

Salt Shakers

Helping Christians make a difference

“The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state.

It must be the guide and the critic of the state.

If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority.”

Martin Luther King Jr

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Editorial

Australia - The 'lucky' country? Really?
Australia - A Great South Land? Really?

Try telling our young people that.

A recent report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare said Australia has managed a slight reduction in the number of teenage suicides, but the latest figures also show that "in the past decade there has been an alarming rise in the number of young people who intentionally hurt themselves, with more than 7,000 taken to hospital in one year."

We all know that youth suicide has long been a significant issue in Australian society. Why should this be?

Proverbs 29:18 states, "Where there is no vision (revelation), the people perish."

Now while there are clearly many references to people having spiritual visions and revelations from God, what sort of lack of 'vision' is there, in Australia today, that would cause them to self harm or suicide?

Another scripture found in Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

One can see, therefore, that knowledge and vision are closely related and the lack of them can have dire consequences for society, especially for the young who are looking for a sense of purpose and belonging. They are also looking for a future and when those visions are clouded, when their knowledge about who they are, where they come from and where they are going become worse than cloudy, more like very dark, what result should we expect?

What vision or knowledge do they lack? Just what are our young people 'seeing' today.

I do not think it is stretching the point to say that most young people lack any 'vision' or

understanding of what life really is about today. God does not exist, 'creation is a myth' they are told, they are here by random chance. Accidents of 'nature'.

They have a vision of materialism - what you have makes you who you are. Your looks, your size, define who you are.

The future is grim because humans cause global warming. There are too many of us for the world to survive much longer. The ABC is telling very young children their lifestyle should only let them live to 5.1 years old - too bad if you are six - how long have you got before you explode? (see page 6) Global death through planet warming is all they have to look forward to.

Cyberspace is more real to many than a happy family. The pain of marriage breakdown, of parents with drug and alcohol problems, or simply workaholics paying the bills of materialism, is too much for many of them.

Our girls are being told a career is more important than a family and boys are being told they are unnecessary.

The vision of a happy family has been shattered so they don't look forward to a happy future with a husband or wife and family.

They don't see proper role models of men and women and are repeatedly confused by messages that being homosexual is OK - they find it hard to know what a true man or woman is any more.

Our young people desperately need to see visions, revelations of a loving God who created them - a God who is in control of the world.

We all have a job to do, if the next generation is to see the right visions and have the right knowledge to survive.

Yours in Christ Jesus

Peter & Jenny Stokes

Marriage & Family - Nailing up the coffin

by Peter Stokes

There are very few nails left to go into the coffin of one of the most important institutions ordained by God. Marriage and the family are under enormous threat in Australia, as is Christianity itself.

The Federal government has announced that over the next year it plans to remove or change about 100 Commonwealth laws it says discriminate against homosexual 'COUPLES'. Notice, please, that this is not about individual rights and freedoms but 'couple' rights.

Although the government has not given us a complete list of these changes we know that 58 of them are the ones the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) proposed last year. The previous Federal government blocked or 'sat-on' those changes but the Rudd government stated prior to last election that they would not only support them but go further and do an even broader review to find even more bad laws that discriminated against homosexual 'couples'.

It came as no surprise, then, to find that, just a few months after the election, they announced they had indeed found another 42 making a nice neat 100 in all.

While the Rudd government speaks of "supporting marriage between a man and a woman", they are actively putting four big nails in the 'Marriage and family' coffin.

The first nail is changing the 100 laws to remove so-called discrimination that currently favour and encourage marriage.

The second nail is to actively "encourage" the States to bring in 'Relationship Registration' schemes to give legal recognition of same-sex (homosexual)

relationships.

A third nail in the coffin of marriage is giving the same legal recognition to **heterosexual couples** - thus creating a 'marriage lite' arrangement that is much easier to get IN AND OUT of than marriage. The evidence of the damage this will do to marriage can be found in Tasmania where 20% of 'registrations' are now heterosexual couples. This percentage WILL increase.

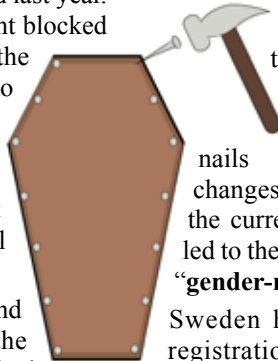
The fourth nail is to further water down the true status of marriage by giving registration and benefits to something new called 'caring couples' - such as two widows living together or a mother and daughter. These are not true couples - but those advocating including them want to give them the benefits currently given to married couples.

Individually, each of these nails is bad enough but together these changes bring us dangerously close to the current situation in Europe that has led to the Swedish government proposing "gender-neutral marriage".

Sweden has a 'same-sex relationship registration scheme' and marriage, and now that the two are so similar, giving the same benefits, they are asking 'Why do we have two different schemes - let's make them one!'

Another example of the dangerous position these nails create for Marriage and Family has just occurred in the USA. California's Supreme Court has decided by a 4-3 vote to allow same-sex 'marriage'. This is despite 68% of Californians saying 'No' to same-sex 'marriage' only a few years ago.

The main reason the court gave same-sex 'couples' 'marriage' was because under California's 'domestic partnership' scheme,



which they noted was very similar to a Civil Union, they had almost identical ‘rights’ to married couples. Therefore the Court decided it was only right to allow same-sex couples to actually marry.

The Tasmanian ‘Relationship Register’ gives ALMOST identical ‘rights and responsibilities’ to not only same-sex but also heterosexual and ‘caring’ couples. The Victorian scheme gives it to heterosexual and homosexual couples, and Attorney General Mr Hulls has ‘promised’ to add ‘caring couples’ by the end of the year. This Californian precedent may well soon be used in Australia!

The Californian Chief Justice, Ronald George, also wrote “an individual’s sexual orientation, like a person’s race or gender, does not constitute a legitimate basis upon which to deny or withhold legal rights.”

How a Chief Justice can make such a preposterous, illogical statement like that is beyond me. There is no comparison between a person’s unchangeable ‘race’ (he means ethnic origin), their ‘gender’ (he really means ‘sex’) and their sexuality - which CAN be changed. Irrespective of the rhetoric and the lie that sexuality is not a choice.

A fifth nail in the coffin of marriage and family is the ‘new’ reason given by the Labor government for endorsing heterosexual marriage “it is tradition”. That is very dangerous because ‘traditions’ can change all too easily these days. It will only take the stroke of a pen to remove “man and woman” from the Federal Marriage Act.

Are we in fact being ‘set-up’ for a fall?

Surely there has to be a better reason why almost every democratic government across the world not only **endorses**, but actually gives **benefits** to, the institution of marriage

between a man and a woman. That ‘reason’ is called EVIDENCE. Remember that word we kept hearing at Mr Rudd’s 2020 Summit – “evidence”.

The evidence FOR heterosexual marriage is overwhelming. It states, almost universally, ‘that children do best when raised by their biological mother AND father in a secure and committed marriage’.

What a great reason to discriminate in favour of (give benefits to encourage) traditional marriage. So why does Mr Rudd

not say that? Why is he bending over backwards to give homosexuals almost ALL those same ‘benefits’?

Because the Labor Party has a flawed philosophy that supersedes the evidence. Despite the ‘talk’ of evidence-based decisions, the reality is that ‘philosophy rules’ and the philosophy says “we must not discriminate”, despite the evidence.

Sadly, when a bad philosophy rules, disaster looms on the horizon.

This is not just the philosophy of the new Federal government; it is the philosophy of the Australian Labor Party. It is written in their ‘manifesto’, the National Constitution of the ALP. Under ‘Objectives’ it states: “To achieve the political and social

values of equality, democracy, liberty and social cooperation inherent in this objective, the Australian Labor Party stands for:...

(3 p): elimination of discrimination and exploitation on the grounds of class, race, sex, **sexuality**, religion, political affiliation, national origin, citizenship, age, disability, regional location, economic or household status;

(3 r): **recognition and encouragement of diversity** of cultural expression and **lifestyle** within the Australian community;

http://www.alp.org.au/platform/chapter_17.php

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There you have it – the “elimination of discrimination” and that also means NO exemptions for churches!

Add to that the “recognition and encouragement of **diversity of lifestyle** within the Australian community” and you have the reason that marriage is now a mere ‘tradition’? How long will that ‘tradition’ last? Isn’t it discriminatory not to give homosexuals same-sex ‘marriage’?

Homosexual activists have said there will not be true equality in Australia until people are allowed the **right** to marry their “partner of choice”. There is no such thing as a passive law – laws either condone something, by making it legal (and legal means good or right) - or they oppose something (saying it is against the law because it is wrong/bad and thus not in society’s best interest).

Changing laws to **ENDORSE** homosexual relationships **WILL** normalise, and make acceptable, such relationships. This will undermine marriage. You cannot give a lesser something ‘equivalent’ status without it, in some way, undermining that which already exists.

The sixth nail is the recently announced change to our Family Court. Originally it only dealt with married couple family disputes, then it added *de facto* couples with children and then same-sex couples with children. Now the Rudd government has announced the Family Court will oversee *de facto* property/financial matters as well for those without children - and that will also include same-sex couples. Retired Chief Justice of the Family Court Alastair Nicholson has been actively petitioning for the Family Court to treat same-sex couples identically to marriage.

The seventh nail in the coffin will be a National Bill of Rights. This is also part of ALP policy and a 2020 Summit issue.

In Canada the court decided that their Bill of Rights made it necessary to give marriage to homosexuals. A Bill of Rights allows unelected Judges to overrule the people and the elected government. When stacked with left leaning activist judges it would not take long for this nail to be driven home.

In April, the NSW Administrative Decisions Tribunal (a pseudo Court of activists) told a Christian foster care agency that they must not discriminate against same-sex couples. As a consequence of this decision, the same-sex lobby has had legal advice that it may undermine all ‘discrimination’ exemptions based on religion across Australia. Including

situations such as the recent one where a Brisbane Christian school said it would not allow same-sex ‘partners’ to attend a school formal.

If marriage is simply a ‘tradition’ and discrimination is sacrosanct, how long has marriage, God’s way, got left?

Lastly, are Christians supporting God’s marriage or putting nails in the coffin? Sadly, some are doing the latter.

We have seen Christian groups like the ACL, EA and others actively promoting relationship registers for same-sex, heterosexual and ‘other’ couples as well as the removing of ‘discrimination’ and recently the UCA (Vic/Tas) called on the federal government to bring in a national Bill of Rights. Just how much more hammering of nails does our own side need to do?

Unless we stand up for God’s design for human relationships and sexuality - heterosexual marriage and the natural family - satan will win another battle. Thankfully, we know he has already lost the war.

PLEASE DO NOT LET MARRIAGE REST IN PEACE.



News & Action

Cloning

The **Australian Stem Cell Centre**, a research group using embryonic stem cells in Australia has now imported stem cells that are NOT obtained from embryos for research. [The Age, 10/6/2008]

The new stem cells are called "Induced pluripotent stem cells" (iPS cells) - they are made by "reprogramming" human skin cells. This avoids the need to kill embryos and is the result of research published in November 2007 [see March 2008 journal, P 9].

Although the ASCC is still doing research using embryonic stem cells, it is good news that they are now using *ethical* stem cells.

Planet Slayer

The ABC website has a 'Planet Slayer' section which includes cartoons, a game and a 'Greenhouse Calculator' all related to 'global warming'. The Greenhouse Calculator asks "How big a greenhouse pig are you?" and encourages children to answer 11 questions to "find out when they should die" - about electricity, travel, eating meat... The final question asks how your money is spent: 'ordinary stuff', things good for the environment and ethical investments.

Even if you ride a bicycle, use green fuel, never eat meat, and spend 50% on 'ordinary stuff' and 50% on environmentally friendly things such as organic food and green energy, the 'pig' explodes and you're told you'll die at 42. A higher portion of 'green' spending or ethical investments' means your pig flies up to heaven - with a message 'You will live forever!'

Choosing the suggested 'average' answers and spending 50% on 'ordinary stuff' and 50% on environmentally friendly things tells the child they will die at age 14! Some options give an age as low as 4.9 years!

This is a dangerous message to be giving children. Planet Slayer is at <http://www.abc.net.au/science/planetslayer/>

ACTION: Parents- please don't let your children use this 'Greenhouse Calculator'! Write to the ABC - ask them to remove the Planet Slayers game and 'greenhouse calculator' from their website. ABC, GPO Box 9994, Sydney NSW 2001.

Euthanasia - Federal

The Senate Committee investigating Bob Brown's euthanasia bill handed down its report on 23 June. The Bill would overturn the legislation that stopped euthanasia in the Northern Territory, making it legal again.

Depending on the report, the Bill may come before the Senate for debate. The report will be posted on the Committee's website: http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon_ctte/terminally_ill/index.htm

ACTION: Please contact your 12 State Senators and ask them NOT to support this Bill. Senators' details at <http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/senators/index.htm>

Victoria - Euthanasia

A Bill that proposes 'Physician assisted dying' has been tabled in Victoria's Legislative Council by Greens MP Colleen Hartland. The Bill has poor definitions of 'incurable illness' and says that doctor assisted dying should not be called 'suicide'.

As well as destroying the sanctity of life, the real danger with such bills is that vulnerable people will be pressurised to decide to die. This has already happened in Holland, where euthanasia is legal and in Oregon, where 'doctor assisted suicide' is legal. For more information see our website under 'Take Action/Campaigns'.

ACTION: Victorians, please write to your SIX MPs - identify yourself as a 'voter'. Ask them to vote against this Bill to protect vulnerable people.

Victoria - Abortion - VLRC Report

The Labor government tabled the Victorian Law Reform Commission's Report on the 'Law of Abortion' in the Victorian Parliament on 29 May. The VLRC proposes that abortion be 'decriminalised' - 'legalised' - removed from the Crimes Act.

The VLRC rejected those who opposed decriminalisation - about 80% of the 500 submissions! The VLRC proposed 3 models for 'decriminalising abortion':

Model A would maintain the current situation where, if a woman wants an abortion, the doctor must decide if it is necessary depending on the 'harm' that would be done to the woman by continuing with the pregnancy.

They propose three possible definitions of 'harm'. The first is the risk of serious harm to the woman's life or physical or mental health. The second says a doctor may also consider social and financial factors. The third simplifies the definition of harm and

removes the word 'serious'.

Model B allows a woman to decide on an abortion up to 24 weeks. After 24 weeks, she can have an abortion if two doctors decide an abortion is necessary - again using the 3 definitions of 'harm'.

Model C allows a woman to decide - thus allowing abortion for any reason at any time of pregnancy.

The VLRC recommended that the government NOT legislate to provide cooling off periods, informed consent or provisions to protect against coercion or minors having abortions.

Naturally, the pro-abortion lobby are pushing hard for MODEL C.

ACTION: Victorians, please write to your SIX MPs. Ask them to oppose ALL three Models proposed by the VLRC. Details, the Report and MP contact details on our website: Take Action/Campaigns.

Update on Fuzzy Logic - Dr Murray Adamthwaite

Readers will remember that in the last issue I highlighted the "common factor" fallacy, which in its patently ridiculous form can be used to "prove" that cats are dogs. After the article went to press, I found on an internet site which I visit regularly the following exploitation of the same argument by a high level Muslim apologist in the United States, Khalid Yasin. It went like this:

Jesus submitted to God (i.e. Allah);

All Muslims submit to God (Allah)

Therefore Jesus was a Muslim

Leave aside for the purposes of this discussion the facile Muslim equation of Allah with the God of the Bible: the logic is appalling! It is the same fallacy of equating cats with dogs because they both have fur!

However, there is an even more disturbing aspect to this anecdote from a public lecture: whether Mr. Yasin believes this reasoning is one thing (probably he does); the really distressing thing is the number of gullible listeners who in today's reason-free world would fall for such "logic". And Mr. Yasin - and others of his ilk - know this and with a straight face, without any shame, promote it and repeat it endlessly.

Of course, the notion that Jesus, as well as all the OT prophets and saints, were really Muslims is a standard Muslim line, and indeed, one of their articles of faith. We need to be aware of this, but also equally aware of the ludicrous arguments advanced to try to convince an ignorant, post-Christian West of that standard Muslim belief.

Overseas aid, family planning & abortion

by Jenny Stokes

Australia has a long record of providing aid to overseas nations - both in regular development programs and in times of emergency such as the 2004 tsunami, the recent cyclone in Burma and earthquakes in China. In 2008 federal Budget allocates \$3.7 billion in Overseas Development Aid.¹ This is a reflection of our Christian heritage of helping those in need.

Since 1996, Australia has had a policy of not providing advice regarding abortion through its overseas aid programme. AusAID has written Guidelines called *Family Planning and the Aid program: A Comprehensive Guide*, which states "Australian aid funds are not available for activities that involve abortion training or services, or research trials or activities, which directly involve abortion drugs." Some contraception can be provided under the Guidelines.²

There is currently active lobbying from a range of groups to have these Guidelines abolished. More on that later...

The Guidelines

The Guidelines reflect the decisions made at the UN International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in 1994, with a shift away from population control to "a reproductive health framework". This has increasingly come to mean the provision of abortion.

The policy and Guidelines were influenced by Senator Brian Harradine, an Independent (formerly ALP) Senator for Tasmania for three decades until his retirement in 2005.

In 1993, Senator Harradine held the balance of power in the Senate. He agreed to support Paul Keating's Labor government budget. In return, the government agreed to do a

review of the allocation of overseas aid money to family planning and abortion programs. The immediate effect was the freezing of \$26.75 million in aid over four years for family planning that had been promised in the 1993 Budget.^{3,4}

In a letter to the British Medical Journal, Senator Harradine said "As a long time supporter of overseas aid I object to the diversion of Australia's precious aid money from development cooperation and poverty alleviation programmes to population control."⁴

AusAID Guidelines under threat

The AusAID Guidelines were formalised by the Howard government in 1996. This policy is now under threat. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Stephen Smith, is able to make the decision to allow or not allow overseas aid fund to be used for 'abortion advice or services'. It does not have to be passed by the Parliament. Various groups are lobbying hard to get Mr Smith to allow funds to be provided for 'abortion advice'.

One of these groups is the *Parliamentary Group on Population and Development (PGPD)*⁵, led by Senator Claire Moore. She is a Labor Senator from Queensland and the national co-convenor of Emily's List, a group of mostly ALP women that supports abortion (they call it 'pro-choice').⁶ In 2007 the PGPD released a report labelling the Guidelines as "cruel and illogical" and calling for their removal.

Representatives from the PGPD met with Mr Smith in May 2008 to ask that the Guidelines be removed.⁷ At the recent

**Australia
could start
exporting
a culture
of death
disguised
as Aid'**

Senate Estimates hearings, Democrats Senator Lynn Allison proposed providing 'abortion advice' to East Timor because of their high birth rate!⁸

The Australian Reproductive Health Alliance is also campaigning for the AusAid 'Family Planning Guidelines' to be abolished, along with abortion provider Marie Stopes International.

Senator Ron Boswell (Nat, Qld) is campaigning to retain the Guidelines.

There are huge needs overseas and our aid money needs to be spent on basic health needs, water, shelter and other essentials - not on providing advice about abortion.

ACTION: Please write to Foreign Affairs Minister Stephen Smith, Parliament

House, Canberra, ACT, 2600. Also write to PM Kevin Rudd and your own federal MP. Ask them to ensure that the current 'Family Planning Guidelines' remain in place. Ask them to ensure that Australia does not provide 'abortion advice' with our overseas aid funds.

1. *Budget*: http://www.foreignminister.gov.au/releases/2008/fa-s080513_budget4.html

2. *AusAID Guidelines*, <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/pdf/fam-plan-guide.pdf>

3. *Contraceptiongate*, *Green Left Weekly*, 17/11/1993. <http://www.greenleft.org.au/1993/123/5031>

4. *Letter to British Medical Journal*, Jan 1994.

5. *PGPD*, <http://www.pgpd.asn.au/#>

6. *Emily's List*: www.emilyslist.org.au/

7. *PGPD Media Release*, 2007 - http://www.arha.org.au/index/Harradine_May07.pdf

8. *Aussie abortion plan for East Timor*, *Courier Mail*, 4/6/2008. <http://www.news.com.au/story/0,23599,23806179-421,00.html>

Commonwealth 'Discrimination' - Stage I

The federal government has started changing 100 Commonwealth laws to 'remove discrimination' against same-sex couples.

As expected, the first laws to be changed relate to the Commonwealth superannuation and pension scheme.

The Coalition supported the Bill in the House of Representatives but moved an amendment supporting marriage. They said they would use their Senate majority to send the Bill to a Senate Inquiry to look at the question of 'interdependent relationships'.

Since superannuation concerns assets/finances owned by the individual it should not be treated as a 'same-sex couple' issue. Most of the other 100 proposed law changes are very different - they give official recognition to the relationship in order to provide benefits.

Private superannuation funds already give access to the asset to other than married couples through business/financial interest arrangements. This could easily be extended to all financially dependent

arrangements without being based on a sexual relationship. Superannuation benefits can also be allocated to another person through a will.

Currently the Commonwealth scheme discriminates against single heterosexuals as well as homosexuals - if they die before, or early in retirement, they lose financial benefits as there is no ongoing pension; they get a smaller payout than married couples.

The real solution is to modernise the Fund into lump sum payouts on retirement (or death if that comes first). That way everyone gets the same amount and they can do what they want with it.

The federal government is expected to release full details of the proposed changes to all 100 laws soon.

ACTION: Please write to your federal MP, 12 Senators and Party leaders Kevin Rudd and Brendan Nelson, Ask them not to support changes to Commonwealth laws that give additional rights to same-sex couples. Parliament House, Canberra, ACT, 2600.

Clues on shoes

No, I don't sit and write letters all day!
Yes, I am a volunteer, heavily involved in the shoe box project.

What's that you ask? A good question!
People buy brand new quality basic gifts to fill up a shoe box.. These boxes are put into the hands of children who have nothing.

We live in a country with so much, cupboards full of clothes, toys, books, shoes. For me, it is a very humbling experience to join a self funded mission trip, to see a boy hold up a comb, blow a whistle or a balloon, put on a beanie, thongs or a brand new T shirt.

Readers, how easy is it to go without your cup of coffee, your donut or hot chips and buy gifts to fill a shoe box.

The Bible teaches it is far better to give than receive, to think of those who are less fortunate than us, to go the extra mile.

See www.samaritanspurse.org.au

Judith Bond, Glen Alpine NSW

Campbelltown Macarthur Advertiser

1/6/2008

A clear matter of age

So A 13-year-old white girl is not old enough to consent to having her photo taken nude, but a 10-year-old black girl was quite capable of consenting to group sex with half a dozen males, including one aged 26 — technically old enough to be her father.

When will we realise that every child under 16 needs the full protection of the law?

Helen Woodall, Mitcham

The Age 28/05/2008

In the interests of safety

Labor MP Brian Tee is among those who thrive on assumptions, especially with his claim: "Decriminalisation will not open the floodgates to higher rates of abortion (but ... help close them."

He says people's understandable passion over the abortion issue needs to be "tempered with perspective".

Mr Tee needs to practise what he preaches. The only true perspective is the private and public responsibility to choose what is right and best for both mother and baby, as well as extended family.

Abortion destroys the health and happiness of more than one victim. Too many women are forced to have abortions and so have no real choice.

Peter Phillips, Springvale

Herald Sun, 24/5/2008

All clapped out

Voted unanimously. What a great win for the calm, country, Camden, Aussie citizens who clapped and cheered as the Camden Councillors voted against the Islamic School on planning grounds.

There are a lot of unanswered questions from the applicants!!.

Well done - and thanks to the Council for thorough investigation and research.

Judith Bond, Glen Alpine NSW

Daily Telegraph, 29/5/2008

Well done Andrew Bolt for condemning the pictures of a naked 13-year-old girl exhibited by photographer Bill Henson ("Prejudices stripped bare" May 28)

There seems to be a choreographed campaign in recent years to turn children into sexual objects, and this is yet another step on that disgraceful road. Now is the time to cry "enough".

Alan Hoystead Thomastown

Herald Sun 29/04/2008



Bridging the gaps

This governments ineptness over building major roads is the reason our freeway system is now in such a mess. Labor have learned nothing over the last 20 years when the debacle over the GAP in the South Eastern through Malvern should have taught them plenty.

The bridging, or tunnelling, of the TWO ridiculous GAPS between Greensborough and the Eastern and the Eastern and the Tulla freeway must be an immediate priority.

Toll roads are the only way to get this done in the shortest possible time. They are both already 10 years too late.

Peter Stokes Forest Hill

Herald Sun 19/06/2008

Abortion

As Marie Stopes International Australia (letters, 6/6) gives the impression that an abortion is the answer to all life's woes, it is not surprising they see Senator Boswell as the enemy.

Roger Marks, Drouin

The Age 7/06/2008

Destroying innocence

Our society values children and has implemented strict laws to ensure they are protected. This was particularly evident last month with the arrest of 90 men, including a teacher and a youth worker, in Australia for possessing child pornography after downloading it through the internet.

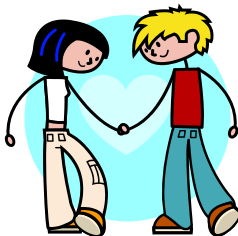
Photographs of naked teen

At the same time of these arrests, a debate was raging about whether photographs taken by photographer Bill Henson of naked 13 year old girls and boys are pornographic.

The photographs were seized from a Sydney gallery by police after complaints were made. Police considered laying charges relating to child pornography but finally decided not to do so.

The Classification Board was asked to classify one of the photographs that had been posted on a website after a complaint was made to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). The Classification Board classified it PG using the 'film guidelines'. The problem is they were assessing the effect on a child viewing it. The Publications Guidelines say "in accordance with the Code, sexualised descriptions and depictions of nudity involving minors under 18 generally warrant 'RC' classification as they '...deal with matters of sex... in such a way that they offend against the standards of morality, decency and propriety generally accepted by reasonable adults'".

Since they were children, we must assess the photographs from a different perspective - we must consider the exploitation of children, the question of informed consent and the matter of child pornography. The photographs fail the test in all these areas.



12 year old gender change

Meanwhile a 12 year old girl was given permission by Justice Carter in the Family Court to start taking drugs to delay puberty with the ultimate aim of starting hormones in a few years time (after another Court ruling) and having sex change surgery after 18. The court claims that the treatment is reversible, but delaying puberty will have inevitable effects on the child's development.

The court decision was based on the 2004 case involving 'Alex', where Justice Alastair Nicholson allowed a 13 year old girl to have similar treatment.

'Brodie', the girl in the current case, might be confused about her gender. Her family situation, from the Court's decision, is heartbreaking: parents who were never married and are now separated, shifting locations and behaviour problems. But allowing her to try and change into a 'boy' is not the solution. At 12, she is not in a position to make such decisions.

'Brodie' says that she would like to get married, and have a wife and children. These children are not being told all the consequences of surgery.

The Judge ruled that she could change her 'name' on her birth certificate and other documents. The decision was made in December 2007, so 'Brodie' could begin Year 7 at a Catholic College as a 'boy'.

Childhood is a precious time. The continuing sexualisation of children and exploitation through child pornography are increasing. The Henson photographs and giving permission to change gender are signs of increasing problems in our society.

The legal decisions regarding Alex and Brodie on our webpage at: <http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/525/B/526/>

The Indian thinker, Abû al-Al Mawdûdî

Rev Dr David Claydon

To grasp a solid understanding of Islam it is a help to note the enormous contribution made by the Indian thinker, Abû al-Al Mawdûdî (1903-1979). He was founder and chief ideologue of the Jam'iat-e-Islami an organisation of elite Muslims, and his contributions provide the theological basis for Islamic intentions and hopes.

His first foundational point is that Allah alone is the real and only sovereign; he therefore is the lawgiver and the authority of absolute legislation vests on him. The believers cannot resort to independent legislation nor can they modify any law which Allah has laid down. To be a true Muslim one must abide by Allah's laws as revealed in the Koran and the Hadiths.

To enable believers to be obedient to Allah's laws the government which runs a state which is under Sharia is entitled to obedience in its capacity as the political agency set up to enforce the laws of Allah.

To support this understanding of the primacy of Sharia, Mawdûdî presented three principles: Unity (tawhîd), Prophethood (ris'la) and Vicegerency (khil'fa). Under the first principle, Mawdûdî makes two positive assertions about Allah: that Allah is One and that Allah is Sovereign. The prophethood of Allah is a declaration of his divine authority and the Vicegerency principle declares that believers represent Allah and should act on Allah's behalf to ensure that all people turn to Allah.

This theory stands as an antithesis to secular democracy which regards the people as sovereign. Democracy demands among other things that the determination of right

and wrong, the consequent law making and its execution all lie in the hands of people. The people are both sovereign and subject at the same time.

However, Mawdûdî gives an important place to humans in the governing of human affairs. The traditional belief that Allah intended man to be the khalîfa (vicegerent) of Allah on earth is rooted in the Koran.

Vicegerency to Mawdûdî is a 'collective right of all those who accept and admit Allah's absolute sovereignty over themselves and adopt the divine code, conveyed through the Prophet, as the law above all laws...' All believers possess the right to be vicegerents. Mawdûdî calls the resulting polity "Islamic democracy".

Mawdûdî identifies Islamism as the time when Allah will establish his Kingdom on earth.

Islam as the final revolution will

not just be political and administrative, as was the Muslim rule in India that was replaced by the British; it will effect a total ideological transformation of the world. From these statements we can see how the ideological dimension of Islam became codified and why believers are keen to usher in the Kingdom of Allah. As with the Christian concept of the Kingdom of God, believers look towards the day when the lamb and the lion lie down together, when there are no more wars or destitute people and when all peoples are worshipping the One Sovereign God. However, for the Christian the rule of God is now present in the lives of Christians and the evidence for this is seen in the way they care for others

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and promote public values which reflect at least in some measure the very character of God.

May all believers reflect the love and redeeming purposes of the one true God who wants to reconcile us to Himself.

Dinner Speaker: Rev Dr David Claydon

David is the Speaker at our annual dinner. With his wealth of experience he is well qualified to address the topic ‘Worldwide Challenges for the Church:

David Claydon was born in Jerusalem in the midst of both the Second World War and the local triangle battle between Palestinians, Zionists and the British Protectorate Government. David’s father worked for the Protectorate government and he and David’s mother were killed in the triangle war. After a few years in an Arabic orphanage, David was rescued by a missionary family and then by an aunt. His exciting story is told in the biography “Never Alone”.

David was sent to Australia on a troop ship and in due course was educated and with a scholarship to university gained his economics and education degrees. Later he gained a degree in theology and a Doctorate in Ministry. After teaching economics David headed up Scripture Union at first in NSW and then federally and then pioneered SU ministries in the South Pacific. After serving as Rector of St Matthews, West Pennant

Hills for 6 years, he was asked to head up the Church Missionary Society (CMS). In this role he became the President of the United Mission to Nepal and Canon of the cathedrals in both Sydney and Cairo. During his childhood years he developed an interest in Islam and and is now considered to be well informed on Islamic issues.

Through both SU and CMS he has developed contacts around the world and is often a consultant on international religious affairs. Following retirement from CMS he was appointed International Director of the Lausanne movement and ran the 2004 Forum in Thailand. He is now Chair of **Dealing with Diversity** which is the Heads of Churches group which meets with Politicians to help them better understand the Islamic agendas.

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Pornography: Turning back the tide

Two recent court decisions highlight the impact that Christians can have against the tide of pornography. We need to be alert to what is being promoted and speak up!

Kittens Carwash

Residents of Bentleigh East in Melbourne, including some of our readers, have run a long campaign against a 'Kittens carwash' in their suburb on Warrigal Road which they claimed did little more than promote an associated Kittens strip club. The local council, Glen Eira Council, was concerned and took a case against Kittens to VCAT.

NOW VCAT has agreed! VCAT has found that whilst they had a permit for a carwash, the main activity was, in fact, to promote sexually explicit entertainment venues.

VCAT has ordered that Kittens carwash cease using the site to "promote sexually explicit entertainment venues". VCAT ordered that they must reduce car wash

staff from eight to two, remove promotional billboards and put up a fence on the Warrigal Road site by 13 August. [More details on the 'Latest News' section of our website].

Viva Erotica

In another landmark ruling, the full bench of the Federal Court dismissed an appeal by Adultshop.com. The company had made up a film of sexually explicit material and submitted it to the national censors, who rated it X18+. Adultshop appealed to the Federal Court. They lost - now their appeal against the decision has also been rejected.

Throughout this case the Australian Family Association has been listed as an 'interested party'. Legal arguments were presented opposing Adultshop by Mr **Damien Tudehope**, Solicitor.

More details/link to court decision on our website: [Issues/Pornography/'Viva Erotica'](#).



NSW: Fathers and lesbians

Last month we reported that the NSW Parliament was considering changing 57 laws to grant rights to same-sex couples, in particular giving rights to lesbian couples who have children through IVF.

The **Miscellaneous Acts Amendment (Same Sex Relationships) Bill 2008** was passed by the NSW Parliament on 4 June: Legislative Council 34-7, Legislative Assembly 64-11.

The Bill 're-names the "marital status" ground of discrimination as "marital or domestic status" and amends the Status of Children Act 1996 to "extend to same sex partners of birth mothers the parenting presumptions applying under that Act

in relation to children born as a result of a pregnancy achieved by a fertilisation procedure."

This Bill allows a lesbian couple to choose to have 'Birth Mother' and 'Parent' inserted on the birth certificate rather than 'Father' and 'Mother'. Initial reports suggested that the word 'father' would be removed from all birth certificates - however this will only apply in this restricted situation.

Thank you to our NSW readers who contacted their MPs. Rev Fred Nile (CDP) successfully moved two amendments in the Legislative Council to ensure that the word 'father' can be used on birth certificates and the word 'paternity leave' be retained.

Prayer Update

Please pray for **Jenny and Peter** as they take a break. Pray for refreshing of both body and mind as they escape the cesspool of issues they normally dwell in as they research and write about issues most people don't want to know about.

Please pray for the Salt Shakers team:

Kerrie and Nathan run our finance and general office Administration. Nathan also helps run the *Resistance Thinking* website.

Nathan is completing his last year at Uni and **getting married** on July 5. We wish both he and Alison all the very best.

Pray they have a good honeymoon and that God will bless them as they start their life together.

Emma collates information on Islam for Jenny. She co-ordinates Resistance Thinking - news, website and forum.

Emma is completing her legal studies at Uni and will be doing her Articles next year.

Please pray that we will find the right replacements for both Nathan and Emma as they leave us in December to work full time.

Issues: There are many issues needing our prayers. All those you read about in this Journal, on our E-News and more.

Prayer is the first and the last defence against the enemy who "roams the earth like a roaring lion" (1 Peter 5).

This enemy is real and we believe he has been unleashed further through our apathy and through the political decisions we make as to who runs our country. We need to pray for our nation and our government like never before. There could be nothing worse for our nation than the move to form an EU-style Asian Union as heralded by our PM last month. If you doubt that, take a close look at Britain today and imagine an open border with Indonesia!!!



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

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Islam: Funding of University Chairs

by Jenny Stokes

Funding for universities come from a range of sources - student fees, the government, private companies and philanthropists.

In recent years there has been an increasing number of universities accepting funding for Chairs in Islamic Studies from Muslim countries and sources.

In 2005, Harvard University and Georgetown University in the USA each accepted donations of \$20 million from a Saudi businessman and member of the royal family to finance Islamic studies. In the UK, Prof. Anthony Gles, director of Brunel University's Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies, claims that eight universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, have accepted more than £233.5 million from Saudi and Muslim sources since 1995, with much of the money going to Islamic study centres.¹

Funding from Muslim sources is also occurring in Australia. Saudi Arabia alone has contributed more than \$120 million to Australia's Islamic community since the 1970s for mosques, schools, scholarships and clerical salaries.² In addition to being concerned about the actual funding, it is important to analyse any conditions that might be placed on the holders of such Chairs. Is there academic freedom or does the giver expect something in return?

Griffith University

In September 2007, media reports highlighted a gift of \$100,000 from the Saudi Embassy to Griffith University's Islamic Research Unit. It was revealed that the University originally sought a grant of \$1 million. During April and May 2007, repeated articles highlighted the controversy. The Vice Chancellor defended

accepting the gift. Eventually Griffith said they would refuse any further funding from Saudi Arabia. One judge warned that Saudi Arabia promotes an extreme form of Islam (Wahabbism) that could be promoted at the university if finances were accepted.²

University of Melbourne

The Sultan of Oman Chair of Arab and Islamic Studies was established in 2003 by a gift of \$2,495,840 from the Sultanate of Oman. The money pays for the salary of the holder of the Chair. Professor Abdullah Saeed, a Muslim, has been appointed to the Chair.³

The Professor is required to "teach and conduct research in Arab and Islamic Studies in the contemporary world with some emphasis on the Sultanate of Oman." He is also to promote scholarship in fields relevant to Oman and encourage the exchange of ideas with scholars from Oman.

Monash University

In February 2008, the *Ancora Imparo* column in 'Monash Memo', the Monash University weekly newsletter, reported "Negotiations with the Ruler are proceeding in relation to establishing a Sharjah Chair of Islamic Studies at Monash University."⁴

Where is Sharjah, I hear you ask? I had to look it up - it is one of the United Arab Emirates. So it seems Monash Uni is looking for funding from a Muslim nation to establish a Chair in Islamic Studies.

Australian Catholic University

Last year we reported that the Australian Catholic University established the 'Fethullah Gulen Chair in the Study of Islam and Muslim-Catholic Relations'. In

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October 2007, the ACU appointed Turkish Muslim academic Dr Ismail Albayrak to the position.⁵ The Chair is funded by the *Australian Intercultural Society*, a Turkish Muslim group, at a cost of \$580,000 a year for five years.

Paul Stenhouse, a Catholic academic in Sydney, has written opposing this move, highlighting the Islamist connections of Fethullah Gulen and his group in Turkey.⁶

He also notes that “the book *Moslems in Europe and America* by Ali al-Montasser al-Kattani, published in Iraq in 1976 by Dar Idris, called for the establishment of chairs of Islamic Studies in universities in Europe, America, the West Indies and other countries, and the setting up of committees of Muslims to select other Muslims to occupy these chairs. At the same time it called for an end to any aid, moral or

financial, that might already be being given to established chairs of Islamic Studies held by Christians or Jews.”

That helps to explain the proliferation of these Chairs funded by Muslim nations.

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California - same-sex ‘marriage’

Same-sex ‘marriage’ was ‘legalised’ in California by a decision of the Supreme Court in May 15, 2008. The Court ordered that the decision take effect in 30 days.

One important feature of the decision was that the court noted the legislature had already given same-sex couples the ability to register ‘domestic partnerships’ and given them almost all the same rights as marriage. Thus, they said, it would be discriminating against homosexuals to NOT let them call it ‘marriage’!

The **ProtectMarriage.com** coalition in California has succeeded in getting the **California Marriage Protection Act (“Amendment”)** on the November 2008 election ballot paper. If passed, the state’s Constitution would be amended by adding “Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.”

The Protect Marriage Coalition has collected more than 1.1 million signatures asking for

the amendment to be voted on. In order to get the matter on the ballot paper, the group needed 694,354 valid petition signatures (8% of votes cast in the November 2006 General Election.) The authorities did a ‘random sample signature check’ and have ruled the petition has enough signatures to place the matter on the ballot paper!

If passed, the Amendment would overrule the Court’s decision and nullify any licenses issued between the end of June and November. Liberty Counsel recently filed a Petition requesting the California Supreme Court to stay its opinion pending the vote in November. The Petition also requests the Court to reconsider its decision. Liberty Counsel represents the Campaign for California Families. [Lifesite, Citizen Link, 4/6/2008.]

The FULL decision for “In re MARRIAGE” is at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/documents/S147999.PDF>

'Hate' laws in Canada *by Jenny Stokes*

Canada's federal 'hate crime' law and various province human rights laws are increasingly being used to shut down free speech in Canada. Some in Canada are calling these Tribunals 'kangaroo courts'. Homosexual activists and Muslim Councils are two of the groups using the legislation.

Complaints by Islamic groups

In February 2006, the **Islamic Supreme Council of Canada** filed a complaint against Ezra Levant, a journalist and editor of the *Western Standard*, for publishing the Danish 'Mohammed cartoons'. In February 2008, after Ezra appeared before the Alberta Human Rights Commission, the dispute was settled 'with a handshake' and the complaint was withdrawn.



Meanwhile the **Canadian Islamic Congress** (CIC) made a complaint against author and commentator Mark Steyn, after *Maclean's* magazine published an excerpt from his book *America Alone* called 'The future belongs to Islam' in October 2006. The complaint, against Mark and the magazine, went to a week-long hearing on 2 June 2008 before the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal. The CIC claims that Mr Steyn's article doesn't pass Section 7-1 of the British Columbia Act - their human rights law. This section deals with discriminatory publication and states that a person must not publish or cause to be published anything that discriminates against a person or group, or exposes them to hatred or contempt.

Complaints by homosexual groups

Meanwhile homosexual activist groups are

also making complaints against Christians who speak against homosexuality.

Canadian Catholic priest Father de Valk is being investigated under a Canadian Federal "hate crimes" law for quoting from the Bible to support the Catholic Church's traditional teaching on marriage. He edits a magazine called *Catholic Insight*. A homosexual activist accused him of promoting "extreme

hatred and contempt" against homosexuals and lodged a complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission under section 13 (1) of Canada's Human Rights Act.

Mark van Dusen, a media consultant and spokesperson for CHRC said "We investigate complaints. We don't set public policy or moral standards."

In another long-running case regarding Rev Stephen Boissoin and the Concerned Christian Coalition (CCC), the Human Rights Panels of Alberta, part of Canada's Human Rights and Citizenship Commission handed down the 'remedy' (penalty) on 28 May 2008. In November 2007, the Panel declared that Rev Boissoin and the CCC had contravened the law by publishing a letter about the negative effects of homosexuality. The complaint was lodged by Dr Darren Lund. The panel has ordered Rev Boissoin to apologise, to pay Dr Lund \$5,000, to not make any disparaging remarks about homosexuals in the future and to remove statements from his website. Rev Boissoin says he will not apologise or pay the fine.

Full references/links for this article are posted on our website under Issues/Free speech.

World News

USA: Exxon Mobil

For the ninth time, shareholders of Exxon Mobil Corp. have made the commonsense decision to give all employees the same rights. ExxonMobile is the only Fortune 50 corporation and the only major oil company that has not adopted special rights based on sexual orientation and "gender identity." It also does not provide benefits for same-sex partners. [Citizen Link, 4/6/2008]

Congratulations!

Belgium: Euthanasia

The Liberals in Belgium are proposing to extend the country's euthanasia's law to allow euthanasia for children and persons with dementia.

The current law in Belgium allows euthanasia "only for adults and in specific circumstances: terminal pathologies or illnesses that cause severe pain or suffering." In 2002 the Liberals tried to expand the law to allow euthanasia for "persons with diminished brain activity due to dementia or to accidents, although such persons must express their desire in writing."

The new proposal would also force doctors who refuse to carry out euthanasia to refer patients to other doctors who will. In Belgium, euthanasia is carried out by the doctors, but another proposed change is that the person could do it themselves if they wished. [CNA, 2/6/2008]

Belgium: Free speech

A Belgian bishop, Monsignor André-Mutien Léonard, Bishop of Namur, has been cleared of charges of 'homophobia'.

Following comments made in an interview in the April edition of *TéléMoustique*, a weekly

magazine in Belgium, a homosexual activist group made a complaint under Belgium's Anti-Discrimination Act (2003).

In the interview the bishop said his position was that of the famous early psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud's - that homosexuality is the result of hindered sexual development. He was accused of saying that homosexuals were 'abnormal' as persons; he responded that it is their behaviour that is abnormal, not their very person.

In early June the Belgian court read the interview - they said that 'though the Bishop's comments may have been hurtful to homosexuals, they were not severe enough to be considered slander or discrimination.' [Lifesite, 6/6/2008]

USA: University and homosexuals

Georgetown University, the oldest Catholic University in the USA, has hired lesbian Shiva Subbaraman to act as director for its new Homosexual Campus centre that is to be opened later this year. [LS, 6/6/2008]

UK: 3 parents a possibility

Scientists from Newcastle University (UK) have created embryos containing DNA from one man and two women. The technique aims to prevent hereditary diseases being passed from mother to child. The nucleus is removed from a donated egg and the embryo from the couple is put into the donated egg shell. The child would have three parents.

The current law says such embryos have to be destroyed after 14 days - but proposed changes to the UK's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill mean they could be allowed to be implanted and a child born.

The Christian Institute warns that there has been no research into the physical and psychological implications for such children and that the effects may only become known in subsequent generations. [CI, 6/6/2008]



Ministry News

We are praising God that at the end of this financial year, June 30, we were in the black and able to put a small 'surplus' into our staff long service fund. We have not been making provision for this in the past so have some catching up to do.

Last year we were not so fortunate but thanks to a few large and many small donations we were able to regain a sound financial position. THANK YOU.

June was a very busy month. As well as preparing the journal, Peter and Jenny were involved in the continuing campaign against abortion, challenging Victoria's EOHRc about their anti-homophobia 'training' courses and exposing the UCA position on interfaith harmony being more important than evangelism (more next month). In late June Peter & Jenny travelled north to speak in Sydney - they will then have a mid-year break.

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