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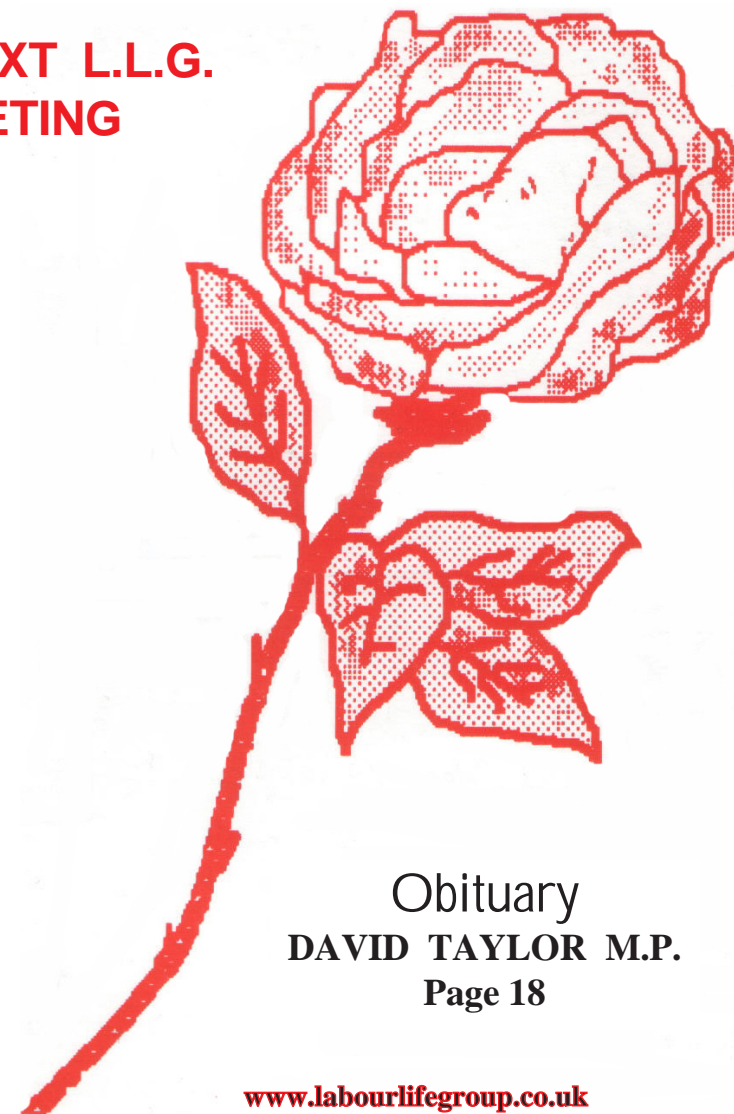
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ABORTION – A MATTER OF FREE CHOICE

Journalist William Murchison, in 'Mortal Follies' (Encounter), and Professor Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, in 'Feminism Without Illusions' (University of North Carolina press), both point out that legalized abortion on demand in the United States means the freedom to choose has been elevated above the right to life of unborn babies.

Prof. Genovese says: "Without some.... agreement on the definition of life, the right to abortion opens the spectre of any individual's right to kill those who depend upon her and drain her resources – elderly parents, terminally ill or disabled children. Without some such agreement, the right to abortion – the woman's right to sexual self-determination -- can logically lead to the right to murder with impunity."

Writing in the September 2009 'Christianity Today', conservative social critic, Dinesh D'Souza, said: "that freedom to choose can be a good thing; but we must also consider the moral implications and consequences of what we choose". For example, President Abraham Lincoln said it made a big difference morally whether or not we viewed black people as human beings or simply as animals to be used, abused and discarded after use. What we choose to do or think in such a matter, said Lincoln, had immense moral implications and consequences. (Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation by Guelzo, published Simon & Schuster).

According to Mr. D'Souza, legalized abortion is a consequence of the sexual revolution of the 1960s that ushered into mainstream thinking and behaviour the false and pernicious idea of "free sex", that is, sex devoid of morality, fidelity, commitment, love and responsibility. Mr. D'Souza observes: "Today a widespread social understanding persists that if there is going to be sex outside marriage, there will be a considerable number of unwanted pregnancies. Abortion is viewed as a necessary clean-up solution to this social reality." Mr. D'Souza adds that contemporary feminists advocate that "women must have the same sexual autonomy as men". Consequently, they insist that the unborn child constitutes "an unwanted guest" who has "invaded the female body". Women should have the right to do whatever they want with their own bodies, argue the feminists. Mr. D'Souza puts it this way: "As long as the foetus occupies the mother's womb, (the contemporary feminists) argue, the mother should be able to keep it or get rid of it at her discretion."

The founders of the Feminist Movement in the United States would disagree with today's feminists who elevate the freedom to choose above the right to life of an unborn baby. Susan B. Anthony said that abortion is "child murder", while Elizabeth Cady Stanton described abortion as "infanticide". Victoria Woodhull, first woman for president of the U.S., observed that "the rights of children as individuals begin while yet they remain the foetus", while Alice Paul, author of the original 'Equal Rights Amendment', said "abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women." Matilda Gage, a feminist writer/social activist, discerned that abortion is a great male convenience because it allows men to evade responsibility for their hedonistic and self-centred lifestyles.

Since 50% of the unborn babies aborted are baby girls, it seems fair to say that abortion advocates are the real enemies of women; pro-abortionists likewise, are the true foes of freedom of choice because abortion denies the unborn child her choice to live.

By Haven Bradford Gow- Greenville, MS

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HOSPICES FOR SICK CHILDREN?

It is surprising when some people suddenly blurt out: "It's awful when the government doesn't fund Children's Hospices!" And it is sadder to find out that these same people do such harm because they do not even bother to find out the facts.

Coming up to the General Election, the media is ready to print certain 'good' things that a government in waiting might do, such as telling the public in 'The Independent' of Dec. 22nd. 2009 that David Cameron 'has pledged extra money for the care of terminally ill children'. Does this not mean that this present Labour Government is actually putting money into children's hospices? In fact, the newspaper goes on to explain that David Cameron had committed his Party to preserving a £10 million a year government grant ~~for Children's Hospices~~ that is due to end in March 2011. So who is daring to say that the present Labour Government does not fund children's hospices?

Let's make it clear regarding Hospices for adults, that it is the administration of the hospice that decides how much funding it will accept from the government. Norwich is the only city that has a fully funded NHS Hospice, the Priscilla Bacon Hospice and it is beautifully run as expressed by several local families who have experienced its worth as relatives have been cared for at the Hospice. Living in the area, I am in contact with wives and daughters who have experienced such a wonderful, supportive attitude in dealing with their husbands' or fathers' final days.

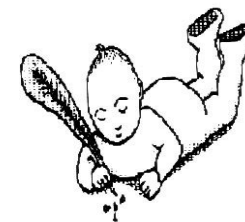
During a debate in the House of Commons a few years ago, Jim Dobbin, M.P. did bring up this whole issue of hospice funding. It turned out that the Hospices that run on donations from the public, will only accept 45% of the expenses incurred in the running of the hospice from the government!

Please have the facts at your fingertips when some people put up their hands in horror and say how the government will not fund Hospices!

By Alexandrina Bootman.

Dear Friends,

As winter is left behind, and the pale pink blossoms of the cherry trees, and the vibrant yellow of daffodils and forsythia brighten up the garden, should we not be full of hope? As the forthcoming General Election draws nearer, what are the hopes of the pro-life campaigners? The government does so love the word 'choice'! Well, every single voter will be given a CHOICE when it comes to the ballot box.



It is uncertain what the toll will be of good and decent M.P.s after the dreadful scale of the expenses scandal. Let us hope that good and upright Labour M.P.s are returned to parliament, who will, in whatever circumstances, be able to continue fighting for the pro-life cause. In some countries people are having difficulty in surviving because of drought, or wars, or governments that operate more in a dictatorship style, without any compassion for the citizens they purport to serve. Think of the people in Myanmar living on the banks of the Irrawaddy River, who have no electricity or running water? The ordinary farmer is still using the age-old method of irrigation that is mentioned in Biblical times – the Shaduf! Many in Africa have no access to clean drinking water either.

Editor.

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Invisible the hand that rocked the cradle,
Forgotten too the hand that sped the plough
Along with arms that strong in time down all the ages
Once held the arms that hold you now.

The yes that scanned the future's far horizon
For home-coming ship's hope-bringing prow;
The eyes that never failed with disappointment
Gaze with the eyes that gaze upon you now.

The ears that listened in the darkness
For threatening footstep in the silent slough –
That never would deceive themselves by pious wishing –
Still listen close with ears that wait upon you now.

The lips that through the generations
Bestowed sweet kisses – it was scarce known how –
On babes that moved their hearts to pity,
Bend with the lips that kiss you now.

The voice that in the stress of evening
Would soothe with song the infant's mournful howl
And hush the pains of newborn living,
Sings in the lullaby that lulls you now.

The living ghosts of love's procession –
Communion of saints – would thee endow
With faith and strength to travel in life's pathways;
With measured tread they bear the ones that bear you now.

By Ann Farmer for her grandson.

bonding and connection, children will grow up exhibiting stress signals. Like what? You may well ask and the answer is depression, attention deficit syndromes, aggression, suicide, and failure of relationships and solvent abuse. One only has to read of the street children in Colombia to see this displayed. Also some of the Eastern European countries, like Romania, where children in orphanages were left on their own for hours and hours, where there is sometimes complete non-development of the brain.

Anne Manne, in her book "Motherhood: How Should We Care for Our Children?" describes how 'care' is a different word to love. She says , "that the trend to put very young children into long day-care centres, is leaving us with a behavioural time-bomb! She firmly believes that this kind of template for raising children will produce societies noted for their "waning of emotion or affection."

Robin Grille, a psychologist and author, says in his groundbreaking book "Parenting for a Peaceful World" that "the suffering of children ends up with human rights abuses. Every war, every genocide, has been a direct consequence of society's war against children." As Kali Wendorf enlarges on Robin Grille's findings, she states that delinquency is the product of violence or neglect experienced in childhood.

So, I wonder whether if this whole cycle has somehow made some adults impervious to the maternal instincts and devoid of the capability of compassion and love? As has been stated by so many people in the past, it is just incredible how any person could want to abort an unborn baby, but would this be the outward sign, perhaps, of a man or woman who has no compassion or love?

By Elaine Halton, A.T.C.L. Dip. Ed.



interesting information and perhaps a new way of dealing with problems in the future.

To have no compassion is to live a life without emotions. Kali Wendorf, founding editor of 'Kindred' wrote a thought-provoking article for the magazine "Resurgence" – May/ June 2009. In the article she begins by posing three questions: "Are we a peaceful species or a violent one? Are war, tyranny and ecological destruction inevitable? Are we motivated by love or fear?"

If one reads widely and deeply, there is plenty evidence that "human beings are biologically ordained for love and connection – not violence, greed and fear," as Kali Wendorf so eloquently puts it. Groundbreaking research has uncovered our greatest potential, that is, how we are nurtured determines the kind of people we will grow up to be. It is clear that love, empathy and compassion are a part of human nature and the potential begins in the infant's brain. But this potential does not develop in the prefrontal cortex of the baby's brain unless there are sensory inputs such as: touch, smell, taste, movement and vision, breast-feeding, skin to skin contact, eye gazing, emotional nurturing, and the movement experienced while being held in the arms of the parents or carers. All these practices are necessary to the development of the emotional side of the child.

Many moons ago, when I became pregnant, my Mother explained to me how important it was that while the baby was in the womb, I should read happy books, watch happy films, listen to classical music, as well as exercising daily. My Mother was adamant, that whatever the pregnant woman experiences, would also be absorbed by the baby in my womb. This is now often referred to in science as a "continuum of connection", experienced in utero, through birth, and in the first three years of the baby's life. The biological need for "connection" continues after this, but through wider circles of the family and the community.

As Kali Wendorf asks: "So if we are hard-wired for love, what has gone wrong? Modern Western culture is increasingly at odds with this kind of nurturing."

She believes, like many other researchers, that the dissolution of family life and community, and the resulting 'outsourcing' of parenting, and over-reliance on the T.V. as a baby sitter, interfere with critical procession of 'connection' in the "small developmental window of the first three years of life."

It has become evident to the researchers that without a foundation of

DAVE'S DIGEST

Laying the Netherlands to Sleep.

By Joseph Meaney.

On my most recent visit to Amsterdam for the World Congress of Families (WCF), I was once again struck by the remarkable façade of peaceful, tolerant prosperity the Dutch maintain. Although its famous openness to lust and license is ever more apparent, Amsterdam's charm remains in tidy homes, shops, museums, and beautiful (though empty) churches.

The simple fact, however, is that this beacon of liberalism worldwide is rotting from the inside out and must increasingly rely on deception to keep up appearances as a nation of tolerance, peace, and prosperity.

That was made nowhere more apparent than at the WCF, a biannual event that brings together pro-family and pro-life persons from around the globe. The mainstream press debated the acceptability of allowing it to take place in Amsterdam and condemned the participation of Dutch elected officials in the Congress. Anarchist anti-family protestors trashed the WCF office and spray-painted messages with slogans like "Christian Fundamentalists Go Home & Die" and "Pro-Choice" on the walls leading up to the Conference centre. City workers removed graffiti within a few hours of its appearance in a remarkable demonstration of efficiency.

Dutch authorities have become quite adept at painting over anti-family and anti-life attitudes that are eroding not only the last vestiges of their rich culture but what remains of the Dutch people themselves. Their total population is 16.7 million; those 65 or older make up almost 15% of the inhabitants (as opposed to the U.S.A. whose 65-or-over citizens account for 12.8% of the population). The percentage of youths aged 15 or younger is declining, and within that demographic group is an increasing number of foreign immigrants. It has been reported widely, that the most common name chosen for a male child born in Amsterdam today is Mohammed (as is the case in London, Brussels, Oslo and Copenhagen). Arguments about religion, ethnicity, and assimilation aside, it doesn't take a trained demographer to notice that this trend does not bode well for the European Dutch.

This proudly progressive nation increasingly tries to maintain its air of normality and prosperity by sophisticated deception. They frequently claim their country has one of the lowest abortion rates in the world, at 6.5 abortions per 1,000 women, or about 22,400 a year. They also claim a very low teen pregnancy rate.

But this is simply statistical sleight of hand. Although the Dutch faithfully use birth control, anyone who studies family planning knows the failure rates for contraceptives are very high. Combine the inevitable failure of pregnancy prevention with an openly promiscuous populace, and you inevitably will see large numbers of pregnancies. So are the Netherlands an exception to this rule? Some claim that their "double-Dutch"

method of using both hormonal contraception and condoms works better than most other countries' birth control practices. Something rarely discussed in this context, however, is the fact that it is now common practice for a woman in Holland whose period is late to go to her general practitioner and receive a "menstrual extraction", or "menstrual regulation" – a clever euphemism for a procedure essentially consisting in manually vacuuming the contents of her womb.

But here's the catch: In these cases, no pregnancy test is done to determine if the procedure aborted a pre-born human in the first few days of life. Menstrual extractions are thus never recorded as abortions, which they almost certainly are in a large number of cases. The official Dutch statistics therefore grossly under-report the real number of abortions.

Euthanasia is another area where the official numbers paint a misleading picture. Dr. Henk Jochemsen, holder of the Linderboom Chair for Medical Ethics at the Free University in Amsterdam, reported that the Netherlands acknowledges around 2,300 deaths by euthanasia each year, including hundreds of patients who never explicitly request such a death. As if this weren't disturbing enough, he also revealed that over 11,000 people a year die while under "deep sedation". This procedure is sold as a compassionate option for the terminally ill, a way for them to end their lives with dignity. It was originally designed to be rarely employed, and only then for patients in their last few hours of life suffering pain that was difficult to control.

But deep sedation as currently practised in the Netherlands has become a widespread form of passive euthanasia. Dr. Jochemsen explained that the cause of death nowadays is usually not the disease but lack of food and hydration – in short, patients are routinely starved and dehydrated while drugged into an unconscious state, a fact not revealed by the doctors.

Needless to say, these deaths while under deep sedation are not counted as euthanasia in Holland, even though they account for more than four times as many deaths as the "official" euthanasia numbers.

The land of progressivism run amok loves to proclaim itself a diverse hedonist' paradise and an island of tolerance. Dishonest statistics may maintain the clever illusion for a time, but the current version of Dutch liberalism is unlikely to endure much longer. It simply cannot be sustained. Their enthusiasm for euthanasia may wipe out the Dutch even faster than the other European nations with below-replacement birth rates.

Many ethnic groups have disappeared throughout the course of history, generally by assimilation into other peoples who placed a higher value on having children. It would be a tragedy if the unique people and culture of the Netherlands, for love of license and convenience, decided to cease to exist. Yet this slow suicide is already far advanced. As European Dutch culture moves from present to the past, it seems they've chosen nationwide deep sedation.

Source: Human Life International (jtaylor@Wi.org)

during a press conference on it, explained that it is not an attempt to rewrite Italy's abortion law.

Instead, he said it would go along with the law by stopping the distortion of it "to the point of denying the one conceived the dignity of person and of using abortion as a contraceptive; two conditions that the law rejects."

Casini told Zenit the bill spells "progress in the judicial culture" and that recognizing the rights of unborn children "is a more solid and lasting support for the rights of everyone."

Casini said that the key is in how abortion law is interpreted and he said Spain and Poland have similar abortion laws, but Spain interprets its law liberally to allow 120,000 abortions annually, while Poland has just 313 each year.

"The essential difference lies in that Polish law refers to the conceived in the first point as a person, whereas for a certain Spanish culture, the conceived is 'something' a mass of cells that has no rights," he said, according to Zenit.

Bianconi has said the bill is an attempt to "move the whole debate" under the auspices of the 1959 Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

"A defence of childhood, which must be both before as well as after birth, must provide recognition of human life until its birth," she said.



CAN WE DEVELOP COMPASSION?

Many people may not have even bothered to ponder on the word compassion. What is it? Why is there a need for it? Is life all right without it? Let us now ponder on these questions and find out more.

I attended a remarkable Fringe Meeting last September, whilst at the Labour Party Conference in Brighton. It was entitled "Can We Fix Broken Families?" It came to light during the speaker's input, that there have been many studies carried out by the medical profession, in the hope that leads would emerge as to why some youngsters and adults behave in a manner devoid of compassion. There certainly has emerged really

much chance of blood transfusions and AIDS is a large factor. My talk on using statistical data to resolve the post-abortion health issues touched on what is currently a live topic in the USA. Will the new health care insurance plans before Congress channel tax payers' money to pay for abortions via private healthcare? I listed private health insurers as having useful data bases that could be exploited to investigate what happens to the health of women who have abortions.

The second and third days had a more strictly scientific focus and could count for professional development credits for American medics under their CME (Continuing Medical Education) scheme. A new topic that seems to have received very little attention hitherto is the possible link between abortion and some auto-immune diseases such as certain kinds of Thyroiditis, Rheumatoid Arthritis and Sclerosis. This seems to be good example of the kind of post abortion health issue where statistical investigation could be very revealing. The available national data in several European countries enables international comparisons of incidence trends.

A presentation that stood out as exemplifying how advanced techniques in biotechnology are raising acute moral dilemmas was "Stalking the Down's Syndrome Baby". New non invasive scanning has become a significant industry.

Summaries of the papers presented are to be made accessible on the AAPLOG web site.

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RIGHTS OF UNBORN CHILDREN RECOGNIZED!

Steven Ertelt.

LifeNews.com editor has sent this report from Rome, Italy. December 8 2009.

A member of the Italian parliament has introduced legislation that would recognize the rights of unborn children. The measure, sponsored by Carlo Casini, president of the Pro-Life Movement and Member of the European Parliament, would recognize that unborn children have rights beginning at conception.

Casini says that his Bill has the backing of leaders of the Italian Parliament, including Maurizio Gasparri, Gaetano Quagliariello and Laura Bianconi.

A Zenit report indicates he filed the Bill at the beginning of December 2009 and,



Spain Awakens Against Abortion.

By Carlos Beltamo.

On October 17th. 2009 Madrid became the capital for Life for several hours, when over 1.5 million people gathered to protest the new abortion bill that Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero and the socialists want to approve in the Congress. More than 40 pro-life groups from the whole of Spain co-ordinated this march to send a message to the Spanish Government that a very large proportion of society disagreed with this new law. These same pro-life groups have opposed every abortion since 1985 when Spain first legalized abortion.

The protestors constitute 3% of Spain's 48 million citizens. Polls show now that only 21% of Spaniards condone unrestricted abortion, while 27% seek a full abortion ban. 50% personally oppose abortion but think that abortion should be allowed in certain cases.

Sadly, a public outcry against abortion alone does not constitute reform. Many times, the pro-life movement has thought that getting public opinion on its side would be sufficient to effect real change. The new pro-life shift in popular opinion cannot beat the mathematical advantage of the abortion axis in Congress.

However, this very crisis is causing many citizens to make the defence of life and family a central issue in the upcoming Spanish elections. Already President Zapatero has become very unpopular with the Spanish people on account of his commitment to passing this abortion bill. Some analysts believe that the abortion issue will seriously hurt the Socialist Party in the next elections.

On the other hand, the other major party of Spain is the Popular Party and some of its leaders joined in the March. Many of the pro-lifers were uncomfortable with the presence of former President Jose Maria Aznar. Though he now marches along with the pro-lifers, back when he was in office neither he nor any of his party took any real action against abortion. But the fact that he was at the march, will allow pro-lifers to make definite demands for the up-coming elections.

Today, Pro-Lifers in Spain have 3 conditions that a politician must meet to be considered a "Friend of Life". First, he must take action to get the abortion bill removed from the parliamentary debate. Second, if the bill is approved into law, he must bring an appeal to the Constitutional Court. Third, he must publicly promise to fight against abortion if elected.

For now, the POPULAR PARTY has agreed to the first and second conditions. They

have no comment on the third, however.

Recently, this new-found power of the pro-life people of Spain showed itself, when a show of E-mails from members of "Right to Life" convinced the Popular Party to postpone a meeting scheduled for last October in Barcelona. This seems to indicate that Spanish society has grown tired of abortion, and is now capitalizing on the great power of its unity to effect change.

Spain is waking up and her hopes for the future are as big as their March in MADRID!

In Paris, Nov. 2009, *The French national Assembly* rejected an attempt to legalize euthanasia. This was by a vote of 326 to 202, we are told by Hilary White.

"Euthanasia is not a medical act. The right to die is not a medical act," said Union for a Popular Movement Party deputy Jean Leonetti, author of a 2005 law on dying that promotes the use of palliative care.

The Alliance for Human Life welcomed the vote, saying that the bill "played on the ambiguity of the word 'Dignity' and contributed to the confusion on a difficult topic."

Source: LifeSiteNews.com

Hilary White also alerts us to the fact that Germany is facing plummeting Birth Rate and Ageing Population. Germany, the juggernaut of the European economic scene, could be facing a critical downturn over the next five decades because of its dramatically shrinking birth rate and dropping population, a new government report has stated. The falling and ageing population will result in the eventual disintegration of Germany's generous social welfare programmes, including old-age pensions, the report warns.

The Federal Statistics Office projected a drop in population from 82 million in 2008, the largest in the European Union, to between 65 million and 70 million. By 2060, 34% of the population will be older than 65 and 14% will be 80 or over.

"While the number of older people increases, fewer and fewer people will be of an age at which they can work," Roderick Agiler, the head of statistics office said in the report. "This will have consequences for the social security system."

Germany's 82 million citizens made it the most populated country in the EU; France follows this with 64 million, the UK with 61 million, and Italy with 60 million. None of these countries have a birth rate that allows for the population to remain steady and all rely upon immigration to maintain population and the work force.

Source: LifeSiteNews.com



completely destroyed by the female's own body, Dr. Dunbar came to a decision. Acting with integrity often absent among anti-fertility researchers, she resolutely opposed any further developments of this vaccine for humans. "I am responsible," declared Dr. Dunbar, "for killing this vaccine for further human research, and I made some people in my biotech company and some other people very unhappy."

Now, this former contraceptive vaccine is being developed as a possible non-surgical sterilizing agent for dogs and cats, and is also used to cull the restricted African elephant population. We have no objection!



***Report for LLG (Labour Life Group) News
on the meeting of
American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians
and Gynaecologists - AAPLOG
in Washington DC, 14th-16th January 2010***

Thanks to support from Americans United for Life, the meeting this year of the American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians and Gynaecologists was expanded and attracted more than 100 participants, requiring a larger venue than was first planned.

Before the meeting the organiser drew our attention to recent Lancet papers. "Of them, the most important is "Unsafe Abortions" Lancet 10-2009." This article in The Lancet last October titled "Unsafe abortions: eight maternal deaths every hour" urges more expansion of "reproductive services". The assumptions are again made in the pages of a leading medical journal that modern contraception will avert the need for abortions and that legally induced abortions are safe in contrast to the clandestine abortions that cause maternal deaths. To refute the modern myth of safe abortion there is much work yet to be done and this meeting provided a good atmosphere to plan for the research that is needed.

The first day was quite international. Speakers from Africa East and West, Nigeria and Kenya besides speakers from Chile and South America discussed maternal deaths. There were special concerns in Africa: lack of basic equipment, distances and lack of transport, not

America, and Africa. (It is of interest that all these regions are chief targets for U.N. population control programmes).

I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Dunbar recently at the 4th International Public Conference on Vaccination. She came from Kenya to present results of her failed vaccine research and made a startling appeal for a redirection of funding away from HIV/ AIDS and contraceptive vaccine research to primary African health needs and – you saw it coming – population reduction.

When she began her quest, as a graduate student, to develop a contraceptive vaccine, Dr. Dunbar noticed that many infertile women had antibodies to their own zona pellucida, preventing the sperm from binding, penetrating, and fertilizing the egg. (Zona pellucida is the glycoprotein surrounding the female ovum or eggs.) This became the basis for Dr. Dunbar's research hypothesis.

"Over the years then," she explained, "we thought that if women who were infertile had these antibodies, but they were otherwise perfectly healthy, that this might be an effective contraception that would prevent fertilization and not be abortive, and would not interfere with the endocrine system."

She hoped to imitate this natural infertility disorder, to make a vaccine that would cause a healthy woman develop an immune response to her own eggs. "Our goal with our vaccine was to develop auto-immunity," Dr. Dunbar calmly announced.

So how Dr. Dunbar proposed to generate auto-immunity was to inject her test rabbits, not with their own zona pellucida glycoproteins which were too similar to other rabbit proteins to do anything, but with pig proteins. These would be just foreign enough to "trick the rabbit into inducing antibodies against its own self proteins." This was effective; her injection caused an auto immune response in the injected rabbits. There was, interestingly, a more than minor difficulty that proved insurmountable.

"We found out when we had injected these animals, however, that we completely destroyed the ovaries," Dr. Dunbar admitted. "Unfortunately, we weren't just looking at preventing fertilization now, we had generated a complete auto immune disease, which is also known as premature ovarian failure."

She tested the vaccine in several animal models, including primates, and found in all cases that the vaccine caused permanent autoimmune failure of the ovaries. Viewing slides of these blasted ovaries, which had been

IN CHINA, HUMAN LIFE IS NOT SACRED.

Haven Bradford Gow.

According to the state-run 'China Daily' newspaper, at least 13 million unborn babies are aborted each year in Communist China, a direct result of China's iron-fisted, barbaric one-child policy. Instead of pointing the blame at the government's one-child policies, however, the newspaper put the blame for the large number of abortions on "inadequate knowledge about contraception" and the lack of sex education in the schools and the homes. Still another answer for the number of abortions is the strong preference in Chinese culture for boys rather than girls.

The 'China Daily' noted that China has a population of 1.3 billion with 20 million live births per year; in contrast, the U.S.A. has a population of 300 million with four million live births and approximately 1.2 million abortions a year. Sixty-two per cent who procure abortions in China are in their 20s.

A report in the August 2009 'Christian news' pointed out that the Chinese Communist Government "has publicly reiterated its intention to enforce its draconian 'one-child' policy 'as a means of controlling births for decades to come! The one-child policy was initiated in 1979 and has resulted in the murder of millions of unborn babies. There are forced abortions, involuntary sterilizations, and if an 'illegal' baby slips through the ruthless system, the parents are fined many times the average capita income." The report added: "The reported annual abortion rate in China is 13 million, but that does not include unreported abortions and medication-induced abortions (10 million abortion-inducing pills are sold annually.)

Communist china has two faces. As 'Atlantic Monthly' correspondent James Fallows points out in his book 'Postcards from Tomorrow Square' (Vintage), "China has become a major economic and political power in the world, but at the same time, China is engaged in glaring human rights abuses like its iron-fisted one-child policy."

Mr. Fallows points out "the ghoulish combination of China's one-child policy and its strong cultural preference that the one child be a boy. Six boy babies are born and survive in China for every five girls. The imbalance is obvious among children on the street and noticeable even for young people now in their 20s."

One thing that is lacking in the up bringing of Chinese children is religious instruction; consequently, for most Chinese, faith in a God has been replaced by faith in materialism and in economic well being. Mr. Fallow's states: "In dramatic contrast to the United States, China has not been a deeply religious society. This leaves ...material improvement as a proxy for the meaning of life."

Another example of China's glaring human rights abuses is the state's attack on religious people and churches. A recent report in the 'Christian News' pointed out that more than 60 church leaders, along with two south Korean Pastors, were arrested by local police...in Wolong district in China's Henan province. The house church leaders came from four

provinces to attend a seminar, according to China Aid. They were all Evangelical Christians from different house groups.

In his book 'A Mother's Ordeal' Dr. Steven Mosher, President of the Population Research Institute, provides three excerpts from China's official one-child/ forced abortion and sterilisation policies: 'The husband of the wife of a couple that have two or more children should be sterilised. We should implement thoroughly our policy on sterilisation in those areas and resort to remedial measures (abortions) when dealing with pregnancies that do not comply with planning.'

Government leaders credit China's stringent population control with helping spur economic growth by reducing the number of mouths that must be fed!

Dr. Steven Mosher tells of a Chinese Mother who escaped the one-child policy and says that she has learnt: - that the enormous wealth of the United States was created by individuals, not by government; most of the countries of the developed world are more densely populated than China; none of these countries have declared war on its own people the way China does; could it be that what is mistakenly called over population is really just under-development? Could it be that China doesn't have a people problem so much as it has an economic one?



HALF OF WOMEN USING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

Steven Ertelt (LifeNews Editor)

New research out of Canada shows that half of women who use prescription drugs that harm their unborn children ultimately wind up having an abortion. The statistic is so high that the lead author of the new study says the numbers left him shocked and surprised.

Arick Berard of the University of Montreal headed the new study that examined data from Quebec Pregnancy Registry on 109,344 women between the ages of 15 and 45.

The study found 6,871 pregnant women consumed one of 11 prescription drugs known to be harmful to their unborn child during either the first, second or third trimester of pregnancy.

Of these women, 3, 229, or nearly 47% had an abortion, 6% miscarried and 8.2 %of the women gave birth to a baby with major congenital

BLASTED OVARIES The Failure of Contraceptive Vaccines.

Joan Robinson

(From the Population Research Institute).

A leading medical researcher recently abandoned thirty years of contraceptive vaccine research because she found that the female body refused to attack its own reproduction. Science once again affirms the incorrigible strength of the female physical design.

Be it in rural China, the African bush, or the metropolitan West, women's bodies are daily barraged with a plethora of attacks on their reproductive functions. Pills, patches, surgical inserts, foaming tablets all essay to stop the woman's system from its most integral work, continuing the species. These contraceptives, however, invade the woman with a foreign material that aborts the natural reproductive process. What Dr. Bonnie Unbar hoped to develop was a vaccine that would trick the female immune system into fighting reproductive cells as if they were a virus. Dr. Dunbar's vaccine was an insidious attempt to make the body treat pregnancy as a disease.

The motivation behind her contraceptive research was, not surprisingly, population control. "I spent over 20 years developing vaccines, contraceptive vaccines," Dunbar explained, "because in my young years I had a vision that maybe we could help the world population problem. Also we could provide women with an option for birth control that was not invasive in our hormones or our systems or otherwise have the side effects we now see with a lot of contraceptive methods."

Presumably, she hoped that the vaccine's immunity to pregnancy would last several years at least and thereby prove a more effective population control tool in developing nations than the pill or other short term contraceptive methods.

Among the many successes of her long and brilliant career, Dr. Dunbar served as a staff scientist for the harbour Branch Foundation, the Smithsonian Institution, and – no great surprise – The Population Council, Rockefeller University. She has received many awards for her decades of work on contraceptive vaccines and in 1994 was honoured by NIH as the First Margaret Pittmann Lecturer. She is a founding member of the Africa Biomedical Centre in Kenya, where she now makes her home. Over the years, Dr. Dunbar was a WHO and U.S. AIDS advisor in many projects in developing countries including China, India, South

Obituary

DAVID TAYLOR M.P.



It was with great sadness that I heard of the death of **DAVID TAYLOR M.P.** for North West Leicestershire on 26th December 2009. David's office in Portcullis House was just down the corridor from mine and he would pop in for a quick chat every now and then. He was an assiduous member of the House and a well-deserved Parliamentarian Backbencher of the year in 2007 in the Annual Sky TV/ House Magazine Awards. He constantly challenged the Government on many issues and had an independent approach to voting, which he did in a principled way on issues he felt strongly about. His speeches and interventions were highly regarded as he always spoke in a good-natured way with more than a dash of humour.

A committed Christian, he was ever ready to move amendments and speak passionately on behalf of the All Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group which I chair. His Pro-life voting record on issues such as abortion, euthanasia and human embryo research was exemplary and courageous.

David also campaigned on behalf of cancer patients and was a driving force on anti-smoking laws.

He was a popular M.P. with his constituents and well liked by his colleagues in all parties in Parliament. His sudden and untimely death came as a shock and he is a great loss to the Labour and Co-op movement. David was a fine example of what a politician should be and parliament is a poorer place by his death. His wife Pam and his 4 daughters can be justly proud of all that he achieved to make life better for so many people. He is sorely missed by all those who knew him, for his hard work, good humour and selflessness.

Jim Dobbin MP

malformations resulting from the use of harmful drugs.

"I never expected such results and I was extremely surprised," Berard said in a statement about the new research. "If there are 80,000 births in Quebec per year, a one per cent difference translates into an additional 800 children born with serious malformations."

The results make it appear that more educational work needs to be done to show women how certain drugs are harmful if taken during pregnancy.

Berard, currently a visiting professor at the Universite Claude Bernard in Lyon, France, said she is concerned there are 11,400 prescriptions for dangerous medicines to treat acne, anxiety and epilepsy that increase the risk of malformations by 30 % yet are freely available without proper risk management.

The study's researchers also found that 11,400 prescriptions for dangerous drugs such as isotretinoin (for treatment of acne and rosacea), anxiolytic benzodiazepines (anti-anxiety treatment), and antiepileptics (for epileptic seizures) were taken by women during pregnancy. Other drugs that can harm the baby, including those for hypertension and infections, were also used.

Berard discovered that, of the 73 pregnant women who used isotretinoin in Quebec, 73 % got an abortion. Use of isotretinoin increases the risk of birth defects by 30 %.

The results of the new study also show some women may approach their pregnancy with a cavalier attitude or may plan to have an abortion - making it so that concerns about the effect of the drug on the unborn child don't matter because the baby will be killed before birth.

At least 3.3 million children younger than 5 years of age die each year because of serious health defects, and an estimated 3.2 million of those who survive may be physically or mentally disabled for life.

These findings are published in the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.



DID YOU KNOW?

Aborted foetal material is used in Anti-wrinkle creams? Can it be true? Neocutis, a bio-pharmaceutical company focussed on dermatology and skin care, and is using aborted foetal tissue in its cosmetics. This is the first time that any company has been bold enough to put this information right on its website and product literature!

Neocutis' key ingredient, known as "Processed Skin Proteins", was developed at the University of Luasanne from the skin tissue of a 14 week gestation electively-aborted male baby donated by the University Hospital in Switzerland. Subsequently, a working cell bank was established, containing several billion cultivated skin cells to produce the human growth factor needed to restore ageing skin. The list of products using this cell line include Bio-Gel, Journee, Bio-Serum, Prevendem, Bio Restorative Skin Cream and Lumiere.

Source: Tennessee. Oct. 27th. 09 LifeSiteNews.com

Another Mexican State has adopted language to protect unborn human life as a response to the Mexico City Legislature approving legal abortions in the nation's capital. Veracruz, Mexico, in Nov. 2009 became the 17th of the country's 32 states to enact a law defining human life beginning at conception. States began adopting such laws – most of which make abortion a crime – in 2008 after Mexico City enacted a law legalizing abortion in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. Veracruz lawmakers also adopted a proposal requiring the Mexican congress to consider a constitutional amendment to prohibit abortion that could trump the Mexico City federal district law. Mexico allows any of its states' legislatures to propose a constitutional amendment. If the Bicameral Congress and a majority of states support the measure, the amendment is added to the national constitution.

Abortion supporters said that the amendment stands a good chance of passing because both the majority National Action Party and the Institutional Revolutionary Party supported the state law. The Roman Catholic Church is expected to lobby heavily for the amendment.

Noemi Ramirez, director of the Mexican Academy of Human Rights, said, "it is quite probable" that Congress would support the measure. The Veracruz law includes a clause that allows alternative sentencing options, such as mandatory "educational programmes" rather than jail time, for women convicted of violating the abortion law.

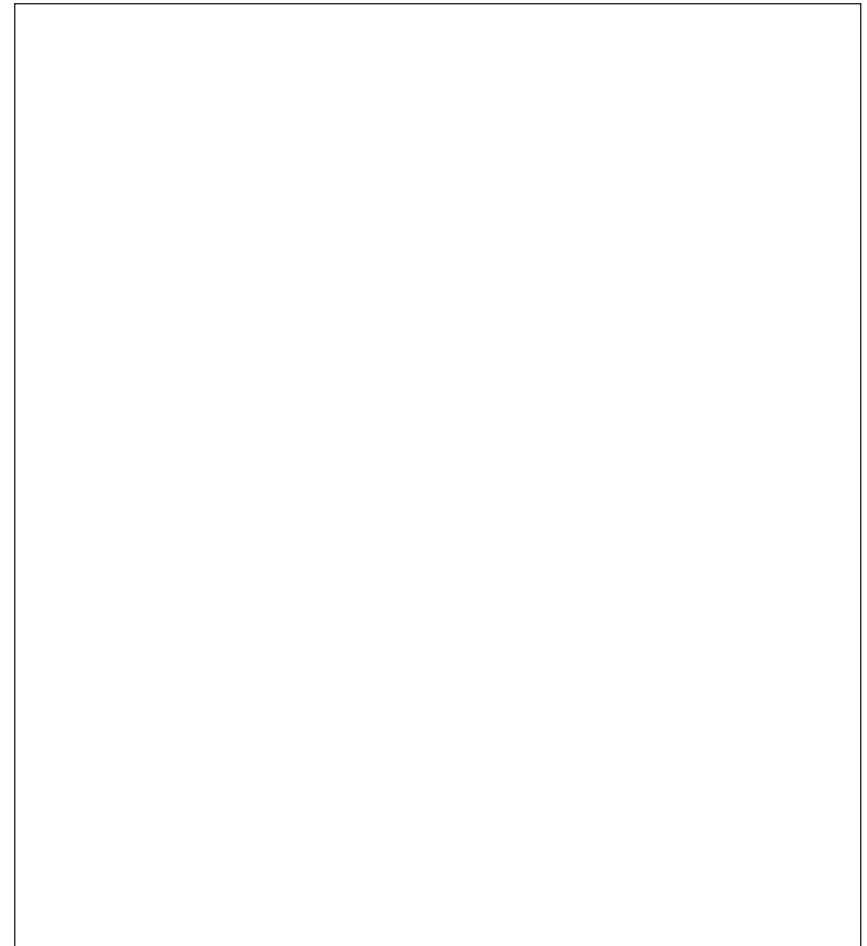
Source: LifeNews.com.

South Korean officials may begin to enforce the nation's ban on abortions thanks to a significant population decline that is taking place there and in other Asian nations like Japan. A demographic implosion now threatens the country's economic stability and is producing worker shortages and concerns that elderly Koreans will not be able to be supported.

his dismay, would discover a violent and tragic rupture of the bond of human affections, the ties that promote unity and communion rather than division; the ties, that is to say, that bind a person to his neighbour, to his family, to his church, to his country.

The fight today for the resuscitation of the spirit of religion and the spirit of the gentleman would seem to be a lost cause.

But no great cause is ever truly lost. Consequently, for so worthy a cause we must continue to struggle until these qualities prevail: Qualities that cause a country as well as an individual to be lovely.



also meant the recognition and protection of God-given rights and the performance of corresponding duties. And for Burke, the ~“spirit of religion” meant a commitment to shared values and the religious foundation for those values such as tradition, liberty under the law, courage, love, integrity, honour, decency, the dignity of the individual, personal freedom and responsibility.

When Burke spoke about the “spirit of the gentleman”, he was referring to something more than mere social poise and the ability to win friends and influence people. Cardinal John Henry Newman once described the gentleman as one who is “tender towards the bashful, gentle towards the distant and merciful towards the absurd... He never speaks of himself unless compelled, never defends himself by mere retort, he has no ears for slander or gossip...”

The gentleman, continued Newman, is “patient and forbearing”; he resigns himself to suffering because “it is inevitable, to bereavement because it is irreparable and to death because it is his destiny.” And if the gentleman engages in controversy of any kind, said Newman, “his disciplined intellect preserves him from the blundering discourtesy of better, but less educated minds, who, like blunt weapons, tear and hack instead of cutting clean; who mistakes the point in argument, wastes their strength on trifles, misconceive their adversary and leave the question more involved than they find it.”

Burke would have agreed with Newman’s sentiments; he meant much more than external gentility. Burke also was talking about the ethical and intellectual discrimination needed to distinguish between truth and error, right and wrong, the noble and the base: The nobility of mind and character which elevates one above the social, intellectual and moral fads and foibles of one’s group and of one’s times.

As social critic and philosopher Russell Kirk observed, Burke believed that the spirit of the gentleman meant “that elevation of mind and temper, that generosity and courage of mind and that habit of acting upon principles which rise superior to immediate advantage and private interest...”

Were Burke alive today, he would find little of the spirit of religion and the spirit of the gentleman in our country. He would discover little respect for the canons of civilized and rational discourse; and he would find little observance of the norms and traditions of civility.

Rather, Burke would find the spirit of religion and the spirit of the gentleman considered “effeminate” by those most doubtful of their own sexual identity; he would encounter widespread indifference, if not hostility, towards religion in both private and public life.

Burke would find increasing numbers who think in slogans; who shout down speakers and who refuse to listen to or consider views contrary to their own. He would see a denigration of the concepts of personal freedom and responsibility; he would witness in our society a virulent assault by those without a sense of community upon the delicate balance between freedom and order, between liberty and license, between tradition and change. And Burke, to

In Nov. 2009 the Presidential Council for the Future & Vision announced new efforts to increase births. “We have been a society that promoted abortion,” Kwak Seung-jun of the Presidential Council said. “There are few people who realize abortion is illegal. We must work to create a mood where abortion is discouraged.” The government plans to encourage fathers to take childcare leave, campaigning against abortion and providing incentives to families with three or more children. The council is focussing on reducing child-rearing expenses, broadening society’s acceptance of working and single mothers and increasing the number of people who can become Korean citizens. Korea posted the second-lowest fertility rate in the world, according to the 2009 report by the United Nations Population Fund. The rate was 1.22, just behind Bosnia-Herzegovina’s 1.21. Health Minister Jean Jae-Lee talked about the educational campaign that may be undertaken against abortion.

Source: LifeNews .com

Scientists have published a new study showing even more evidence of the benefits of adult stem cells for heart attack patients. In a newly published study, scientists from several institutions across the U.S.A. report that use of adult stem cells can turn into new heart cells to repair damaged tissue. The study suggests that adult stem cells, in this case derived from bone marrow, are more flexible than previously thought. The published study looks at 53 patients who had heart attacks within the previous ten days. Patients were injected intravenously with mesenchymal adult stem cells; the cells migrated to the damaged heart and began repair. Patients who received the adult stem cells showed improvement over those who did not receive the cells.

According to Dr. Joshua Hare, a University of Miami cardiologist and lead author of the 10-university study: “The stem cells take part in the growth of new blood vessels to bring more oxygen to the heart. They help modulate the scarring from the heart attack. They fight inflammation. There’s a lot going on.” This is just the latest of many published results showing the efficacy of adult stem cells in repairing heart damage. The paper is published in Dec. 8th. 2009 issue of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.



PROFILE: FRANK O'BRIEN

Frank O'Brien is 84, and yet he cannot bear to be idle. So he has eight positions as a treasurer for various associations and groups. He became involved in the pro-life movement in 1968. He joined the Labour Life Group through his old friend, the late Tom Mahon.

He is rather partial to pavlova's.

MATERNAL MORTALITY?

By Samantha Singson

A new report from the World Economic Forum (WEF) shows that countries with restrictive abortion laws are often the leaders in reducing maternal mortality, and those with permissive laws often lag behind.

According to the report published December 2009, the pro-life nation of Ireland has topped the global rankings once again with the best maternal health performance.

Abortion advocates have attempted to push an international “right to abortion” claiming that restrictive laws force women to seek unsafe abortions, which in turn leads to high maternal mortality.

In October, the Guttmacher Institute released a report on global abortion calling on states to “expand access to legal abortion and ensure that safe, legal abortion services are available to women in need.” Sharon Camp, president of the Guttmacher Institute, asserted that “in much of the developing world, abortion remains highly restricted, and unsafe abortion is common and continues to damage women’s health and threatens survival.”

An examination and comparison of several countries included in the WEF survey show that legal abortion does not mean lower maternal mortality rates. Both Ireland and Poland, favourite targets of the abortion lobby for their strong restrictions on abortion, have better maternal mortality rates than the United States.

Ireland ranks first in the survey with 1 death for every 100,000 live births. In recent years Poland has tightened its abortion law and ranks 27 on the list with 8 deaths per 100,000. In the United States where there are virtually no restrictions on abortion, the maternal mortality ratio is 17 deaths out of 100,000 live births.

Other regions of the world show similar trends. The African nation with the lowest maternal mortality rate is Mauritius, a country with some of the continent’s most protective laws for the unborn. At the other end of the spectrum is Ethiopia, which has decriminalized abortion in recent years in response to global abortion lobby pressure. Ethiopia’s maternal death rate is 48 times higher than in Mauritius. South Africa has the continent’s most liberal abortion laws and also a high maternal mortality ratio of 400 deaths per 100,000.

Chile, with constitutional protection for the unborn, outranks all other South American countries as the safest place for women to bear children. The

country with the highest maternal mortality is Guyana, with a rate 30 times higher than in Chile.

Guyana has allowed abortion without almost any restriction since 1995. Ironically, one of two main justifications used for liberalising Guyana’s law was to enhance the “attainment of safe motherhood” by eliminating deaths and complications associated with unsafe abortions. Similarly in Asia, Nepal, where there is no restriction on the procedure of abortion has one of the world’s highest maternal mortality rates. The lowest in the region is Sri Lanka, with a rate 14 times lower than that of Nepal. According to the pro-abortion public interest law firm ‘Centre for Reproduction Rights’, Sri Lanka has among the most restrictive abortion laws in the world.

Pro-lifers emphasize that the WEF report reinforces their contention that skilled birth attendants and access to emergency obstetric care should be the focus of maternal mortality reduction efforts, rather than increasing access to legal abortion.

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WHAT MAKES A COUNTRY LOVELY?

Haven Bradford Gow

(Mr. Gow is a researcher/writer for the National Journalism Centre in Washington D.C.)

‘For us to love our country,’ said Edmund Burke, ‘our country must be lovely.’

If Burke meant -- only if a country is lovely, can its people love the country, then he was mistaken. For many Germans loved Nazi Germany, a nation that couldn’t be considered completely lovely. But if we take Edmund Burke’s remark to mean that for a country to be worthy of admiration, it must be lovely, then Burke certainly made a valid observation.

But what causes a country to be lovely? The eminent 18th Century British statesman and political philosopher had a ready and trenchant reply. The country that is lovely, declared Burke, is permeated with the spirit of religion and the spirit of the gentleman, qualities without which no civilized society can endure.

The “spirit of religion” is a complicated phrase. What Burke meant is a reverence for God and a corresponding acknowledgement of an authority higher than the state. For Burke, it