

Salt Shakers

Helping Christians make a difference

“Our culture, society, government, and law are in the condition they are in, not because of a conspiracy, but because the church has forsaken its duty to be the salt of the culture.”

Francis Schaeffer

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Editorial

There was once a common phrase, “When the going gets tough, the tough get going”. The only time you seem to hear it today is when it is used to advertise 4 wheel drive vehicles that rarely go onto the tough stuff!

Certainly it seems to have been replaced in much of today’s Western Church with the phrase, “when the going gets tough be nice, don’t judge, and warm the pews.”

Unfortunately, this is also happening now in the battle against immoral political legislation. Rather than take a strong stand against evils like abortion and homosexual normalisation we are told to be nice, negotiate and even compromise.

As we have commented before, some have redefined ‘justice’ to give rights and benefits to people who choose to live in immoral lifestyles. Other Christians have suggested that the killing of unborn children is warranted, even acceptable, “in some circumstances” and that there is a ‘increasing immorality’ regarding abortion as the unborn baby develops. Thus it is less immoral to abort a first trimester baby than a third trimester baby. This was the basis of the recent Melbourne Anglican submission to the Victorian Law Reform Commission on abortion.

A pastor told me last year that it was wrong to put pictures of the developing unborn baby in the newspaper because it might offend someone who had had an abortion!

It seems that the church will do anything *but* take a strong, definitive, and uncompromising stand on moral issues because that might be seen as ‘confronting’.

We were recently told that our presence at a meeting at the Victorian parliament might be “problematic”. One untiring female

pro-life advocate of long standing turned up to the meeting at the invitation of a conservative MP and was duly escorted out of the building!

Yet a number of MPs have shared with us their concern at this compromise ‘tactic’ as it undermines their ability to hold a strong stand within the Parliament.

They believe the best tactic is for the church to stand solidly on Biblical grounds, rather than attempt to play politics outside the parliament.

They may decide to move amendments within the parliament and we can help them with those in an attempt to contain the damage but they would then vote against the Bill at its final reading anyway.

Even this ‘tactic’ could have the adverse consequence of encouraging some MPs who oppose the original Bill to actually support the amended Bill – the end result being that the bad law passes.

It is not easy being a Christian politician, but it is made a lot harder when those outside parliament, who should say ‘No’, compromise God’s truth.

MPs who support immoral legislation need to know that the consequences of that legislation lie firmly with them.

As we read in Matthew 5 Jesus said, “Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one”. Again in James 5 we read, “Let your “Yes” be yes, and your “No” no, or you will be condemned.” Both are strong and decisive warnings about what you do when you do not stand firmly and uncompromisingly on the Word of God.

As the going gets tougher, and we know it will, resorting to a weak, feel good, political advocacy will not help anyone.

Yours in Christ Jesus
Peter & Jenny Stokes

“Enough”!

by *Dr Arthur Hartwig*

Recently Neil Ryan pertinently asked “When is enough - enough?” Seemingly the answer is “When it’s too much” for only then are enough people prompted to protest or to change sufficiently to make a difference.

Evangelist Ravi Zacharias reports a house guest once pointedly saying to him, in effect, “Ravi, there are in your household five professing Christians. Not one drives as a Christian”. Somewhat similarly a colleague/friend asks “If you were accused in court of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?”

Are such questions justified?

The short answer of course is that not all have undergone the changes in behaviour that would justify being called a Christian.

Believers in Jesus Christ immediately become ‘new creatures’; but most can, however reluctantly and hesitatingly, still identify with St Paul “The good that I would I do not, and the evil that I would not, I do” (Rom 7:19). But holiness is not a condition into which we drift. We must both ‘put away’ and ‘take on’, remembering that sinning is much more easily ‘caught’ than is holiness.

It is great to proclaim ‘equality’; but we are all equal only as sinners in the eyes of a redeeming, loving but at times very angry God, and theoretically before the law of the land. For the Law as given on Sinai is one, a whole, a set of Ten commandments; and the breaking of any one of them means a breaking of the Law. Each is more than a moral precept; much more than a

suggestion, or as Ted Turner called them ‘Ten Voluntary Initiatives’.

Together they provide the Designer’s instruction for living. (Deut 4:40; 30:19,20). Ours is the choice. The Law of God was given to mark the end of the old bondage and the beginning of true freedom; and still does.

Repeatedly from the time of the Judges “people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord”. Happiness has been and is a legitimate pursuit of man. Although we all desire, few willingly submit to the conditions essential for it. “Freedom”

supposedly would make us happy. But freedom for what, from what, to do what?

What is ‘freedom’ but a voluntary submission to controls? The less we control ourselves, the greater the need, the more stringent are the cries, for external controls. We don’t obey the rules of the road, so there are ‘needed’ more highway patrols and speed cameras. Increasingly, we disturb the peace, and so the number of security cameras

grows. Thus the law and those who make the law become the moral arbiters of society; it is they who, by definition, decide what is permissible and what is not

Therefore the stigma is removed from conduct that is not expressly and actually forbidden. What is legally permissible becomes morally permissible. “There is no law against it” becomes an unanswerable justification for conduct that is selfish and egotistical.

If you want evidence of this, look around

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you; watch almost any TV program; read almost any magazine.

So has arisen a generation of experimenters trying to find a lifestyle that would 'enable us to be ourselves' - to be free. Too often this leads to a new bondage, certainly not to the liberty promised; a bondage to drugs, to promiscuity, to debt. Is the media to blame? "Do it now" and "Just do it" suggest there is no day of reckoning. The *Slippery Slope* argument might have been rejected; but the *Law of Unintended Consequences* still operates. It has never been repealed. We refuse to consider "What if..?" and increasingly moan "If only. . ."

One of the most important real-life lessons to be learned is 'delayed gratification'. But from infancy we learn that pacifiers (whether a toy, a dummy or just getting one's own way) come quickly if we object sufficiently.

So, where does that bring those who have been 'trained' to have every whim indulged on cue?

A generation addicted to advertising, trained by reverence for 'rugged individualism, and existing on instant credit does not easily cope with frustration. Yet we wonder at 'road rage' (another name for bad temper), and the almost innumerable forms of violence presented in many variations to our view nightly as 'news' or various forms of 'entertainment'.

We wonder at youth suicides, and have Governments bemoaning the carnage on our roads while they cheapen life in considering 'legalisation' of both abortion and 'euthanasia'. Even professing Christians don't seem to find difficulty in compromising on such issues. Compromise on ethico-moral issues has a long pedigree, going back at least to Joshua's defeat at Ai (Jos 7).

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The Epistle of James has been described as an 'ethical scrap-book', whose teaching is summarised in 1:22 - "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only". In the trials of life, our Christian life is tested for genuineness. Our doing is responsive, not conditional. (Because I love my wife, I do not play around with other women; NOT if I love my wife I will not play around...) This testing is designed to result in strong consistency, a constant living for Christ, a persistent endurance, come what may. The road James promises is both uphill and thorny; the benefits hard won. Progress painfully made can be consolidated only

by repetition of the same costly effort. Yet learning by repetition is frowned upon. How else did we learn to walk, to talk, to count, to multiply, to drive?

Every circumstance we meet requires a decision. Will we persevere and go on with God. Or will we listen to the voice that suggests the easy way of disobedience and disloyalty

(James 1:13-15)? The tempting voice lies within. Most can explain why in poor light grey can be mistaken for white; and even why in certain circumstances dark grey is as good as light black.

Arguments are used only to remove constraint, never to encourage or establish it. Any change in the objects of our disapproval, however, is not merely a change of opinion; it can result in profound social change. It turns everything that is not forbidden into a 'right', for obviously one has a 'right' to do what no one else has a right to forbid.

Thus the world has suddenly become filled with 'rights'; and new ones are discovered almost daily. There is no way we can trust our own natures and James makes us uncomfortably aware of the battles between

the two natures within. We are able to hear and to do God's word: hearing (1: 19b-20, receiving (21) and obeying (22-25).

Legitimate needs are relatively easily satiated; wants are like Abaddon (Pr 27:20). Human anger, aroused by the thwarting of our desires, is usually heavily impregnated with sin - self-importance, intolerance, and stubbornness. Much distress results from our own ignorance, cupidity, stupidity, and arrogance. And then it is so much easier to hold another responsible; such 'passing the buck', begun in Eden, is very much alive in the 21st century.

In *Life Together* Bonhoeffer wrote; "The greatest psychological insight and experience cannot grasp this one thing: what sin is. Worldly wisdom knows what distress and wickedness and failure are, but

it does not know the godlessness of men. And so it also does not know that man is destroyed by his sin; and can be healed only by forgiveness".

No wonder Chesterton voiced the opinion "It is said Christianity has been tried, and has failed. Rather it has been found difficult and left untried". No wonder also Chesterton's reply to a newspaper question "What is wrong with the world?" was also the most succinct received. "In answer to your question 'What is wrong with the world?'" "I am." Yours Faithfully, G. K. Chesterton.

What is the evidence that is needed to convict me of being a Christian? Have another and more critical look at James.

Dr Arthur Hartwig is a Family Physician in Queensland.



Child abuse

The federal government estimates there are around 50,000 substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect every year.

National Child Protection Week was held from 7-13 September and was funded by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). During Child Protection Week a national ad campaign was run called "**Children see, Children Do**". The ads showed parents acting badly - bashing a public phone, dropping litter, etc. In each ad a child was shown copying the actions of the parent. Very telling! They do copy what they see! Watch the ads at <http://www.napcan.org.au/streaming.htm>

Australian data: In the last year there were over 50,000 substantiated notifications to statutory authorities of children being abused or neglected in Australia.

Children died, children were seriously injured and tens of thousands of children were physically, psychologically and emotionally damaged.

The latest official figures on child abuse in Australia are for the year 2006-2007, published by the Australian Institute of

Health and Welfare in January 2008.

Substantiations of notifications received during the year are classified into one of the following four categories depending on the main type of abuse or neglect that has occurred: physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, or neglect.

An outline of the data, and a link to the full pdf document, is available at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10566>

News Update

Medicare and abortion

Senator Guy Barnett's motion to stop Medicare funding of second trimester and late term abortions was due to be debated on **17 September**. On 15 September, the Government and Opposition agreed to refer it to the Senate's *Finance and Public Administration Committee* - to conduct an Inquiry and report on 13 November 2008. Submissions closed on 2 October!

Senator Barnett welcomed this referral "because it provides an opportunity to study the details, and get more facts on the table, such as the number of babies actually born alive and then simply left to die, as part of the abortion procedure."

ACTION: PLEASE write to your 12 Senators - ask them to support Senator Guy Barnett's motion to disallow funding of second trimester/late term abortions. Send to Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

Full details of the Inquiry are at www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/fapa_ctte/inquiries.htm. Thank you to everyone who collected signatures for Guy's petition. More than 12,000 signatures were collected. If you have more petitions completed, please send them to Senator Barnett or our office.

ACT: Civil Partnerships

The ACT government is celebrating! They put out a media release saying 23 couples had registered their 'relationship' as a civil partnership. They claimed a victory because they had estimated 15 couples a year would use the register. Common sense says that more couples would use it in the first year! This is still only 3.7% of the 1,213 people who said in the 2006 census they were living in a same-sex relationship in the ACT.

The ACT government also noted that only

TWO couples had taken advantage of the ceremony offered by the government. Mind you it cost more money! So much for them *really* wanting ceremonies!

Politics Update

The Western Australian election was very close - neither Labor nor Liberal had a majority. The Nationals eventually decided to form a government with the Liberals.

In the federal Liberal Party, Brendan Nelson called a spill for the leadership on 16 September. Malcolm Turnbull was elected as leader by 45 votes to 41.

Victoria: IVF, surrogacy and more

We said this was a big year for Victoria - with legislation on relationship registers, abortion, assisted suicide and IVF!

On the same day the Victorian Legislative Assembly began debating the abortion bill, Attorney General Rob Hulls introduced a Bill to allow IVF for lesbians and single women, permit the lesbian partner of birth mother to be named as a parent on the birth certificate and change the surrogacy law so that the 'surrogate' does not have to be infertile. The Bill is expected to be debated in the first week of October (7 - 9 Oct).

ACTION: Victorians, please contact your ONE MP in the Legislative Assembly - ask them to vote against the Bill. THEN write to your FIVE MPs in the Legislative Council - if it passes the Assembly in early October the Council could be debating the Bill in the last week of October. MP details are on our website under 'Take Action'.

Victoria: Assisted Suicide Bill

Great news! The 'Assisted Dying' Bill (euthanasia), which would have allowed a doctor to assist a person to kill themselves, has been defeated by the Legislative Council by a vote of 25-13.

That means the Bill won't go any further! We thank all MPs who voted against the Bill!

Homophobia, churches and VCAT

Another complaint of ‘discrimination’ based on sexuality has been made against a Christian group in Victoria.

Last year, **Phillip Island Adventure Resort**, a campsite run by the **Christian Brethren**, refused to accept a booking from the *Way Out* rural homosexual people’s support group.

Christian Youth Camps, which runs the campsite, said they “desire all guests to experience Christian life and values, and it was the aims of the *Way Out* group in promoting a lifestyle to young people contrary to those values that was in question”.¹

The *Way Out* Group wanted to discuss ‘homophobia’ at their camp, as well as bringing homosexual youth for a break at the sea.² The group complained to the Equal Opportunity Commission, claiming they were discriminated against regarding the ‘provision of goods and services’. Conciliation at the EOC failed and the *Way Out* group has now taken the matter to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. The process at VCAT is usually a ‘Directions Hearing’ to decide on details and dates regarding the case. It could then be sent to a ‘mediation’ session. If that fails, the case will be listed for a hearing at VCAT.

CYC has claimed that the Equal Opportunity Act has an exception for religious bodies and they were entitled to refuse the booking.

There are three sections regarding exceptions for religious groups in the Act.

Section 75 relates to the ordination and training of ministers and their functions. It also says that the Act does not apply to “a body established for religious purposes that - (a) conforms with the doctrines of the religion; or (b) is necessary to avoid injury to the religious sensitivities of people of

the religion.

Section 76 relates to religious schools. Section 77 has a broader exception regarding individual discrimination “if the discrimination is necessary for the first person to comply with the person’s genuine religious beliefs or principles.”

Victoria has the most extensive exceptions for religious bodies. However, as we have found out previously, even if the Act provides an ‘exception’, a person can complain and it is up to the organisation to prove why the exception should apply.

In the NSW Wesley Mission and foster care case earlier this year, the organisation claimed an exception. However the Tribunal found that there are some parts of Christianity that accept homosexuality and that some Uniting Church agencies already allowed homosexuals to foster children. In the current case

the Christian Brethren have a strong stance against homosexuality and there aren’t sections of their denomination supporting homosexual rights. However, the *Way Out* group is already noting that the YMCA, ostensibly another Christian group, allowed them to use their facilities!

The Department of Justice is currently reviewing the exemptions in the Equal Opportunity Act, partly to see if they are compatible with the Human Rights Charter. The religious exceptions are under threat, with some groups claiming churches should not discriminate against homosexuals in any circumstances.

Please pray for CYC as they defend this complaint.

1. *Gay support group gets straight ‘no’ from Brethren*, *The Age*, 7/9/2008.

2. *Way Out*: <http://www.wayout.org.au/>



Abortion in Victoria

The debate on the **Abortion Law Reform Bill 2008** began in Victoria's Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 9 September 2008.

The Bill passed the Second Reading by a vote of 47 to 35. Numerous amendments were then considered (counselling, reduce from 24 to 20 weeks, partial birth abortions, parental permission for under-17s, etc) but **ALL** were **defeated**. **The Bill passed the final vote by 49 to 32.**

It now goes to the Legislative Council in early October.

In the months leading up to the debate there has been passionate campaigning by both sides. This was most evident during the *Freedom to be Born* March and rally, with more than 2000

people on the steps of Parliament House. About 100 'protesters', members of the *Socialist Alliance*, *Radical Women* and similar groups, had to be kept in place by a large number of police on the other side of Spring Street.

The Bill allows abortions for any reason up to 24 weeks. After 24 weeks, abortions can be obtained for 'social circumstances' as well as medical reasons if two doctors 'approve'. The Bill also requires a doctor who has a conscientious objection to doing abortions to refer a patient to another doctor who **WILL** perform an abortion; this negates the right to conscientiously object!

Unfortunately, some groups decided on a



strategy of opposing abortion but suggested 'amendments' to the government. However, pro-life members of Parliament we worked with advised us to campaign strongly for a 'NO' vote to the Bill and not to compromise by 'proposing amendments' outside the Parliament. This is properly the role of MPs who try and improve a bad Bill but who can then vote against it.

Meanwhile there were many pro-abortionists advocating Model C from the Victorian

Law Reform Commission - which would have allowed for abortion for ANY reason at ANY time of pregnancy. Julian Savulescu, originally from Melbourne but now the holder of the Uehiro Chair of Practical

Ethics at the University of Oxford, called for sex-selection abortions to be considered legitimate - in other words, if parents find they are expecting a girl and they want a boy (or vice-versa) they should be able to abort the child. [The Aust, 1/9/2008]

Doctors and nurses involved in abortion at the Royal Women's Hospital signed an open letter to the MPs calling for abortions for ANY reason!

ACTION: The Bill will be debated by the Legislative Council in early October - please contact your FIVE Members in the Legislative Council NOW! Ask them to vote against the Bill. For our Campaign page and MP details - see <http://www.saltshakers.org.au/html/P/13/B/107/>

Public Meeting: Defending Life

Opposing the Abortion Law Reform Bill 2008 - organised by Endeavour Forum.

Date and time: Monday, 6th October 2008 at 7.30 pm

Location: St. Michael's Hall, 2, Victory Blvde, Ashburton, Vic. 3147.

Speakers: The Hon. Bernie Finn, MLC (Lib); Mrs Carolyn Burnside, Pro-life barrister

All welcome, \$5 donation appreciated.

Technology in teenagers' bedrooms

by Jenny Stokes

Technology in the bedroom - computers, email, mobile phones for talking and text messaging, computer games and online games - are putting young people at risk.

We have always advocated that computers and televisions should not be in young people's bedrooms!

One major factor is the lack of supervision of what children are accessing on the internet and how they are using their time.

Recently, a sleep expert Arthur Teng from the Sydney Children's Hospital has conducted research and found that the use of technology, including emailing, chatting online and text messaging friends late at night, has caused a 'sleep deprivation epidemic'. He said teenagers need between 9 -10 hours of sleep a night, but in many cases were only getting six hours of sleep a night. He said this could expose teenagers to serious health risks of hypertension, heart disease, memory loss and concentration problems.

A recent US study found that sleep-deprived adolescents were three times more likely to have high blood pressure.

Heartbeat Trends, a social monitoring firm, interviewed Australian students and found that teenagers said they "felt compelled" to stay up late so they did not miss out on socialising with their friends.

Dr Teng advises that phones, computers, stereos, ipods should NOT be in bedrooms. He advises parents to keep a regular sleep schedule and to remind teenagers that bedrooms are for sleeping! [HS, 7/9/2008]

Online games

Recently some parents shared with us their concern about some online games - they said teenagers have become addicted to online

games which they play extensively, even in the early hours of the morning instead of sleeping. When the computer is in the bedroom, there is virtually no regulation by parents of the amount of time the teenager is playing the game.

One particularly insidious game that concerned them is 'World of Warcraft'. Originally, the game was released as a series of three 'real time strategy' video games between 1994 and 2001.



The online game World of Warcraft (WoW) was released on November 23, 2004. It is a "massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG)

where thousands of players exist in the same game world at the same time. It is currently the world's largest MMORPG with 10 million subscribers who pay a monthly fee to play the game.

The game has some very disturbing elements - entry is by the 'dark portal', there are spells and 'quests' and game-players fight monsters and other players. The game has mages, priests, paladins, shamans, warlocks, hunters, and druids. Players adopt a character and they have spell-casting abilities.

Website: www.worldofwarcraft.com. Overview of the game at Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_of_Warcraft

Parental control passwords

World of Warcraft allows parents to have some control by having 'parental control passwords' - parents can block the game altogether or can limit game-playing time.

If your children are playing online games, or engaging in excessive use of 'technology', please investigate and monitor their activities!

Stephanie should mind her language

Stephanie Rice, marvellous swimmer and triple gold medallist, is a fine example for the young people of Australia.

Stephanie, in at least two of her post-medal interviews, began with the unpleasant misuse of God's name, the expression commonly rendered OMG.

God specifically warned us against misuse of his name in the third commandment yet, today, many public figures use this expression, people who either don't believe in the God of The Bible, or have deliberately chosen to ignore his word.

What a tragically bad example to give to the young people of Australia.

Arthur Comer, Sebastopol
Courier 21/8/2008

No sense in dress code

Women concerned about their portrayal as sex objects might well ask, after watching the Olympic Games beach volleyball, why the men are sensibly attired in T-shirts and shorts, while the women are in tiny bikinis.

More flesh exposed to be sunburnt, more areas to get sand grazes. Who ordained they should be dressed this way?

Arthur Comer, Sebastopol
Herald Sun 14/8/2008

Cancer success?

"Big Ticks In Cancer Overview" Perhaps we also need some big sticks. Big gains in survival rates - great, but how about prevention? NHMRC Draft Guidelines show a significant rise in risk ratio for some cancers, with only one standard drink/day (Table G1.2)

Drinking alcohol contributes to 12% of all breast cancers in women. As few as 2 drinks/day can suppress any beneficial effects of correct diet in decreasing the risk of colon cancer - by reducing folic acid levels. But rarely is it mentioned that there is a higher breast cancer risk from alcohol than from tobacco; 61% of Australians are unaware that drinking alcohol can increase the risk of cancer.

Christina Naylor, Mayfield NSW
Newcastle Herald 24/7/2008

Children's rights need protecting

Shame on you Frank Cassidy of the Tuggeranong Arts Centre for supporting pictures of a naked 13 year old girl by photographer Bill Henson.

In Australia every child under 16 supposedly has the full protection of the law. Unfortunately, by wanting to display naked pictures of a 13 year old under the guise of 'art', people such as yourself want to destroy that protection.

You claim the Prime Minister needs to be careful with personal views, so what then gives you the right to express yours and use your position to turn 13 year old girls into sexual objects?

Equally, Henson is happy to exploit his new-found fame to express his view that art allows people to escape from a "world of moralism and opinionation and claptrap" but escape into what? Voyeurism? It's one thing to claim art saves us from moralism, but who then saves us from art - at least this type of art with its own opinionated claptrap?

Anna Birch (Artist) Canberra
The Southside Chronicle, 23/07/2008

Let us all know your position

What do our western Victorian and Ballarat politicians stand for and believe?

On Friday, August 22, the Herald Sun published the outcome of its survey of all Victorian politicians on the issue of "Do you support a law enabling a woman to have an abortion at up to 24 weeks' gestation and late term abortions if supported by two doctors?"

The outcome was very illuminating.

Jaala Pulford said yes, and Peter Kavanagh said no. Thank you both for your up front statement and honesty as to your position.

As to our other representatives, Geoff Howard (Ballarat East), Karen Overington (Ballarat West), Gayle Tierney, David Koch and John Vogels (Western Victorian Region), we the members of your electorates, would like to know where you stand on this issue as all five of you did not respond.

Are you "just looking into it" or "taking it into consideration", as is so often the case on any controversial issue?

Your silence speaks volumes.

David G. Westaway, Navigators
The Courier 3/09/2008

Double Speak

Everyone has the right to refuse burdensome treatment but euthanasia and/or withdrawal of food and water should never be allowed. True 'Dying with Dignity' is available now - via palliative care.

Intense pain can always be legally relieved - right now - even if the pain-relief hastens death. That is very different from deliberately killing or facilitating suicide. In reality, 'Dying with Dignity' is double-speak to open the back-door to euthanasia.

Legal euthanasia pressures old people to die to suit others, and tempts relatives to seek early inheritance. Countries that allow euthanasia admit that a significant proportion of people who did not ask to die are killed contrary to euthanasia 'guidelines'. Terminal illness and intolerable pain are vague terms: My life is a terminal illness; I have suffered intolerable mental pain and anguish; Can you prove me wrong? Not unless you are all-knowing.

Can legislators, doctors, patients, relatives etc be trusted with absolute power? Can we delegate such power to people like you, me, or the doctor, who could be tempted to bend things for our own gain, convenience or comfort?

An old couple we know well talked of suicide and euthanasia for many years. In the end they fiercely protected each other. The family didn't like the way they were asked if they wanted to have Dad, suffering from Alzheimer's and pneumonia, resuscitated. The hospital was short of beds and the doctor was apparently checking if the family wanted Dad pushed.

Dad recovered quickly but died in his sleep about six months later - during which time he was always pleased to see and joke with anyone - even if he wasn't sure who you were. So Euthanasia, NO; assisted suicide, NO; legalised murder, NO; properly resourced Palliative Care, YES!

Peter & Diane Newland, Mitcham
Whitehorse Leader 20/08/2008

Abortion

Abortion is often defended as simply allowing a woman to have the right to choose what to do with her own body. The trouble with that argument is that biologically and genetically, the unborn is not a part of the woman's body. Let the debate be over what it really is: the extinguishing of an unwanted life.

Rev Graham Nicholson, Hawthorn
The Age 18/8/2008

It's assisted suicide

I was glad to see that your front page article headline rightly used the word 'euthanasia' instead of the deceptive 'dying with dignity' now used by what was the voluntary euthanasia society. Was it necessary to change the name because they knew that, once legalised, euthanasia all too often ceased to be 'voluntary' in Holland. Pressure, even subtly applied to older frail people, can very quickly make them feel guilty about being a burden and force decisions they would normally not consider - surely that immediately takes away any 'dignity' in taking your own life.

In fact, suicide is not illegal - but what these people want, and what the law, if passed will allow, is assisted suicide - thus implicating someone else in your suicide. They then have to live with that knowledge, even when you are long gone. As for the 82% in favour - I simply ask "what questions were asked?" Any survey is only as good as the questions, if you ask the right questions you get the 'right' answer!

Peter Stokes, Forest Hill
Whitehorse Leader 20/08/2008

Abortion

Victorian women haven't been prosecuted for seeking an abortion for many years now. Neither have Victorian doctors been prosecuted for performing abortions. This reform Bill is unnecessary. Legislation will not give mothers-to-be greater support - relationship & pregnancy information and support services are what's needed. Killing babies is always wrong.

Kerrie Ternes, Wantirna South
Herald Sun 20/8/2008

Abortion

There is no doubt that Victoria has lost its soul when the best it can do is make it easier for women to destroy their babies.

Roger Marks, Drouin
The Age 18/8/2008

Bring Sarah Palin to our Spring St

If that feisty Alaskan, Sarah Palin, doesn't make it to the White House in November we could certainly use her here in Victoria's Spring St. She'd sure tame our local barmecidal Brumby in no time flat. (Barmecidal - The giving of gifts that are illusory, imaginary and disappointing.

Prince Barmecide - An Arabian-Nights prince whose feast for beggars consisted of elaborate dish covers with nothing under them.)

David G. Westaway, Navigators, Vic.
Geelong Advertiser - 10 / 09/2008

Is Global Warming a Christian Issue?

Readers will have noticed a definite strain in recent issues of Salt Shakers taking a somewhat sceptical stance on Global Warming (GW, or 'Climate Change' as it is now more guardedly designated). Some may possibly demur, saying that this is not an issue on which Christians should take a stand at all, or if so, it is possibly the wrong position.

Let me begin a reply with two all-important negatives:

First, GW is not a purely scientific matter. Certainly it should be! But the shrill and intimidating rhetoric, the bombast from warming believers, and the media hype

and refusal to allow dissenting voices, only indicates that we have here an obsessive political and religious agenda masquerading as science. When we are told, rather imperiously, "The science is settled! We have consensus!" we are not hearing a scientific statement, but an attempt to bludgeon 'sinful' unbelievers into penitent submission. Real science has never been about 'consensus', but has to do with investigation, collection of data, hypotheses, experimentation, and testing. It will objectively and rationally assess the totality of evidence in an attempt to build a comprehensive theory, and will conduct controlled experiments so as to avoid jumping to false conclusions. "Consensus" really means nothing in the advancement of science: at one time the "consensus" was that the Earth was at the centre of the universe (until Galileo came along), or that motion requires a mover (until Newton formulated his laws of motion), or that combustion was the release of an ethereal 'substance' called phlogiston

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(until the experiments of Lavoisier). And so we could go on.

Second, GW is not a purely political matter, beyond the proper domain of legitimate Christian interaction; not when churchmen sign petitions urging the government to do more on climate change¹, or again when churchmen declare that GW is the major moral issue of our time!² It strikes one as hypocritical for such outspoken claims from the liberal-left of the Christian church to be endorsed, while Christians from the "right" are peremptorily told to keep quiet!

I would propose three reasons why Christians should take a stand on GW, and a very sceptical one at that:

1. Hype, propaganda and lies

Christians should be deeply concerned about the hype, propaganda, and outright lies repeatedly peddled about GW. Let me mention just three such examples:

(i) The famed "hockey stick" curve, which in 2001 launched the GW "crisis". At best this was a statistical link of temperature rise to carbon dioxide emissions. But the statistics were shoddy and contrived, as conclusively demonstrated by world renowned statistician Dr Edward Wegman. Moreover, the mediaeval 'Warm Period' of c 950 to 1300 AD was deliberately omitted; likewise the "Little Ice Age" of c 1350 to 1750 AD. In other words, the curve was a "fudge"; so much so that when exposed as such it was quietly dropped from the IPCC's Summary for Policymakers in 2007.³

(ii) The repeated media images of factory

chimneys ostensibly belching off carbon dioxide emissions. These have a powerful propaganda effect, making viewers wince in horror at the “wilful damage” perpetrated on the environment by wicked governments and industrialists. Reality check: carbon dioxide, as one should know from high school science, is invisible – colourless and odourless! What you see for the most part (barring small amounts of other gases such as hydrogen sulphide or sulphur dioxide) coming from factory chimneys is steam! Water vapour! What is certain is that if you can see it, it’s not CO₂. Incidentally, carbon dioxide is now being demonised as a “pollutant”. On the contrary, it is essential for life on earth: into plants for photosynthesis; from plants to provide the oxygen which we breathe.

(iii) Al Gore extracted footage from the movie “The Day after Tomorrow” for the ice-wall scene in “An Inconvenient Truth”, ostensibly to “demonstrate” the melting of the Arctic, when the clip was made from Styrofoam models in a studio!⁴

2. Environmentalism is a Religion

Christianity has a doctrine of the environment, namely care and stewardship. Since man is the pinnacle of creation his task under God is to rule and harness the lower creation, but not in an exploitative way. Greed and carelessness has time and again proved detrimental and destructive to the created order, whether over-clearing of forests, over-sowing of farmland, overuse of pesticides, choking lakes and bays with non-degradable litter, or whatever.

However, what we see in the “Green” movement is something very different. It is the practical and ethical face of the new Gaia religion, the pantheistic worship

of Mother Earth. For Gaia advocates the Earth is a living being, named Gaia, after the Greek goddess that was once believed to have drawn the living world forth from Chaos.⁵ Gaia worship is at the heart of modern environmental policy, particularly that of the UN, yet it is simply a revival of old-style paganism in modern dress, and profoundly hostile to anything Christian. It worships and serves the creature rather than the Creator (Romans 1:25).

In the words of Charles Krauthammer, writing this past May, “Environmentalists are Gaia’s priests, instructing us in her proper service and casting out those who refuse to genuflect. And having proclaimed the ultimate commandment - carbon chastity - they are preparing the supporting canonical legislation that will tell you how much you can travel, what kind of light you will read by, and at what temperature you may set your bedroom thermostat.”

And this zealotry demands much sacrifice, not now for the proletariat or social structures, but for the planet itself, no less!

But when you sacrifice, whether money, time, travel, or comforts, be aware that in reality it’s not even about ‘saving the planet’, but at the behest of decrees from on high paying ritual obeisance to Mother Earth.

3. GW Hypocrisy and Humbug

We all should be aware of how Al Gore on one hand preaches to multitudes on the coming apocalyptic disaster of global warming, yet flies worldwide to preach his message while greenhouse gases belch from the engines. We have heard how his mansion consumes more power in a month than the average home consumes in a year. Then there is the somewhat elusive entrepreneur

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Maurice Strong helping to draft the Kyoto Protocol, then disappearing to China to help build a string of coal-fired power stations! Almost every day new stories emerge on green hypocrisy, which it is not my purpose to enumerate: it seems the world is full of green believers and warming preachers who indulge in ritual tokenism (such as Earth Day), but are not prepared to “walk the talk” on their warming convictions.

So, for these reasons Global Warming is a Christian issue. It is part of the network of truth decay and false religion that makes

our present world. We must be prepared to take a stand, despite the flak that this will inevitably draw.

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3. *Lawrence Solomon, The Deniers, RVB, 2008, pp.9-21*

4. *Video clip, <http://newsbusters.org/blogs/noel-sheppard/2008/04/22/abc-s-20-20-gore-used-fictional-film-clip-inconvenient-truth>*

5. *Gaia: <http://contenderministries.org/UN/gaia.php>*

Federal - same-sex couple ‘rights’

The Senate has been conducting another Inquiry into rights for homosexual couples. This relates to the Rudd government’s Bill to amend 68 Commonwealth laws.

The Bill, called the **Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008**, aims to give ‘equality’ to homosexual couples. Submissions closed on 15 September and the Committee has to report by 30 September. The Bill will then be debated by the Parliament.

The Bill is 187 pages long! It proposes a new definition for ‘*de facto* relationship’ which

will apply equally to same and opposite-sex *de facto* couples. The definition of ‘child’ and ‘parent’ will be expanded to include same-sex couples. The list of proposed changes is long and exhaustive - it includes changes in family law, veterans’ affairs, tax, foreign affairs, passports...!

ACTION: PLEASE write to your federal MP and 12 STATE Senators.

Ask them to VOTE against this Bill which gives rights to homosexual couples and further undermines marriage. Write to Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600. MP details - see our website.



Included with this journal are copies of two pamphlets on abortion. Prepared a few years ago by Pastor

Robin Johnson, of *Joseph Media and Publications*.

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Prayer Update

News emerged late in August of the fall of two prominent church pastors who had high profile ministries. They were Mike Guglielmucci, who was involved in Planetshakers, and Todd Bentley, of Florida (part of the so-called Lakeland revival). These situations will cause grief and heartache to many people.

- Pray that there is complete honesty and transparency, the removal of all attempts at self-preservation, and absolute humility from all sides.
- Please pray for both Todd and Mike and for their families. Pray for healing of broken relationships.
- Pray that, as they repent and seek forgiveness, other Christians will not shoot them down.
- Pray for those who have perhaps looked to these people, instead of to Christ, and held them on a pedestal.

A staffer from one MP's office has asked for prayer against a spirit of mockery that is presently prevailing within the Parliament.

- Please pray against this spirit
- Pray that Parliament will be a place

where all people respect each other and a place where God is honoured.

Living in the Lodge has its difficulties and is not particularly conducive to family life.

- Pray for Kevin Rudd, Therese and especially their children; that they adjust to their very public life and the imposition of strict security measures at the lodge.

After 5 years, Major General Michael Jeffery stepped down from the role as Governor General last month and our new Governor General, Ms Quentin Bryce, took over.

- Pray that God would bless outgoing Governor General, Major General Michael Jeffery and his wife Marlena.
- Pray for new Governor General, Ms Quentin Bryce. Pray that she will acknowledge her duties according to the monarch's coronation vows and not be an activist for her causes.

As we go to print the Victorian Upper House is still debating the Abortion Bill. Please pray that the Bill is defeated.

PRAISE POINT

Praise and thank God for the rejection of the assisted suicide/euthanasia Bill in the Victorian Parliament. This resounding victory will send a strong message against introducing similar Bill in other States.

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

“Because the church quit evangelizing many years ago, focusing instead on a “social gospel” and building state of the art buildings to meet in, we have taken the salt and light out of the marketplace and left it to the wolves.” Bill Keller, liveprayer.com

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Postage Stamps and Marie Stopes

by *Jenny Stokes*

What does it take to get your photograph on a postage stamp?

Traditionally, postage stamps carried an image of the ruling monarch. This harked back to the decision by Roman Emperor Julius Caesar to put his own image on Roman coins. Previous emperors had placed the image of their ancestors on coins.

In Australia, from 1914, most standard stamps had an image of the sovereign's head. There were sometimes special stamps to mark events such as the inauguration of Canberra (1927), the kookaburra blue 3d stamp (1928) or a 3d stamp commemorating Perth to Adelaide airmail (1929).

The first non-royal person on an Australian stamp was explorer Charles Sturt (1930). The first woman featured was Dame Nellie Melba - the stamp was issued in 1961 to mark the centenary of her birth.

Perhaps the growth in stamp-collecting and the sale of philately items has encouraged the growth in the number and type of stamps. In recent years we have had a proliferation of stamps depicting flora, fauna, special events and significant people.

Currently we have the **2008 Australian Legends** series, with philanthropists Dame Elisabeth Murdoch; Victor and Loti Smorgon; Lady (Mary) Fairfax and Frank Lowy.

However, the overriding principle for being featured on a postage stamp has been that the person has made a significant contribution to society.

In the UK regular stamp issues have also featured important people and events. Recently the UK Royal Mail announced

they will release a series of stamps called 'Women of Distinction' (release 14 October 2008).

The six women featured on the stamps were significant in the areas of the vote for women, civil rights, equal pay, family allowance and women's health.

The sixth woman featured in the series is Marie Stopes, who was chosen because of her contribution to "family planning", in other words because of her influence in promoting artificial contraception.

The Royal Mail said "Each of the six women featured in this stunning set of Special Stamps took on the establishment and won. Some, such as Marie Stopes who took the lead on family planning and Barbara Castle, who championed equal pay for women, are household names."

A controversy has erupted in the UK over the decision to include Marie Stopes in the stamp series.

Why the controversy?

Marie Stopes was involved in the eugenics movement and had racist policies as well as working in promoting birth control and family planning. Born in 1880, she studied science (botany) at university before studying in Munich and then working as a lecturer in London and Manchester.

She wrote a sex manual called *Married Love* and became interested in birth control matters, editing the journal *Birth Control News*. Marie Stopes founded the "Society for Constructive Birth Control and Racial



Progress” and was involved in protests at places of worship.

In 1921, Marie Stopes opened Britain’s first family planning clinic, which has grown into the world’s biggest private abortion provider, *Marie Stopes International*.

Stopes was involved in the eugenics movement, which advocated the ‘improvement’ of human traits through various interventions. In her 1920 book *Radiant Motherhood* she called for the “sterilisation of those totally unfit for parenthood (to) be made an immediate possibility, indeed made compulsory.” She also bemoaned the abolition of child labour for the lower classes. She wrote her own son out of her will because he married a near-sighted woman! Stopes left most of her estate to the *Eugenics Society*.

In 1935 Stopes attended the International Congress for Population Science in Berlin, held when the Nazis were in power. She campaigned for selective breeding to achieve racial purity and sent poems and

letters to Adolf Hitler on this topic. Marie Stopes died in 1958.

Today, the Marie Stopes International organisation runs abortion and family planning clinics.

The organisation claims “Marie Stopes International (MSI) is the UK’s leading provider of sexual and reproductive healthcare services. Our nationwide network of sexual health clinics see over 100,000 men and women each year who come to us for information, advice and professional care. . . A registered charity, Marie Stopes International also works around the world in 40 countries. . . Our services include: contraception, unplanned pregnancy counselling, abortion information and advice, help for women needing abortions, abortion pill and other abortion treatment options.”

This is the legacy of Marie Stopes. Should she be honoured on a stamp?

I don’t think so!

Islam: Terror trials in Australia

Two major terrorism trials have concluded in Australia, with both trials returning guilty verdicts under Australia’s terrorism laws.

Abdul Nacer Benbrika

In Melbourne, Muslim sheik Abdul Nacer Benbrika was found guilty of three terrorism charges on 15 September, after the jury deliberated for 21 days. The trial began in February 2008.

Five of his followers were convicted of belonging to a terrorist organisation - four other men were acquitted. The jury announced these decisions whilst still considering charges relating to the final two men. The following day they found one of them guilty

but could not decide about the 12th man. He faces a re-trial. The pre-sentencing hearing will begin on November 18.

Belal Khazaal

Meanwhile, in Sydney a jury in the NSW Supreme Court found Belal Khazaal guilty of producing a manual for jihad, ‘knowing it was connected with assisting in a terrorist act’. The jury could not reach a verdict on a second charge of attempting to incite others to engage in a terrorist act.

The sentencing hearing will begin on October 24. The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) will have to decide if Khazaal will have a re-trial for the second charge.



Hindus, Yoga and Christian churches

A British Hindu group has complained about two clergy who they claim are ‘bigoted’ because they banned yoga classes in their church halls.

The Hindu Council UK (HCUK) is considering legal action. Their press release said “The Hindu Council UK (HCUK) is considering whether a ban on yoga classes at **St James’ Church** and the **Silver Street Baptist Church** in Taunton, Somerset, may breach the *Equality Act 2006*. Lawyers for HCUK are exploring whether comments made by both Rev Tim Jones, Vicar of St James’ and Rev Simon Farrar of the Silver Street Baptist Church that yoga is a “sham,” a “false philosophy” and “unchristian” may indicate they have acted contrary to the ‘Religion and Belief’ section of the Act, specifically those parts relating to discrimination in providing goods, facilities and services.

“HCUK is also considering whether to ask the Commission for Equality and Human Rights to investigate whether the priests’ comments amount to ‘instructing or causing discrimination’.”

HCUK General Secretary Anil Bhanot criticised the bans saying “These priests appear to be advising Christians not to practise yoga because they believe it is based on a ‘sham’ and a ‘false philosophy’, but what in effect they mean is that Hinduism is a false religion. The



yoga teacher concerned left religion out of the equation; they with their alarmist, uninformed, fundamentalist version of Christianity that lives in fear of any perceived unorthodoxy, dragged religion in. In doing so, they have demonstrated the kind of bigotry that is precisely the cause of religious strife in this world.”

A spokesman for one of the Churches involved defended the decision not to allow the yoga group to use the church hall. He said the principles behind yoga are contrary to the Christian gospel. He added: “From a Christian perspective we feel that alternative activities like yoga are not the real thing, they’re a sham. Yoga has its roots in Hinduism and Buddhism and attempts to use human techniques, such as breathing, to put a person into a calm frame of mind in order to be in touch with some sort of impersonal spiritual reality.”

Meanwhile, Christians in Orissa in India have been persecuted and killed by Hindu mobs during the past month. The Hindu Council UK did make a statement, but inferred that Christians killed a Hindu leader and that started reprisal attacks by Hindus. They called for ‘calm’ from ‘everyone’.

Please pray for the UK pastors - and for Christians in Orissa.

Sources: HCUK Press Release [hinducounciluk.org], Intercessors Network.

Our response

Have you seen notice boards outside Christian churches advertising yoga or tai chi classes? We have - and it has concerned us. Yoga is part of Hindu practice and cannot be separated from Hinduism itself, even if the teacher ‘leaves religion out’.

Christians cannot endorse or follow practices

of other religions. We cannot be involved in syncretism or polytheism.

We should make sure our churches and church halls are not used by groups that promote activities or philosophies that are inconsistent with Biblical Christianity.

We support the stand made by the pastors. Please pray for them.

World News

Marriage folly

Dads and weddings

Some ministers in Stockholm are refusing to let fathers walk their daughters down the aisle when they marry, even when the daughters request it!

Last year, Lutheran vicar, Yvonne Hallin, said the practice is sexist. "In Sweden we have worked hard in many different ways to eliminate everything that is unequal." She said she wouldn't allow the custom in her parish, and said that Stockholm's bishop issued a recommendation in 2003 asking that pastors discourage it! [AFP, 9/2007]

California bans 'brides' & 'grooms'

Yes - the marriage licence now says "Party A" and "Party B"! [WorldNet Daily, 8/9/2008]

Pastor Doug Bird was alarmed to find that an application for a marriage licence was REJECTED by Placer County because the couple had written in the words 'bride' and 'groom' next to the 'official' words!

The clerk wrote that the application 'does not comply with California State registration laws.' This is a new rule in California, following the decision by the Supreme Court saying that the legal definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman was unconstitutional.

Pastor Bird wonders if he'll be required to use 'party A' and 'Party B' in the ceremony itself instead of 'husband' and 'wife'!

Fortunately we haven't gone that way - yet! In Victoria the official form still lists 'Bridegroom' and 'Bride'!

USA Election

The battle between Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama for

election as president of the USA has heated up. With the election due on Tuesday 4 November, the campaign is in full swing.

John McCain has appointed a conservative pro-life woman, Sarah Palin, as his Vice Presidential running mate. She is currently the Governor of Alaska.

The media immediately started investigating - her life, her church, her family. Sarah and her husband have five children - the youngest is four months old and, sadly, has Down's syndrome. Some Canadian doctors have expressed concern that her example of love for her baby may "lead to mothers shunning abortion after diagnosis of Down's syndrome". [Lifesite, 10/9/2008]

The family revealed that Bristol, Sarah's 17 year old daughter is pregnant - but is having the baby and is expected to marry the father.

Please pray for the outcome of the US election. Pray that the campaign will focus on policies and not on smear tactics.

Political Correctness in Europe

The European Parliament has voted to warn advertisers and marketers against "sexual stereotyping." The vote was not concerned with sex or pornography in ads - but with gender equality and stereotyping of all kinds!

One example cited in the parliamentary Report was 'Mr Clean' - an ad dating from the 1950s. The report claimed that by showing a "muscular physique" it might imply only strong men can tackle dirt!

What next?

Adult stem cell research

The Pentagon has announced it plans to invest a quarter of a billion dollars into adult stem cell research - because it works! 73 cures or treatments using adult stem cells are already being used. Check the latest results at www.stemcellresearch.com

Ministry News

As you read this Jenny and Peter will have arrived back from speaking at the CWM conference in northern NSW. As always, time out of the office simply means the normal work of preparing this Journal, lobbying MPs and writing emails has to be squeezed into less time.

We need to increase our staff level as well as replace Emma who has been running **Resistance Thinking** so well for the last two years. In three months Emma will leave us to enter the work force full time having completed her Law degree. We will miss her and are believing that God has her

replacement already lined up. If you think you are that young person we would like to hear from you.

Also in September we held our Annual Dinner - over 70 people enjoyed a night of fellowship, a challenging message from Rev Dr David Claydon and an informative update on Salt Shakers and Resistance Thinking and current political challenges from Peter, Jenny and Emma.

We must also thank Kerrie Ternes, our very capable Administration Manager, and Barney Tomasich, our Board Chairman, for the smooth organisation and running of the night.

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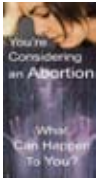
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