration comes before the new creation.*

- Restoration is painful and it engenders opposition.
- This is because it confronts the sins of the past.
- Individuals may oppose our efforts and persecute us, yet this is not just their personal problem. They represent larger problems which have come down to them.

For example, hostility between religious groups is rooted in the experience of hundreds of years of conflict, warfare, oppression, etc.

Racism and nationalism also express unresolved

resentments and bitterness from centuries of violent domination.

Just as serious are individual and family problems, such as alcoholism, infidelity, homosexuality and mental disorders, which pass on distortions of love received from parents and grandparents.

Dealing with those requires facing and resolving the past within the present-day relationships.

### **D. Our responsibility also includes perfecting the environment.**

All of nature depends on the people who have the power to abuse it or beautify it, according to their quality of love and purpose.

*1. The environment begins with my own home and neighborhood, and the value of all homes and neighborhoods.*

*2. My personal habits should not be wasteful of the earth's gifts.*

*3. Maintain a sense of gratitude to nature for what it offers to us: food, housing, clothing, energy-even air and sunlight should be appreciated sincerely.*

*4. When all families practice this, the earth will rejoice.*

### **E. Basic lessons of the First Principle, to begin true love in one's family and hometown.**

- The family as a whole makes the commitment for the real down-to-earth environment of the hometown.
- The family is a rich organism with many dimensions, both spiritual and physical, which are bound together through true love.
- True love begins from God, is manifested in the family, and expands to the world. A free society can succeed only when grounded in true families who are living this way.
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## **The "Vertical Ethic"**

### **A. Goodness means to live for the sake of the whole**

One important purpose of the family is that through the family, the individual is drawn to live for the greater whole. This is expressed in what we call the "vertical ethic." The vertical ethic teaches that goodness means to live for the sake of the whole.

*1. Obligation to the whole is the center of true family ethics.*

- This means to serve the whole, even at the sacrifice of the self.
- The whole means the greater collective, which has higher value than the individual.
- We in turn become people of value to the whole.
- And we participate in and inherit the value of the whole.

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

## Cardinal Burke: Gender Theory is Madness [Abridged]



Contraception is at the root of the culture of death and the defense of family is inseparable from the defense of life, Cardinal Raymond Burke says in a broad looking interview. Burke is the patron of the Sovereign Military

Order of Malta and the former Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura, the Vatican's highest court. "I do not see how it is possible to talk about the family without talking about the defense of human life," Burke said. "It is fundamental. Contraception and abortion are two stages in the attack on conjugal love. In contraception there is a fear of new life and this practice often leads to abortion. It is of fundamental importance to associate works on behalf of the family with Pro-Life works, because marriage is the source of new life. The Lord created man and woman to love each other and to marry and they express their love fully in conjugal union, which is by nature procreative," Burke explained. 'Gender theory' is an attack on this truth he said. "Gender theory is an invention, an artificial creation. It is impossible to have an identity that does not respect the proper nature of man and woman. It is madness that will cause immense damage in society and in the lives of those who support this theory. With gender theory, it is impossible to live in society. Already today, in certain places in the United States, anyone at all can change identity and say, 'Today I am a man; tomorrow I will be a woman.' That is truly madness. Some men insist on going into the women's rest rooms. That is inhuman. In the schools you can imagine the confusion... Nowadays there is enormous confusion, which is based on the false idea that there are practically an infinite number of possible sexual orientations. The twofold expression of the human person is not heterosexuality and homosexuality but male and female. This is the authentic theology of anthropology: that god created man: 'male and female He created them.' Burke warned that Christians must defend the natural law from legislative attacks that contradict what, "is inscribed in the heart of man by the sovereign Will of God. Not to speak about the natural law is to deny reason. Similarly, people who experience same-sex attraction deserve authentic pastoral care, care that doesn't cause harm by encouraging them to follow inclinations against the natural law." Homosexual acts ultimately cause suffering, he said, because they go against the natural "complementarity of the sexes and the sexual faculty's potential for procreation. But the church offers those with same-sex attraction the opportunity to discover what authentic love means. President Obama wants to push the Church back behind the walls of her church buildings and to prevent her from applying her law to her own hospitals and schools. He claims that the Church may not intervene on the question of abortion, of homosexuality, but that the State alone must manage these questions." The U.S government "wants citizens to obey unjust laws," he said, such as requirements that Catholic hospitals commit abortions and dispense contraceptives. "To that, I reply: We cannot do it," because "there are situations in which the Christian must disobey when civil law commands an action contrary to the moral law. Growing up in a secularized culture has stifled

and in many cases wounded young people. The divorce of parents, pornography and 'liberation' from morality contribute to these wounds but many are still looking for true love, and God nonetheless. People must reject narcissistic individualism, rediscover the meaning of family life and promote virtue in order to fix the deep crises the modern world faces. Lack of moral life is more grave than material poverty. Emotional instability is a terrible form of poverty." Burke encouraged Catholics to never cease defending life and family and to look to the examples of Mother Teresa and others who went to prison for their commitment to the service of life. "Calm and strong Pro-Life witness bears fruit." Burke said that throughout his priesthood he has encountered many people suffering from abortion and, "several post-abortive women told me that at night they would hear the cries of their unborn child. We must understand and listen to the great suffering of women who have experienced an abortion..." Burke also revealed that a doctor pressured his mother to abort him after she became seriously ill while pregnant while his parents believed that "Christ would give them the necessary help" and he was born in good health. *Published by LifeSiteNews*

### SPUC interns: "We learnt how crucial it is for everyone, especially young people, to be actively involved in the pro-life movement every day."

Posted by SPUC interns on 11 October 2016



We are Alejandro and Alanis, and we interned at the SPUC headquarters in London this August. We come from very different backgrounds. One of us, Alanis, is a law student from a small town in green mid-Wales, and the

other, Alejandro, is originally from the exotic country of Colombia and is currently going into the second year of A-levels. We both feel an affinity for SPUC's holistic approach to pro-life issues and have a huge desire to be part of a movement which seeks to protect every single life from conception until natural death. Although we were always instinctively against the killing of the unborn, without proper information we were not always fully aware of the many dangers of the anti-life agenda. This is why the internship was so important and eye-opening for us. What did we do? Over the past 5 weeks, we have had the opportunity to take part in numerous pro-life activities and work, including participating in the "3 Days to Live" campaign, campaigning against a Polish Medical Centre where unborn babies are aborted, promoting SPUC's 50th Anniversary National Conference, preparing university student packs, pavement counselling outside an abortion centre, honing our debating skills and doing general administrative work. During our internship, we were fortunate enough to travel to numerous places in the UK such as Preston, the Liverpool area and Reading. We were tasked with spreading the pro-life message. Our work involved raising awareness of the "3 Days to Live" campaign, which involved providing information and discussing issues relating to euthanasia with people

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on the streets. During our visits, we also did a lot of door-to-door canvassing with general pro-life information, as well as visiting numerous parishes with the aim of discussing and promoting the SPUC message. The Polish medical centre: One focus of the internship was campaigning against a Polish Medical Centre where babies are killed through abortion and IVF. Most people in the area were completely unaware of the horrors which are occurring right on their doorstep. We were able to raise awareness through praying at a vigil outside the centre, giving out leaflets at Polish cafes and other places as well as door-to-door canvassing and speaking with the Polish community about the ways they can help to end abortion at the centre.

We learnt the different methods of pavement counselling by watching lectures, discussions and reading the works of Msgr Reilly and others. Being able to put our newly acquired skills into practice was incredibly rewarding. On Wednesday afternoons, we attempted to help women who were arriving and leaving the Marie Stopes abortion centre on Whitfield Street (central London) by using these methods of counselling. Last but not least, we spent time doing general administration, practising how to debate pro-life issues and reading academic pro-life literature, which is essential groundwork for effectively promoting the pro-life cause. Every day, we spent an hour reading this literature on various issues, which was also supported by useful debate practice and discussions with SPUC staff, Rhoslyn Thomas, Dr Anthony McCarthy and Peter Smith. "It is crucial for young people to be actively involved in the pro-life movement every day". We helped out with general mailing and other duties which are crucial for running the office. We also emailed and telephoned the university pro-life groups and chaplaincies in England, Scotland and Wales to enquire whether they would like to receive pro-life information packages for their freshers' fayres. Our internship has now ended, however it has been a most fruitful and rewarding experience. We have met so many inspiring, humorous, and highly motivated people. We have learnt how crucial it is for everyone, especially young people, to be actively involved in the pro-life movement every day. Alanis plans to put her acquired skills and knowledge into practice by starting a pro-life society at university and her local parish in New Brighton. Alejandro will be organising pro-life vigils in his area and will also start a pro-life society when he goes to university.

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## **The Lie That Creates Deep Harm: Same-Sex and Biological Parents Rear Children Equally Well**

by Stephen Stacey

When the word marriage is redefined to include same-sex couples the word marriage now contains several inherent falsehoods – falsehoods that once transferred into the social realm will cause a whole series of negative outcomes for future society. One of these falsehoods is very dishonest and injurious to the future of society for it creates a whole new dangerous slippery slope of its own. The new definition of marriage allows for the creation of the social lie: "Any two people who are married can, on average, do just as good a job at raising children as the biological parents can." Since, after redefinition, there is no differentiation between the three different kinds of marital

unions – lesbian, gay and heterosexual – all three forms of marriage become known as "the best place to raise children." All the evidence, however, points away from this conclusion. If children are adopted and raised by a heterosexual couple, or if they raised in a step-parent situation, all the research shows that such experiences bring about increased risk factors for these children. They sometimes experience more challenging lives than children raised by their two biological parents. Why is this? This is because there are other factors apart from the adults trying their best! There are child-centred factors that the adults often can't control. For example, a child is more likely to experience the trauma of interrupted bonding, or increased chances of depression due to missing the love of at least one of its biological parents. To believe that same-sex parents can create an environment that is so wonderful that children, somehow magically, do not experience self-induced psychological distress - do not miss their biological parent or parents - defies common sense. Because of this psychological reaction, we expect that children raised by two, same-sex parents will experience many of the same extra risk factors that children raised away from the love of at least one of their biological parents experience. A child raised away from at least one of its biological parents is at risk of depression, poorer motivation at school [1] and behavioural issues. [2] We also expect to see increased rates of sexual abuse [3] – which is what we find in all forms of family where one parent is not a biological parent. [4] On top of this, we have to consider the impact of the child missing out on opposite-sex interaction role modelling. This can make it harder for the child to build its own heterosexual marital-family upon reaching adulthood. We see this same increased risk in children who were raised in a single parent home. Lastly, we would expect to see the children experiencing increased rates of having a confused sexual identity – with an increased risk for both bisexual and homosexual behaviour. These are the same outcomes as Dr Regnerus found in a study he carried out on children who had been raised by same-sex parents. [5] Outcomes like these, although not surprising, are not to be considered as avoidable. They stem from either the child's reaction to what is happening to them or from the environmental factors that same-sex unions naturally create. What the above analysis shows us is that in some areas of development those children who are raised by same-sex parents will, on average, have similar more outcomes to those reared outside of their heterosexual biological family. Some will do well and go on to offer their talents and skills to the world. Many others, however, might be subject to extra risk factors which will negatively impact on part or even the whole of their lives. We have reason to expect, however, that children who are raised by two same-sex parents will have, on average, the poorest outcomes in a variety of areas in their social development when compared to children raised in other forms of family constellation. This is specifically evident when looking at the ability of these children to build their own marital-families upon reaching adulthood. For example, we have to suspect that both boys and girls who are raised by same-sex parents will find it harder to develop their own gender specific, sexual identity. This can make it more likely that a substantial proportion of them will become involved in sexual exploration with both males and females during their teen years and beyond. Also, when attachment psychologists study the attachment process of children reared by their own biological parents they often find

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that distress in one of those parent/child relationships typically resurfaces when the child is seeking to build a deep attachment with their romantic partner on reaching adulthood. This being so, because any child being raised by a same-sex couple will have a higher risk of having some form of inner distress caused through a broken attachment with one of its biological parents, then we expect this trauma to resurface when these children reach adulthood and try to build their own lasting couple relationship. For example, there may be a strong feeling that their romantic partner might abandon them – just like one of their biological parents did – and this may create endless moments of tension and unnecessary anxiety in their marriage, and even divorce.[6]

On top of this, some children who are raised by same-sex couples also find that their care-givers hold heterosexual marriage in complete contempt – making it hard for these growing children to connect with their natural, heterosexual, marital-family destiny. Thus, if same-sex couples are legally allowed to adopt children or gain children through surrogacy or IVF the research indicates that we can expect to see their most challenging outcomes appearing some twenty-five to thirty years from now. Because of this, doing research on children at aged fifteen or eighteen will probably not show the deepest challenges these children will face. You have to wait thirty to forty years to see the long-term outcomes. [7] This is a long time to carry out a social experiment – especially when all the indicators point to substantially poorer outcomes for these children – and for society. One therefore has to ask if lawmakers are being fair to these children when they push ahead with redefining marriage. If children raised by same-sex parents were having more problems with their lives one would think that there would be already many studies showing this reality. There are studies but... When researchers in universities come up with data which shows same-sex parenting in an unfavourable light then that research can't be published. This is because many universities have hate speech codes. If your research shows problems with same sex-parenting you are guilty of hate speech. Thus there is almost no negative research data. It is thrown out. The press is also part of this political correctness. They are terrified of being sued by a range of organizations or being negatively portrayed in other parts of the media. Thus all the media have blacked out the opposing side. Most of the major magazines and papers will not publish an article that is against same-sex marriage. The discussion is all one way. There are several other issues of concern. For example, some children who have been raised by same-sex parents have reported that they found their personal experience to be filled with fear. If they spoke against their care-givers or their homosexual parent they would be subject to harsh abuse for making the LGBT movement look bad. [8] Prof. Robert Oscar Lopez, was himself raised by a lesbian mother and her partner: "I know of over one hundred individuals who have experiences and outlooks similar to my own (negative experiences whilst being raised by same-sex parents). The vast majority of these people will never come forward because of the climate of fear and intimidation that the debate on gay marriage has fostered.... I beseech the (Supreme Court) Justices to consult the information made available in *Jephtah's Daughters* (my book) if possible. .... Chapters 40 and 46-50 present extensive documentation regarding the massive and organized campaigns to target and silence children of gay parents who disagree with the mainstream LGBT position on same-sex marriage. None of this suggests that children raised by same-sex parents will, on average, have equal

outcomes to children raised by their biological parents. This being so, legal redefinition just creates a new social lie. There is one other deeply worrying issue here – one that is directly linked to the human rights of children. It is the issue of the buying and selling of children – the making of children in commodities. We are not just talking about a few children. We are talking about thousands, and eventually tens of thousands of children being bought from the wombs of their mother. When you understand that many of these children, as they grow up, have to say what they are told to say in order to make the LGBT community look good; when you understand that if they share their concerns for the missing love of one or both of their biological parents they are told they are being deeply ungrateful and hateful towards their parents and homophobic in their thinking – then one can understand that many of these children feel like accessories to the LGBT lifestyle – like products that have been bought, or solely exist, just to fulfil an adult and an ideological goal. I grew up surrounded by women who said they didn't need or want a man. Yet, as a little boy, I so desperately wanted a daddy. It is a strange and confusing thing to walk around with this deep-down unquenchable ache for a father, for a man, in a community that says that men are unnecessary. There were times I felt so angry with my dad for not being there for me, and then times I felt angry with myself for even wanting a father to begin with. There are parts of me that still grieve over that loss today... But children of same-sex parents haven't been given the same voice. It's not just me. There are so many of us. Many of us are too scared to speak up and tell you (our same-sex caregivers) about our hurt and pain, because for whatever reason it feels like you're not listening. That you don't want to hear. If we say we are hurting because we were raised by same-sex parents, we are either ignored or labelled a hater."

[10] The last time we allowed the buying and selling of children in this way was during the period of slavery. A definition of a slave is someone who is bought to do their master's bidding, someone who can't say they are suffering without being whipped or shouted at. This is what many of these children say they feel like. We are now entering into a dangerous new world. "Do you often buy the wife without the husband?" "Yes, very often; and frequently too, they sell me the mother while they keep her children. I have often known them take away the infant from its mother's breast, and keep it while they sold her." Selling a mother from her child. *Anti-Slavery Almanac*, 1840. Then there is also the issue of thousands of women in developing nations becoming baby making factories to fulfil the narcissistic desire of much wealthier white men – a particularly nasty form of cultural imperialism. There is a multi-million-dollar industry gearing up to create a sub-caste of breeder women. Consider this ad: We offer the highest quality surrogate mothers . . . . The Surrogacy SOURCE is proud to offer our services to the gay community, and we have had great success assisting gay males, gay male couples, single females, and lesbian couples on their rewarding and complex journey to parenthood. When considering a surrogate pregnancy, come to The Surrogacy SOURCE with the confidence that we can help you become a parent, regardless of your unique situation. Do we want to create a class of women who will breed other people's children; women who risk their lives to fulfil their customers' demands. And what about tens or hundreds of thousands of children who feel like they were produced in a baby making factory and sold in the market place – who will never find the peace of mind that they were born out of the love of their biological parents.

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