

Salt Shakers

Helping Christians make a difference

Guard what has been entrusted to your care.
Turn away from godless chatter and the
opposing ideas of what is falsely called
knowledge, which some have professed and in
so doing have wandered from the faith.

Timothy 6: 20-21

You have enemies? Good.
That means you've stood up for something,
sometime in your life.

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

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Editorial

Sorry is an interesting word and it has certainly held the headlines over the last month. As we write this it is being said in our parliament.

Sadly, that was not the only 'apology' offered during February. A group of pastors from NSW decided to 'jump on the band wagon' so-to-speak, and apologise to homosexuals. Because, according to them, the churches "have not been places of welcome for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people."

This 'apology' is to be followed by the pastors marching in the Sydney mardi gras on March 3.

The full story of this second 'apology' is dealt with on page 16.

Yet, despite how genuinely any apology is said, whether it be a personal one or a corporate one, it is how it is received that will actually make a difference.

Sorry can be the ointment that smooths away a past hurtful word or deed, or it can be seen as confirming 'evidence' of wrong that is then used to bolster the receiver's 'victim' status.

There has been some criticism of those who, like us, have reservations about the apology given in our parliament by Mr Rudd. I actually hope we are wrong, but one time will tell.

Our main concern lies in the fact that it was said in the terms of the politically based and one sided *Bringing Them Home* report and its 'slogan' of "stolen generations". Why do we say political and one sided? Because there is clear evidence that the vast majority of children were not stolen but 'removed' on humanitarian grounds by good people, many of them churches and individual

Christians wanting to selflessly serve others. Sadly, they have been made to feel guilty, rather than proud, of what they did.

We have been told of a number of very positive stories of children removed from adverse conditions. These were apparently given to the collators of the *Bringing Them Home* report but they never saw the light of day in the final report.

There are strong indications that the writers set out with an agenda to prove this was done for reasons of 'colour' rather than for the good of the children, and the report clearly fulfilled that purpose. Unfortunately, this 'agenda setting' still happens today in the area of politics and social justice/welfare issues. We have seen it in the area of IVF and surrogacy for single women and lesbians in Victoria in the last few years.

That said, there is no doubt that the removal of children from any home/family, for whatever reason, and however well meaning, can create an adverse effect. How adverse will depend on the individual family or circumstance. It may also have a beneficial effect on some members of a family but an adverse one on other members of the same family.

Removing children still goes on today. The *Daily Telegraph* report of a 6 week old child being 'removed' from the squalour of the 'Aboriginal Tent Embassy' on the lawns near Parliament, just two days before the sorry declaration, gives a poignant reminder that problems still exist, not just in Aboriginal families but in white families too, often due to alcohol, drug addiction or sexual abuse.

If Mr Rudd's apology is to work towards new beginnings, it cannot be one-sided. There has to be acknowledgement of wrong on both sides and a willingness to forgive and face the truth, however painful.

Yours in Christ
Peter & Jenny Stokes

Nothing to fear from the new atheists

by Bill Muehlenberg

With all the zeal and energy of a religious crusade, the new atheists have come out in force, rattling their secular sabres. They are on a fundamentalist crusade to rid the world of religion and faith. The new missionaries for atheism have embarked on an evangelistic mission to proclaim the merits of unbelief and the horrors of religious faith.

Their chief target of course has been Christianity. But Christians really need not fear this onset of atheistic jihad. Their attacks are often just so much bluster and rhetoric, with little actual intellectual ammunition involved. But what they lack in argument they make up for in numbers. Book after book has poured forth from the atheist camp in the past few years.

Consider some of the titles. The big daddy of them all has been *The God Delusion* by arch misotheist Richard Dawkins (2006). Other titles include *Breaking the Spell* (2006) by Daniel Dennett; *The End of Faith* (2005) and *Letter to a Christian Nation* (2006) by Sam Harris; *God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything* (2007) by Christopher Hitchens; and *Atheist Manifesto: The Case Against Christianity, Judaism, and Islam* (2007) by Michel Onfray.

As an example of this surge in atheist book sales, consider an experience I had in June of last year when I walked into a downtown Melbourne bookstore. These were the top five best sellers:

1. *God is Not Great, How Religion Poisons*

Everything by Christopher Hitchens

2. *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne

3. *Romulus, My Father* by Raimond Gaita

4. *The God Delusion* by Richard Dawkins

5. *Atheist Manifesto: The Case Against Christianity, Judaism, and Islam* by Michel Onfray.

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Three atheist diatribes and a New Age moonbat title made up the top five! No wonder why we are in big trouble, if that is the intellectual diet we are lapping up.

Nothing to Fear

But if you actually read some of these titles, you will discover that they all seem to have graduated from the same Atheist Academy. All their complaints and attacks seem remarkably similar and unoriginal. They roll out the same old tired clichés, red herrings, straw men and *ad*

hominem arguments. There is really little of substance to these atheist jeremiads.

Indeed, you will quickly discover three main weaknesses in these works. First, they may claim to speak in the name of science, but much of their writing more accurately reflects scientism, not real science. Scientism is the idea that science alone is the source of truth. As atheist Bertrand Russell put it some years ago, "Whatever knowledge is attainable must be attained by scientific methods; and what science cannot discover, mankind cannot know."

Aligned with this idea is philosophical

naturalism, the idea that only matter matters. There is no supernatural, only the natural. There is no metaphysical, only the physical. This of course is not scientifically provable. It is a faith-based commitment. Materialists cannot prove their case empirically. Instead, they have smuggled their naturalism in as an unproven presupposition.

Thus one must weed out the real scientific claims being put forward by the atheists from their philosophical naturalism, which is just part of their secular worldview.

Second, a deep-seated hatred of God is revealed in much of their writing. Why they seem to be such ardent misotheists is a good question, but it certainly shows in their books. Consider Dawkins for example. He says in *The God Delusion* that the Old Testament is “just plain weird” with parts of it “systematically evil”. God’s judgments are described as “God’s jealous sulk,” “God’s maniacal jealousy,” “ethnic cleansing” and “genocide”. Yahweh is simply a “cruel ogre” and a “monster”.

Moreover, the atonement is just plain “vicious, sado-masochistic and repellent,” is “morally obnoxious,” and should be dismissed as “barking mad”. On and on this venomous tirade goes. This is not scientific or philosophical discussion. This is a kindergarten temper tantrum.

Third, when they do critique religion in general and Christianity in particular, they are usually way out of their depth. Dawkins is so bad at this that fellow atheist Terry Eagleton had this to say: “Imagine someone holding forth on biology whose only knowledge of the subject is the Book of British Birds, and you have a rough idea of what it feels like to read Richard Dawkins on theology”. He says his writings

are enough to “make a first-year theology student wince.”

Atheism 0, Theism 1

Perhaps one major reason why the new atheists are so hot and bothered is because they have suffered a major setback. You see, there has been a defection in their ranks. And when someone defects from the atheist camp that is a big no no.

For over a half century Antony Flew was perhaps the world’s most important and most vocal atheist. He had been a world-

class philosopher and author of dozens of books. Yet he did the unthinkable a few years ago. He renounced his atheism and became a theist. He said he had to follow the evidence where it leads, and now argues that the evidence for theism is quite profound. Things like the new Intelligent Design movement had helped him change his mind. He made his case in the 2007 volume, *There is a God*.

This was all too much for his atheist colleagues. They have

declared a secular fatwa against him. He is now a traitor, a turncoat, a *persona non-grata*. And do they provide any rational arguments to counter his position? No. They simply throw mud at him. They make bizarre claims that he is old and senile and demented, and that he did not really write the book, and that Christians’ coerced him to do it, etc.

This is called the *ad hominem* fallacy. It means you simply attack the person instead of addressing the arguments. And that is all the atheists have done. If you don’t believe me, go to my blogsite. I have written extensively on the Flew defection, and the atheist responses have been appalling. They have simply attacked Flew instead of dealing with his arguments.

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What you can do

If you have a sense of calling to engage in the battle with the new atheists, there are a few things you should do. First, this is a spiritual battle. The god of this world is out to deceive and mislead people, and turn them away from serving the true and living God. So this is idolatry and spiritual deception of the highest order, and we need to be spiritually protected via prayer and spiritual warfare as we enter into these debates.

Second, if you really want to take these people on at their own intellectual level, you really do need to be well read. You need to be up on a whole range of areas, from philosophy to science, theology and history. To do this, can I suggest that you start a reading program. To be an intelligent and articulate apologist, you really should read the works of some great 20th century giants, including Francis Schaeffer and C.S. Lewis.

Other top notch scholars and thinkers who are fighting the good fight today include Ravi Zacharias, R.C. Sproul, J. P Moreland, Alister McGrath, William Lane Craig, Norman Geisler and Paul Copan. Buy their works, read them and read them again, and you will be more than able to fulfil the calling of 1 Peter 3:15.

Third, if you are game, you can get involved in online debates with atheists and secularists. My website, CultureWatch, is one such place where you can engage with various non-believers and critics of Christianity.

This war of ideas is part of a bigger spiritual battle we are in. Not all are gifted to enter these intellectual arenas, but some can use their God-given talents to stand up for their faith, and withstand the onslaught of the new atheist warriors.

Culture Watch: Bill Muehlenberg runs *Culture Watch*. He writes extensively on the major issues confronting society and Christianity. Visit his website, read his articles and post comments.

Bill's articles relating to atheism are filed in the 'Apologetics' section - or search using the word "atheist" or "Flew".

Bill also has an action email list to which you can subscribe.

Essential Reading: Bill has prepared a reading list of books he highly recommends. Check it out on his website at <<http://www.billmuehlenberg.com/2008/02/13/the-christian-apologetics-arsenal-a-select-bibliography/>>

For reflection!

“Concerning those of the religious left who say we should be kinder to homosexuals and abortionists: I have never heard one of these critics say something like this: We all know that racism is a sin, but in our zeal to confront racism, let us be careful to show love for the racist. The church has got to learn to welcome racists. Nor have I heard them plead the cause of the capitalist oppressor, explaining patiently how the tendency to use one's economic position to exploit others may be at least a lifelong habit, or maybe even something genetic. For some reason, the kindness and civility these friends urge us to exercise is always in just one direction.”



Joel Belz, *We did not pick this fight*, 1994

News & Action

Taxpayer support!

The 1st Asia Pacific Outgames were held in February at the start of February. The Outgames were a multi-sport tournament, human rights conference and cultural event for the homosexual community.

The Victorian state government gave all the participants in the Outgames a week of FREE public transport! The estimated cost to taxpayers? \$28,000! (1000 @ \$28)

Andrew Bolt asked "Do all athletes, artists and human rights activists visiting Melbourne get free public transport, or only those the State Government prefers to privilege?" Andrew called it 'discrimination'!

ACTION: Write to Premier Mr Brumby. Ask him why the state government gave a week of FREE public transport to participants in the Outgames. Ask if they also give public transport to other visitors to Melbourne - for instance to people attending Christian conferences!

Send a copy of your letter to Liberal leader Ted Baillieu and Nationals leader Peter Ryan. Address: Parliament House, East Melbourne, Victoria, 3002.

ACT: Civil Partnerships

There is currently a 'stand-off' between ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope and the federal government on this issue.

Jon Stanhope has announced that he plans to continue with his plan to re-introduce his 'Civil Partnerships' Bill. This could happen in April/May. The ACT government spoke at a rally during February which was calling for the government to proceed with civil unions/partnerships legislation.

Kevin Rudd maintains that he will not overturn state and territory legislation. Negotiations are continuing behind the scenes - federal Attorney General Robert McClelland is trying to get the ACT to water down their legislation. He and Mr Rudd would like Mr Stanhope to back down and introduce a 'Relationships Register' - without a 'ceremony' - rather than persist with their Civil Partnership Bill.

Meanwhile the ACL, who support a 'Relationships Register' because they say it removes unjust discrimination and because it doesn't have a 'ceremony', are trying to hold Kevin Rudd to the ALP pre-election promise of only supporting state-based relationship registers similar to the Tasmanian scheme.

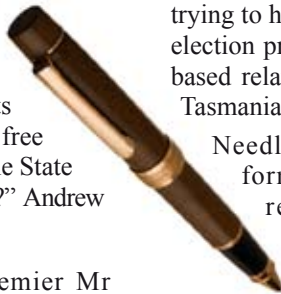
Needless to say, we oppose ANY formal registration of same-sex relationships as well as the registration of heterosexual *de facto* relationships.

ACTION: If you live in the ACT, please contact your FIVE or SEVEN MPs - Ask them to oppose the Civil Partnerships legislation AND the 'alternative' Relationships Register. Write to Jon Stanhope and Liberal leader Zed Seselja. Names of MPs/contact details: <<http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/13/B/111/>>

Euthanasia

Greens leader Bob Brown is planning to introduce a private member's bill to rescind the federal law that overturned the Northern Territory's euthanasia law. It is up to the government whether the bill is given time to be debated.

ACTION: Contact your federal MP and 12 Senators. Ask them not to support Bob Brown's move to rescind this law that would allow euthanasia to be legal in the NT. Names and details at <<http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/13/B/82/>>



Restoring a Christian Marriage

Paul and Janis Wegner are involved with the ministry of *Liberty Inc.* which operates in Brisbane, Queensland.

Liberty Inc. aims to extend Christ's unconditional love, support and acceptance to anyone struggling with sexual and relational woundedness. They offer a range of help which includes telephone counselling, and they also provide support and accountability groups.

Paul and Janis share their stories and the process they went through in restoring their marriage after Paul's disclosure of his homosexuality.

For Paul and Janis, it was like starting out afresh in the relationship.

For Janis, this person who she had been married to for 16 years was not the person she thought he was. For Paul, the shame and cover up was a barrier to true intimacy.

They both committed to talk about their feelings openly and honestly. They also permitted each other to speak with other people including professionals.

Being completely open and honest was awkward at first, however, it became much easier and eventually drew Paul and Janis closer together.

Paul's Story

First off, let me say, I never knew life could be as good as it is now. For many years I struggled with my secret homosexuality. My life was controlled by this. I can now say that this no longer controls my life. I might also mention, that my wife and I now relate intimately in all areas of our lives and from that share a very mutually fulfilling sex life. Where once Janis' "little red nightie" didn't

do the trick, it certainly does now!

I'm over 50 years old, and have been married for over 27 years, with two grown up children.

When I was 45 years old, I was charged with homosexual behaviour in a public toilet. This attracted a non-recorded conviction, no fine but 18 months probation. I was suspended from my job because of it and later was asked to resign. At the time, my wife and I were in our sixteenth year of marriage and were members of an evangelical

church and leaders of the Church Kid's Club. I was devastated that I had been found out. I had never told anyone I was close to that I had a homosexual orientation. The night I was arrested, I thought the only way out for me was committing suicide, to spare my family's

humiliation. I had written a note and decided how I would do it. However, as you can see, I didn't. Instead I went home and told my wife.

I had been acting out in this way since my early teens. I had experienced sexual abuse by males from the ages of 11 to 13, regularly from a close relative and from a shop attendant in the men's clothing store. When I was nine years old, I became a Christian. I always wondered why I was not like others. I thought that the homosexual feelings I had were my "thorn in the flesh". Each time I acted out I was extremely sorry and would try very hard not to do so again. On the occasions when I was on the verge of speaking to someone of my struggle, some snide remark or joke would be made about homosexuals and I'd keep my struggle to myself. At no time did I believe I was not



a Christian, and made a Christian marriage to my wife Janis, believing my longing for male sex would go away. It did not and I continued my cycle of acting out and being sorry. I believe the earlier encounters of sexual abuse did not make me have homosexual tendencies, but did contribute to my acting out. My recovery started once it was out in the open.

The night I was arrested, we called the elders of our church and I was released from my leadership role in the church. We asked the elders to pray according to James 5:16, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective".

Being out of work and emotionally unable to look for work, (my double life that I had worked so hard at covering up had been exposed and I was a mess), I sought out Christian counsellors. This is when I met up with the people from Liberty Inc. Out of this, I undertook the 20 week Living Waters programme, *Pursuing Sexual Wholeness* by Andrew Cominsky and professional counselling by a qualified Christian counsellor specialising in sexual brokenness.

God began His healing in me during this time. Having this period out of work, allowed me the time to look at my life. At last I was able to understand why I had homosexual tendencies. I stopped acting out, even though at that time I still had the attraction and desire for same sex. Perhaps the best thing was that it was no longer a secret. It had lost some of its power over my life. I came to understand that there were a number of factors involved in my development of a 'homosexual orientation'. Among them was the feeling

of abandonment when I was little. (I was in hospital with hernia, at a very early age and in those days parents were not allowed to stay). I thought I had been left there to die. Another was I perceived (though this was not true), that my Dad was annoyed with me being around because I was not a well child.

My wanting to be affirmed sexually by a male was my attempt to meet the masculine identity vacuum from the perceived need in my relationship with my father.

Healing continued with the undertaking of the Sy Roger's *Living and Loving at Risk* course facilitated through Liberty Inc. Knowing God more intimately took the place of wanting affirmation from men. Renewing my mind and changing thought patterns was a lot of hard work but played a major role in my journey of recovery and change in my sexual orientation.

In one counselling session, I confessed each and every sexual encounter that I had experienced which was outside of my marriage to Janis, and asked God to give back to me what others had taken and to give back to others what I had taken from them thus severing any connection between those persons and myself.

This brought about tremendous freedom. Where once I was drawn to recognise homosexuality in others, this was no longer the case.

I believe God has said to me, "I allowed these things to happen to you, so you can help others". For this reason I completed at the age of 50, a degree in Social Science with a double major in counselling from Christian Heritage College and now work with Liberty Inc. responsible for counselling and recovery groups. Together with my

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wife, we want to bless others as we have been blessed.

Some Suggestions from *Paul and Janis*

- Recognise that there is no formula for restoration.
- There needs to be a recognition and admission of brokenness.
- Both persons need to be open and willing to work at restoration.
- The depth and truth of the behaviour need to be faced willingly, openly and honestly.
- There has to be a willingness by both

parties to acknowledge openly the pain, the hurt and the disappointment of the betrayal.

- Recognise that it is hard and there is a need for space and time to process and heal.

Please pray for Paul and Janis.

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Ph: (07) 33904250

Website (contact details only): <<http://www.libertyinc.org.au/>>

Cloning Developments

Over the past few years, scientists have tried unsuccessfully to clone a human embryo in order to destroy it to extract its stem cells. Our federal parliament passed laws in 2006 to allow cloning research.



On January 17, a report of a successful experiment that produced a cloned embryo was published. The experiment itself was performed a year ago.

However, by the time the report was published, the cloning of embryos was redundant.

David van Gend, who co-ordinates **Do No Harm**, writes “The cloning experiment published in January in the journal *Stem Cell* was performed a full year ago, in the bygone era when scientists still believed cloning was the only way to get hold of specialised embryonic stem cells.

“That is no longer the case, and no scientist in 2008 has any compelling reason to attempt human cloning. As news, this “breakthrough” is out of date even before

publication; it is an ugly artifact of the brief and unlamented era of cloning.

“In November 2007, two teams of scientists published a new technique of “reprogramming” adult cells to an embryonic state

without ever creating or destroying a human embryo. This had been proven in animal models last year, and within months was confirmed in humans. These “induced pluripotent stem cells” (iPS cells) show all the properties of cloned embryonic stem cells, but are obtained easily and ethically by simple manipulation of the skin cell of an adult.”

David notes that some researchers who had actively promoted embryonic stem cell research are leaving that behind to pursue the new re-programming techniques - because they are ethical!

Read David van Gend’s full article at *Online Opinion*: <<http://www.onlineopinion.com.au/view.asp?article=6970>>

LETTER WRITING COMPETITION

Prolific newspaper letter writer Judith Bond now has some competition. David Westaway of Ballarat is having a lot of success of late. It all has to do with the number of letters you write and your ability to be succinct - so give it a go!

Announcing a 2008 competition to see who can get the most letters printed.

The three top contributors will get a one year free subscription to our E-Journal.

Sorry, but we've got to move on with life

I'm sorry that Mary Westaway was transported to Tasmania as a convict for stealing a coat to keep warm.

I'm sorry that George Westaway was shot in the lung on his farm near Westernport by a band of Aboriginal bushrangers.

I'm sorry that my grandfather, Matthew Borradaile, died in World War 1 from his wounds.

I'm sorry that my mother was put into an orphanage, at the age of six, because Matthew's widow couldn't cope.

We're all sorry that certain things happened in Australia's past.

The choice is, do we live in the past and use it as an excuse and play the blame game, or do we live in the 21st century and move on positively with our lives?

David G. Westaway, Navigators, 3352
The Courier 10/12/2007

Don't recycle marriage

We might recycle paper and our food scraps, but marriage is not for recycling.

What ever happened to our spoken commitment to each other and God?

Our vows were "... till death do us part", not till we find a better or another person?"!

Our Christian heritage teaches us to honour our commitment, not to live in adultery or take another man's wife.

Where are our churches, leaders, MPs, adults standing for marriage 'Till death do us part'?

Mrs Judith Bond, Glen Alpine, NSW
The Advertiser (Adelaide), 11/2/2008

Churches of Christ thriving in Ballarat

The article relating to Ballarat religions, "Fewer Protestants....." (The Courier 01/02) gave a misleading impression as to the health of Christianity in Ballarat, and specifically the local Churches of Christ.

Firstly they were excluded from the local denominations that exceeded 200 "followers."

There are four Churches of Christ in the City of Ballarat and the York St. Church of Christ, which my family attends, has well in excess of 300 members and its regular weekly attendances easily surpasses 200.

Secondly, regarding the issue of declining memberships, Churches of Christ's current 21st century figures show an actual growth trend.

Churches of Christ in Ballarat are vibrant and dynamic and they boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and declare the Bible as the Word of God.

Why not visit York St Church of Christ or one of the others next Sunday and judge for yourself?

David Westaway, Navigators, 3352
The Courier 12/2/2008

Don't water down the citizen test!

Minister Chris Bowan, the Citizen Test needs to stay.

This test is to find out how much people do know.

Make it hard, keep it hard, a test is a test!

Mrs Judith Bond, Glen Alpine, NSW
Illawarra Mercury, 5/1/2008

Join us for Prayer and Breakfast
Pray for our nation, its leaders and Salt Shakers
6.30 am every Thursday morning at SALT SHAKERS Office

Victoria - FOUR major moral issues

The Victorian government waited until after last year's federal election before implementing a wide-ranging agenda of social change. There are four major areas where 'reform' has been proposed.

Three were proposed last year and we have already written about them: the decriminalisation of abortion, the establishment of a Relationships Register for same-sex and other couples and allowing lesbians and single women access to IVF. The fourth major issue is doctor-assisted suicide, a form of euthanasia.

We oppose all four of these issues, as each of them undermines society and is against God's moral law as laid out in Scripture.

Doctor-Assisted Suicide

In late January Liberal MP Ken Smith said he planned to introduce a private member's bill to allow doctors to help terminally ill patients commit suicide. The Bill is expected to be introduced sometime in the next six months. The implementation of 'doctor-assisted suicide' is one of the strategies used by pro-euthanasia groups to normalise the concept of euthanasia.

The **Medical Treatment (Physician Assisted Dying) Bill 2008** will be co-sponsored by Greens MP Colleen Hartland. A Labor MP is expected to co-sponsor the bill in order to generate cross-party support.

The Premier has told the pro-euthanasia lobby group *Dying with Dignity* Victoria (DWDV) that the government will allow the bill to be debated.

Prior to the 2006 Victorian election, *Dying with Dignity* lobbied all MPs and candidates and sought support for a legislative program

that included doctor-assisted suicide.

Article: Mercy kill debate to go ahead, *Herald Sun*, 25/1/2008.

DWDV MP Surveys: <<http://www.dwdv.org.au/Surveys.html>>

DWDV Legislative Charter: <<http://www.dwdv.org.au/LegislativeCharter.html>>

Decriminalisation of abortion

The Victorian Law Reform Commission has held an Inquiry into decriminalising abortion. This report will be presented to Parliament by 28 March 2008.

Our campaign page is at <<http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/302/B/441/>>

Relationship Registers

The Bill to establish Relationship Registers for same-sex and heterosexual *de facto* couples

is in the parliament. The second reading was given in December 2007 - the debate was expected in the Legislative Assembly in late February. If passed, it will then go to the Legislative Council.

Campaign page: <<http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/302/B/472/>>

IVF

The government has said it will legislate to allow IVF for lesbians and single women and change surrogacy laws. See <<http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/302/B/468/>>

ACTION: It is vital that ALL Victorians contact their MPs - one in the Legislative Assembly and five in the Legislative Council - on each of these matters.

WE suggest that you:

1. WRITE to them by letter or email.
2. VISIT them. A personal visit to your own MPs is VERY effective. Go with someone! MP details: <<http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/13/B/107/>>



Inverted Gunbarrels

Homosexual 'Explanations' of Scripture turned around

by Murray Adamthwaite PhD

For centuries now the Bible has been seen as abundantly clear on the matter of 'same-sex' relationships, or homosexuality. It is only recently that the homosexual lobby, in an attempt to justify the homosexual lifestyle from Scripture, has sought to overturn and explain away the plain understanding of the relevant passages in the Old and New Testaments. This article is intended to give short, pithy replies to some common homosexual contentions.

The Sodom Story

Genesis 19:1-11

Allegation: The passage does not deal with or attest homosexual conduct, but a lack of hospitality.

Reply: So God sent fire and brimstone, and obliterated Sodom from the landscape, merely for their lack of hospitality! Their desire to "know" Lot's visitors, and Lot's offer of his daughters instead, cannot be read here as other than a sexual desire. The New Testament concurs with this, for example, when Jude describes the Sodomites as having "gone after strange flesh" and warns his readers against following them.

Appealing to Ezekiel 16:49-20, where the sins of Sodom are described as only arrogance, affluence, and avarice, will not avail either. We must not play off one Scripture against another, but instead adopt a "both – and" approach.

The Leviticus Passage

Lev. 18:22; 20:13

Allegation: Appeal to these texts is cherry-

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picking, and anyway, they are part of Old Testament ritual law which no longer applies.

Reply: The passage itself makes clear that God judged the pagan Canaanites for this and other sins: base idolatry, sexual perversion (including homosexuality), and a degraded estimate of human life as evident in child sacrifice. However, they were not judged for mixing dissimilar threads, violating the Sabbath, or eating pork or pelican. Furthermore, it is the Bible itself which informs us what laws have been abolished, not the whims of interest groups.

The Levite's Concubine

Judges 19:22-26

Allegation: This story only decries pack rape, not loving and responsible homosexual relationships.

Reply: While the Benjamites' violence is clear, there is more to the story than that. It must be seen against the whole book of Judges, which shows a nation in moral declension from the entirety of God's Law and how, by forsaking it, people descend ever lower. This story illustrates a society at the bottom end of such a decline. Love must be defined by God's Law, not by the special pleading of the homosexual lobby.

Christ

Allegation: Christ never condemned homosexuality, so for him it was not an

Reply: This is the fallacious argument from silence. Christ never condemned incest, rape, arson, or pillage either. Does that mean he condoned them? In fact, Christ condemned ALL sexual desire outside its proper expression within the marriage bond. Christ appealed to Genesis 1:27 and 2:24 to declare that marriage is between one man and one woman for life – period!

The Apostle Paul

A. Romans 1:26-27

Allegation 1: Paul only envisages abuses like pederasty, not genuine 'orientation'.

Reply: That Paul did not know about the so-called invert is a fallacy. Paul grew up in the Greek city of Tarsus, and received the education which that city had to offer. Plato's Dialogues mention all the various types of homosexual behaviour alleged and practised today, yet Paul makes a blanket condemnation of them all, both lesbianism and male homosexuality. Paul clearly puts homosexual behaviour on the same level as the host of other revolting sins in 1:28-32, and declares God's judgment on all of them.

Allegation 2: But that's just Paul! He's hung up on Old Testament sanctions.

Reply: If the only way to evade the Biblical condemnation of the homosexual lifestyle is to dismiss the Apostle Paul, then any attempt to justify that lifestyle from Scripture is an admitted failure and must be abandoned. Moreover, Paul's argument is not from Leviticus or anywhere in the Old Testament, but from nature and universal conscience (Rom. 2:14-15), and an innate knowledge that this incurs God's judgment (Rom. 1:32).

B. 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10

Allegation: The word translated "homosexuals" refers only to rapists or prostitutes.

Reply: This plea proceeds on a circular argument, that is, assuming the very point at issue that Paul, and Scripture generally, allow as legitimate some forms of homosexual practice. This is an assumption brought to the Scripture, not derived from it. The word is as comprehensive and inclusive of all forms of homosexual practice as are all the various other sins listed.

Many in 1 Cor. 6:9-10 are sexual, while several in the 1 Timothy list deal with murder and lying.

Homosexual advocates accuse the orthodox of cherry-picking, but when the former try to limit the scope of "homosexual", while allowing that the lawless, murderers, kidnappers, perjurers and the like are all-inclusive, they are the ones doing the arbitrary cherry-picking!

The Christian way is not to condone this lifestyle, as is the current programme of liberal churches. Instead, it is by the grace of Christ to bring them out of that lifestyle, so that they will be washed, sanctified, and presented as righteous before the Lord Jesus. As Paul puts it, "...and such were some of you."

A longer version of this article, titled *Homosexuality and Scripture*, is posted on Salt Shakers website at <<http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/9/B/80/>>

Murray Adamthwaite has a PhD in ancient history and a degree in theology. He is a member of Salt Shakers Reference Panel. Murray has a website with details about the lectures he gives in ancient history and Old Testament. Murray has recently launched a new website which contains all his articles: <www.adamthwaite.com.au>

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News Update

Family meals

Researchers who studied 2,500 girls in the USA have found that those who regularly eat dinner at the table with the family are much less likely to have eating disorders such as bulimia and anorexia.

Doctors recommend that families should eat dinner together at the table instead of in front of the television. This highlights again the importance of the family unit!

Study published in *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*, Jan 2008.

Victoria's Charter of Rights

The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities came into operation on 1 January.

In their submission to the government Inquiry last year, Victoria Police warned of the high cost of implementing the Charter because of an increase in litigation.

Tony Mokbel, the man accused of drug crimes who was arrested in Greece, is planning to use the Charter to try and avoid extradition to Victoria for trial.

Why? The Charter guarantees the right to a fair trial - Mokbel claims jurors would already consider him guilty before hearing evidence in court!

Education or brainwashing?

The NSW government is planning to conduct lessons to combat 'racism' in pre-school and daycare!

The program for children as young as three will begin at a preschool in western NSW, with lessons in **tolerance** and **multiculturalism**.



NSW Councils are also considering implementing a similar program at all council-funded daycare centres across NSW. [Daily Telegraph, 26/1/2008]

Euthanasia

Euthanasia campaigner Philip Nitschke was arrested when he arrived in New Zealand in January carrying copies of his banned book *The Peaceful Pill*. The NZ censor banned the book in June 2007; Nitschke was meeting with the censor to re-submit the book for classification. He was detained for 2.5 hours. [The Age, 1/2/2008]

WA: Human Rights

The WA government has completed its 'Inquiry' into a human rights act. We received the 400 page report recently.

As expected, the report fully endorses the establishment of a 'Human Rights Act'. Like the ACT legislation, it lists the 'right to life' but then ADDS 'from birth', thus leaving abortion unaffected by the Act.

ACTION: If you live in WA, please contact your MPs (1 in the Legislative Assembly and 5 or 7 in the Legislative Council. Ask them to oppose this legislation. Details at: <<http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/302/B/420/>> MP details at <<http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/13/B/109/>>

SA: Equal Opportunity Bill

Last year the government withdrew their bill to amend the Equal Opportunity Act. Of particular concern was Clause 61, on victimisation (similar to Victoria's vilification law). Now the Liberals are re-assessing their position on this bill.

ACTION: If you live in South Australia, please write politely to Liberal Party MPs in both houses - ask them to continue to oppose the changes, especially Clause 61. Contact details at <<http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/13/B/108/>>

Prayer Update

Pray for the government

As Kevin Rudd and the Labor Party begin running Australia in earnest this year, please pray that they will have wisdom and restraint in the changes they make.

Pray that Kevin Rudd will seek God's wisdom and not just the wisdom of men.

Pray for leaders

Pray for those with leadership responsibilities in our nation: Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and his Cabinet; Opposition leader Brendan Nelson and his Shadow Cabinet. Pray for the State Premiers and MPs in each State and Territory.

Pray for issues

There are so many pieces of legislation proposed at present. Please pray that governments will not enact ungodly laws in our nation.

Then put your prayers into action by contacting MPs and political leaders, asking them to oppose these laws.

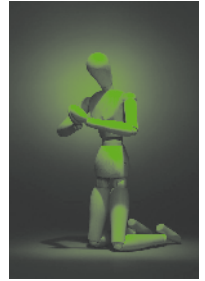
Pray for Australia

There is so much that could either unite or divide people in our nation: apologies, multiculturalism, climate change, industrial relations . . . Pray for our nation.

Pray for Australians

Pray that people will seek God in the midst of the 'busy-ness' of their everyday lives.

Pray that Christians will reach out to their neighbours, colleagues and friends with the message of the gospel. Dale Stephenson, the new pastor at Crossway Baptist Church, gave an excellent message on this (10/2/2008). Listen to it at <http://www.crossway.org.au/templates/cuscrossway/details.asp?id=20315&PID=45631&Style=>>



If my people, who are called by my name, will 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. 2 Chr. 7:14

Praying for our leaders

Paul reminds Timothy to pray for our leaders and those in authority. He says that is so we can live 'peaceful' lives that focus on godliness.

But we can't stop reading there. If we do we could think that is the objective - to have a 'peaceful' life. Elsewhere in Scripture we are told that life won't be 'peaceful' until Jesus returns. Jesus tells us we will be persecuted if we follow Him.

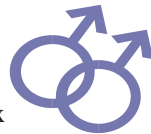
Paul goes on to explain that God wants everyone to be saved. His reasoning - the gospel can be preached more effectively when we have a stable government that

allows Christianity to flourish. So, he says, pray for your leaders for this reason!

1 Timothy 2: 1-6 *"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time."*



100 Revs Report by Peter Stokes



There are differing opinions across the nation about collective apologies, BUT when an apology is made by Christian Pastors to homosexuals, and the pastors intend to march in the Sydney mardi gras to drive home that 'apology', there can be little doubt in most Christians' minds that it is not a good idea.

Certainly that is the feedback we have had since alerting the general Christian community to **100 Revs**, a web site set up for the purpose of advertising the apology and to encourage other pastors to 'sign on' to their cause. They called it '100 Revs' in anticipation of getting that much support.

Now I am the first to admit that the church has not responded well to the issue of homosexuality. Most in the church do not even begin to understand why people 'think' they are 'same-sex attracted'. But an apology and marching in the largest parade of sexual depravity in the country IS NOT THE ANSWER.

We know this initiative has been heavily influenced by the self-appointed 'Leader' of homosexual self-justification, Anthony Venn-Brown. 100 Revs was launched at a Venn-Brown/'Freedom 2 B[e]'' event'.

The spokesman for '100 Revs' is Baptist Pastor Mike Herccock, who works in inner Sydney at Hope Street. Our understanding is that this church, and Mike's work, is financed by the Baptist Union of NSW, although they may not support this venture.

Venn-Brown established 'Freedom 2 B[e]'' "to be a non judgemental, safe place to assist people on their journey to reconciliation". Not to reconcile them to God through repentance, but to reconcile themselves about the 'normality' and 'acceptability' of their homosexuality. He has people like Justice Michael Kirby and Dorothy McRae-

McMahon (UCA) on his board. Both live in same-sex relationships. This underscores that this is about acceptance, not change through forgiveness.

The apology statement itself has been made to appear relatively harmless. (see link below) However, since its proposers actively support Venn-Brown and the acceptance of homosexuality, its deliberate vagueness is a major danger.

You can email a message of concern to: 100Revs@live.com.au

Or better still, you can post a polite comment where their statement is, at: <http://100revs.blogspot.com/2008/02/100revs-statement.html>

The perception of such an apology will indeed be one of affirmation of homosexuality and the mardi gras and what it stands for, which is the promotion of homosexuality as NORMAL. That has always been the basis for mardi gras This leads to primary school books like *King and King* - totally about telling our 8 year olds that two men marrying is NORMAL. <http://www.amazon.com/King-Linda-Haan/dp/1582460612>

We must show that God loves the homosexual just as he does the thief and the murderer, BUT, just like them, they must repent and turn from sin, not accept it, if they are to know God's freedom.

1 Cor. 6:9 is very clear about the fate of the unrepentant sinner, and that includes the unrepentant homosexual.

We may well need to apologise that some Christians have failed to show love to those seeking help and change in their lives. We need to apologise that some Christians have allowed homosexual people to think it is 'normal', but we cannot apologise for God calling it unnatural and a sin. It is not our choice.

Archbishop: shari'a law in the UK

by **Jenny Stokes**

During February the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, caused a furore when he affirmed that "shari'a law was unavoidable in Britain".

Shari'a law is the law followed by Muslims that is based on the Qur'an and the hadiths (traditions) of Mohammed. It covers all aspects of life, including marriage and divorce, finance and criminal law.

Rowan Williams said that he was talking about shari'a law in the area of divorce, finance, etc - and not the criminal law.

The Archbishop initially gave a lecture, titled 'Civil and Religious Law in England: a religious perspective' at the Royal Courts of Justice in early February. He then gave an interview on BBC Radio 4 World at One. The transcripts of both of these, plus his response called *What did the Archbishop actually say?*, is posted at <<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/1581>>

Rowan Williams maintains that he did not actually *propose* the inclusion of shari'a law into British law or the establishment of a separate and parallel legal systems. He said he had been misinterpreted.

However, in a democratic country like the UK - or Australia - it is important that all people live under one system of law. We cannot have two (or more) systems of law for different groups of people or even different rules within the law for different groups of people.

Some of the responses?

Rev Patrick Sookhdeo (Barnabas Fund) wrote an excellent analysis, saying "His view of shari'a is utopian and naïve . . . Dr Williams seems to be so concerned about

the fragmentation of British society that he is willing to have shari'a embedded in British law so as to appease Muslim demands and give the Muslim community the feeling that British society is really inclusive and sensitive to its demands. He has been persuaded that shari'a is essential for Muslims' identity and wellbeing and that it is inhumane to expect them to live without it. In the name of multiculturalism, tolerance and political correctness, he is happy to erode long established principles of equality before the law and individual liberty accepted as basic in Western societies."¹

Melanie Phillips refuted the comparison the Archbishop made between Islamic shari'a courts and the Jewish 'Beth Din' which arbitrate disputes and consider divorce between Jewish couples. She noted that rulings by the 'Beth Din' are informal and voluntary and have no legal standing.²

From Muslims:

Some in favour - Mohammed Shafiq, director of the UK Ramadhan Foundation, welcomed the comments. "These comments further underline the attempts by both our great faiths to build respect and tolerance. Sharia law for civil matters is something which has been introduced in some Western countries with much success".³

"WA Muslims are pushing for sharia law to be incorporated into Australian legislation, saying separate rules governing social issues such as divorce, the rights of women and the legal recognition of multiple wives are needed for the Islamic community".⁴

Others opposed: Yasser Soliman, formerly President of the Islamic Council of Victoria,



said it wasn't appropriate to have shari'a law for Muslims in a non-Muslim country - BUT he then said courts should deal appropriately with Muslims. "It is a sign of sophistication and maturity for a country to *extend its legal system to reflect an understanding of the diversity of its population*. It would follow that it is worth looking into training legal practitioners to specialise in civil legal matters in diverse Australian communities, including Muslim ones."⁵

The question is, how can one 'extend the legal system' to 'reflect diversity' without incorporating their legal traditions?

From Anglicans:

"Perth Anglican Archbishop Roger Herft gave in principle support for calls from the Archbishop of Canterbury" for shari'a law.⁶

Fortunately the Bishop of South Sydney, Robert Forsyth said "the Sydney Diocese rejects the Archbishop of Canterbury's suggestion that integrating shari'a law with British legal systems would deliver greater social cohesion. We do not agree with the Archbishop's comments."⁷

Of even more concern is the fact that the Archbishop's lecture was the first of "SIX lectures and discussions which are being given by senior Muslim and other lawyers and theologians at the Temple Church on the general theme of 'Islam in English Law'"⁸ Shari'a law should not be adopted, even in part, in western democracies like Australia or the United Kingdom. Our system of law is based on the Westminster system. It is already being eroded by humanist forces and we must maintain what we have before it is all lost!

1. *Barnabas Fund Response to the Archbishop of Canterbury's recommendation to apply Islamic law in the UK, 11/2/2008.* <http://www.barnabasfund.org/News/archives/text.php?ID_news_items=386>
2. *Melanie Phillips, Spectator, 8/2/2008.* At <<http://www.spectator.co.uk/melaniephillips/492106/the-archbishops-speech.shtml>>
3. *Adoption of Islamic shari'a law in Britain is 'unavoidable', The Observer, 7/2/2008.*
- 4, 6. *West Australian (9/2/2008)*
5. *Embarrassing to Muslims, Herald Sun, 10/2/2008.*
7. *Sydney: One law for all,* <http://your.sydneyanglicans.net/sydneystories/sydney_one_law_for_all/>
8. *What did the Archbishop actually say?,* <<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/1581>>

Bishop ordered to pay compensation

The Bishop of Hereford has been ordered to pay the ridiculous sum of £47,000 damages for refusing to employ a homosexual youth worker, John Reaney. (£25000 for future loss of wages, £8000 for future pension loss, £7000 for future psychiatric injury, £6000 for injury to feelings, £1320 for cost of counselling and £25 for costs incurred in seeking other work).

The tribunal accepted that the Bishop attempted to do his best to explain his decision in a caring and sympathetic manner, and that he followed up the interview with a letter explaining his reasoning. But that was not good enough. The tribunal decided Bishop Priddis had unlawfully discriminated against Mr Reaney on the grounds of sexual orientation, stating that

he should have only considered the present lifestyle of Mr Reaney (who is single) and should not have speculated about potential future relationships. Despite him admitting he might have a homosexual relationship in the future!!

There are many concerns with regard to this ruling. Firstly it sets a bad precedent and secondly, the chilling effect of the decision with significant damages, will make people scared to act on Biblical grounds.

The Bishop's actions were clearly motivated by his deeply held religious and ethical beliefs about homosexuality and rightly so. This is clearly government intervention into religion assisted by Mr Reaney's personal political agenda to force the church to accept his chosen lifestyle.

World News

USA: Discrimination charge

A Christian photographer who refused to photograph a same-sex “commitment ceremony” has been hauled before the New Mexico Human Rights Division.

A same-sex couple asked Elaine Huguenin, co-owner with her husband of **Elane Photography**, to photograph a “commitment ceremony” that the two women wanted to hold. Huguenin declined because her Christian beliefs are in conflict with the message communicated by the ceremony.

The same-sex couple filed a complaint with the New Mexico Human Rights Division, which is now trying Elane Photography under state anti-discrimination laws for sexual orientation discrimination.

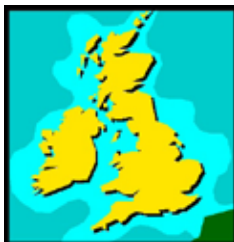
The Alliance Defense fund (ADF), a legal alliance that is dedicated to defending and protecting religious freedom, sanctity of life, marriage, and family, is defending **Elane Photography**. [LifeSite News, 30/1/2008]

UK: Sperm without men!

British researchers have applied for permission to conduct research which could result in the making of sperm without the use of men. They plan to create sperm using stem cells from women’s bone marrow.

The UK government is debating changes to the *Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act* and is being pressured to make amendments to allow the use of eggs and sperm created in the laboratory from stem cells.

Prof Karim Nayernia, professor of stem cell biology at Newcastle University in the UK, has developed the technique in mice and has already coaxed male bone marrow cells to develop into primitive sperm cells, and has



repeated the feat with female embryonic stem cells.

New Scientist reports that the scientists want to take stem cells from a woman donor’s bone marrow and transform them into sperm using chemicals and vitamins.

There are huge ethical concerns with this technology - lesbians having a baby without a man. Or perhaps a male homosexual couple could have a baby by making eggs out of their bone marrow. Women would still be needed as a surrogate - attempts to create an artificial womb have been unsuccessful so far!

Refs: Could women grow their own sperm? *Telegraph*, 12/2/2008. <<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/main.jhtml?xml=/earth/2008/02/12/scisperm112.xml>>

Scientists turn bone marrow into sperm, *Courier Mail*, 1/2/2008.

Bill Muehlenberg has written an assessment of this development: See <<http://www.billmuehlenberg.com/2008/02/01/making-men-redundant-and-harming-our-children/>>

UK: Multiple wives receive welfare

Muslim men in the UK who have more than one wife will be allowed to claim welfare payments for ALL of their wives following a year-long government review.

Even though polygamy is illegal in Britain, the ruling will apply so long as the marriages took place in countries where it is legal. It is estimated that there are more than 1000 polygamous marriages in Britain. The payments will be made to the husband’s bank account!

[*Telegraph*,

4/2/2008]

In Australia, several accounts of Muslim men having more than one ‘wife’ have been shown on TV current affairs programs - each ‘wife’ was receiving welfare payments!

Ministry News

A huge number of issues are facing us this year - both at the federal level and in the states. We have been busy researching the issues, preparing material, sending out emails, adding content to the website and also contacting members of parliament.

We are seeking people in other states who would be prepared to send us information about proposed legislation - if you can help in this way, please contact Jenny at the office.

During February Peter and Jenny spoke again at Mt Cathedral Baptist Church at

Buxton and also gave a 1-hour presentation on current federal and state issues.

They are happy to speak at churches, conferences, camps etc. Just contact the office to arrange a visit from them!

Resistance Thinking is going well - Emma Hughes is sending our regular *Resistance News* and *Higher Distinctions* emails. Why not check out the website, sign up for emails and post a comment or two on the forum. <www.resistancethinking.com>

Please pray for the staff as we continue to come under attack for standing up!

Please pray for ongoing finances - that God would prompt His people to support the ministry. We really appreciate you standing with us - as we 'help you make a difference'.

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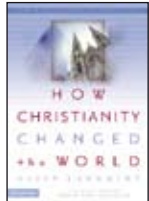
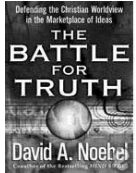
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