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To be right with God
has often meant to be in
trouble with men.

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Editorial

Over the last two months we have written in our Editorials about false teachers and how so many Christians have strayed from the clear and unequivocal teachings of the Bible in so many ways.

Last month we wrote about false teaching on Hell. Just recently a Melbourne Baptist Pastor supported same-sex 'marriage' on the *ABC Compass* program and we discovered the same support for homosexual 'marriage' on the website of another Baptist Church minister. I [Peter] recently had a discussion with yet another Baptist Pastor who is counselling young homosexuals and he suggests we need to "rethink what we have believed, taught and practiced with respect to the same-sex community and faith."

The consequences of these false teachers is that young people will be further confused about God's view of sexual relations, despite the clear teaching in His word.

All too often we don't see the results of the false teachers' work but, incredibly, as I sat down to write this Editorial an email arrived graphically illustrating what can happen when people who do not properly understand the Scriptures listen to, and believe, the false teachers.

Many of you will remember that, earlier this year, Harold Camping predicted (he called it a 'prophecy') that the world would end on May 21, 2011.

Naturally, most Christians expected that the world wouldn't end then, because the Bible clearly tells us that nobody will know when Jesus Christ will return - it says He will come as a thief in the night. But some did take notice of the 'prophecy'.

The immediate response in the West, of course, was that Christians were ridiculed;

the atheists had a 'field day'. That we can get over. But stories of much worse consequence are now coming to light from North Vietnam.



Mr Camping broadcast his false prediction through his radio program, which is beamed around the world on short wave radio and the results have been devastating.

Apparently, persecution.org have discovered that as the 'second coming' word spread in North Vietnam, thousands of poor, persecuted, immature Christians decided to gather on a mountain and await Christ's return. They were hoping to be free at last from their persecution and poverty.

The reports suggest this gathering came to the attention of the North Vietnam government and a terrible time followed. Many are said to have been killed and many taken into custody; others are hiding, trying to avoid the inevitable persecution.

Once again, we see how man can so easily be used by satan to deceive people and lead them astray.

Our nation is decaying because the church is either silent, confused by false teachers, or totally led astray by those who continue to find 'new revelations' or revised interpretations of Scripture that simply do not align with the Bible.

In 2 Peter 3, we read that many "scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lust, and saying 'where is the promise of His coming?' ..."

He concludes with these words, "Beware, lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Yours in Christ Jesus
Peter and Jenny Stokes.

Homosexual/lesbian 'marriage' - the battle!

Almost every day we see some new development in the push to change the *Marriage Act* to include same sex 'couples'.

Not only have Homosexual lobby groups like *Australian Marriage Equality*, continued running nationwide campaigns supported by left wing activist group *GetUp!*, but so-called 'progressives' in the ALP have moved state by state to have their 'Conferences' endorse the idea and to have the National ALP Conference discuss the issue in December, 2011.

Fortunately, the NSW state Labor conference, held in July, 'dodged' having a vote because the conservative *Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association* opposes same-sex 'marriage'. Rather than lose the vote the 'progressives' agreed, instead, to simply send it to the ALP National Conference.

The *ABC* has also pushed the issue with a special *Q&A* and the Sunday night "religious" program *Compass* recently ran two consecutive programs on the issue.

The first program featured interviews with three same-sex 'couples' who "want to get married". The second program involved Geraldine Doogue hosting a 'Dinner' with six people for a 'chat' about the issue.

The program was called '*Marriage Right vs Rite*', but did she have a balanced set of dinner guests? Well. . . NO!

Only two totally opposed homosexual 'marriage', Sydney Anglican Bishop **Rob Forsyth** and Catholic priest **Frank Brennan**. Sadly, Brennan did "endorse" homosexual and lesbian relationships.

The other dinner 'guests' were: homosexual activist **Dennis Altman**, who didn't really want 'marriage' but rather focused on

'equality' and also openly rejected the notion of 'sexual fidelity';

Lesbian broadcaster **Julie McCrossin**, who attends a Uniting Church and wants to 'marry' her lesbian 'partner';

Geoff Thomas - the father of a homosexual man who says he was once homophobic but now supports his son's 'right' to 'marry'. He also appeared on the *Q&A* program to confront Julia Gillard on this issue.

Then there was Victorian Baptist minister **Nathan Nettleton** - who supports homosexual 'marriage' and says he would be happy to officiate at a 'wedding' of two



homosexuals. Nathan also supports the ordination of homosexuals and is proud to be the first divorcee ordained by the *Baptist Union of Victoria*! There you see the slippery slope at work!

While the pressure continues to mount on Julia Gillard, she has said that she would continue to have her view but would not shut down debate.

At at the same time she has brought forward the ALP National Conference to December - it was to be later in 2012 - no doubt so that any adverse decision taken would be forgotten by the next election.

By distancing herself from the move to change the *Marriage Act*, she can also claim she was forced by the Party, thus she would not be seen as breaking yet another election statement (promise!).

There is also a strong possibility that now the Greens hold a significant power base in the Senate, as well as a Member in the House of Representatives assisting Labor to stay in power, there could be a compromise a-foot. The issue of euthanasia is one the Greens have been pursuing for some time

and they may try to make a deal. This could possibly be to support Euthanasia (or the 'Territories Rights' Bill (see page 9) and allow the same-sex 'marriage' debate to go through to the keeper - for a while. BUT, make no mistake, any deal will be temporary and the push will re-start almost immediately. Any compromise will always give ground - and ultimately help move the issue forward.

In the meantime, many newspapers and media outlets such as Yahoo7 and Channel TEN continue to run 'polls' asking people if they support same-sex 'marriage'.

Interestingly, we have won many of those although some have been very close - others have been overwhelmingly in support of same-sex 'marriage'. Of course, these polls are not scientific, and some can be rigged, but it is important that we continue to try to be involved and engaged in the polls and the debate.

A recent, unexpected voice joined the debate on our side of this issue and caught many commentators off-guard.

Loree Rudd, sister of Kevin Rudd, came out strongly opposing same sex 'marriage' and promoting Christian wisdom and Christian values. She wrote an 'Open Letter' to Labor MPs which was reported in the newspapers. She said *"God loves all humans equally, but not all things that humans do are of equal value... It is with great sadness that I note delegates to State Labor Conferences are falling like flies under the weight of compassion aroused by homosexual activists whom they do not wish (or wish to be seen) to offend. Also I know there are genuine supporters ... In the grand scheme of things, the wisdom of the ages is sadly lacking in the western world. This lack of wisdom tries to frighten happily married men and women and all people of faith in*



God from standing up for marriage, family and children - threatened with labels of homophobia and bible-bashing. If marriage is disintegrating, we need to restore it so that men, women and children grow in wisdom. Disintegrating the definition of marriage along with marriage itself will not harness a recovery...

"Politics can only aid a nation insofar as it builds on the foundation of time-tested wisdom."

She suggested newspapers should start printing daily segments of Proverbs until they had published the whole Book!

When interviewed by the *Australian* newspaper she said there was a worldwide homosexual movement that "fed propaganda" to lobby for the changes. "I call them the global gay Gestapo: it is the lobbying movement that is brainwashing people, particularly the young in the community that this (homosexuality) is an optional extra in life," she said.

She is a very gutsy lady who has made a much stronger stand than many, church leaders on this issue. Please pray for her.

Naturally, the media and homosexual activists have thrown everything they have at her because she used the term 'gestapo'; yet the dictionary defines the word this way: 'gestapo' - adjective, "of or resembling the Nazi Gestapo, especially in the brutal suppression of opposition: example 'The new regime is using gestapo tactics'."

It is a legitimate term for people who intimidate and abuse anyone who opposes them, and that is certainly what many homosexual activists have done, and continue to do, to anyone who speaks out - even in love and concern - against the normalisation of their unnatural sexual activity. We know - we have been on the receiving end of some of that aggressive

behaviour because we speak the truth.

Many EX homosexuals have also been on the receiving end of that aggression when they have spoken out against the idea that homosexuality is innate or stated that people are NOT 'born gay'.

There is actually NO genuine evidence that substantiates the 'born gay' or 'innateness' rhetoric.

Even the personal swipes and intimidation on letters pages and web comment pages that Loree received, and we often receive as well, show that same aggression.

They always play the man (or woman in this case) not the ball, so they should expect to bear the label!

The fact is - they have NO BALL TO PLAY WITH.

The only 'argument' they have is one of 'equality', and, as Aristotle rightly stated a long time ago, "The WORST form of equality is to make equal that which is not equal."

Same-gender relationships will never be equal to heterosexual relationships.

They cannot naturally engage in 'normal/natural' sexual activity. Neither two men nor two women have the necessary equipment to do so. And they certainly cannot naturally produce the next generation. Two men and two women are sterile without the unnatural, artificial help of IVF which they should not be entitled to.

Why? Because children need both a mother and a father. Now, as Christians, we know that, because otherwise, why would God have decided to require both to reproduce? But the 'world' does not believe in God, so how can we get that point across?

Easy, and it is also a good argument against evolution. Why does reproduction require TWO people (as with most animals for that matter) to replicate. If it was not

necessary, surely reproduction would have by now found (evolved) a way to do it independently.

Remember that evolutionists cannot claim IVF as 'evolution'.

So, the question to ask is 'WHY does it take two opposites to reproduce, and why does all good social science research show that children NEED and do best when raised by a married biological mother and father?'

Now they may claim evidence to the contrary, but it does not stack up. Small sample sizes, self-select groups and biased, and often skewed or manipulated research, has been used.

Over 80% of all HIV/AIDS in Australia is the result of same-sex activity and the STD rate is much higher than in any other group.

The uncomfortable TRUTH is that same-sex sexual activity is unnatural, unhealthy, and unproductive.

URGENT ACTION

We MUST write to our own MP and 12 Senators and tell them we are totally opposed to **any legal recognition of same-sex relationships including marriage**.

We must emphasise that MPs need to

- consider the BEST interests of children before the selfish interests of adults.
- understand that same-sex relationships are NOT equal to heterosexual relationships.

The MPs have scheduled a parliamentary debate on the findings of their 'research' into what their constituents 'think' - most of which is simply web polls - for **August 17, 2011**. So it is vital that we act NOW! Please get your church to write too!

If you do not know the contact details of your MP (1) or Senators (12) then phone the Electoral Office and ask them - 132326.

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News & Action

Chaplaincy Update

The West Australian government has announced that it will intervene in the High Court Chaplaincy challenge. Unfortunately, they have decided to OPPOSE the Commonwealth funding of chaplaincy in schools. In its submission to the High Court, they say the chaplaincy funding agreement between the Commonwealth and schools is invalid because it was outside its executive power. [*The Age*, 13/7/2011.]

'Classification Reviews' - Update

There are currently several reviews being undertaken of the 'Classification' guidelines in Australia; these are used to give 'ratings' to film, publications and computer games.

* The Senate *Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee* has held an Inquiry into the classification system. Their report was handed down on June 30, 2011.

* The federal and state Attorneys-General are considering whether they should allow R18+ rated computer games. They issued Draft Guidelines in March 2011, held an online survey and discussed the matter at their meeting in late July.

* The federal government has asked the *Australian Law Reform Commission* to conduct a review of the total classification system in Australia. The ALRC conducted a 29 question survey (which closed in mid-July). They will release a **Discussion Paper** in September, do more public consultation and present a report to the federal Attorney-General by January 30, 2012.

WA: Prostitution

The government's Bill to legalise prostitution and brothels is due to be

debated soon. The government tabled a 'draft Bill' for discussion in mid-June to enable two months of public consultation. The Legislative Assembly resumes after the winter break on 9 August.

Have you let them know what you think?

ACTION: It is VITAL that we contact all WA MPs and ask them to vote against this Bill. Each WA voter has one MP in the Legislative Assembly and six in the Legislative Council.

Send letters to Parliament House, GPO Box A11, Perth WA 6837.

Tasmania: Surrogacy

The Legislative Council has sent the Surrogacy Bill to an Inquiry (by Government Administration Committee A) to examine the operation of the proposed Bill.

Public hearings on the Bill were held on 11 and 12 July, 2011.

Once the Inquiry is completed, the Bill will be debated by the Legislative Council.

ACTION: If you live in Tasmania, PLEASE write to your ONE Legislative Council member. If you have time, it would be great if you could write to ALL 15 of the Legislative Council MPs. Many of them are Independents and it is important that they hear from us. The homosexual rights groups are very busy contacting all the MPs to ask them to support the Bill. They need to hear the other side.

SA: Same-sex parenting

Last month the SA Parliament passed laws giving homosexual couples parenting rights, along with use of IVF and surrogacy. The Bill had been sent to a Committee for analysis - when the Committee recommended proceeding with the Bill it wasn't long before it was voted on.

Family First MP Dennis Hood, who was on the Committee, wrote a dissenting report opposing the Bill. Thank you, Dennis!



Carbon tax proposal

by Jenny Stokes

Prime Minister Julia Gillard launched her 'carbon tax' proposal on Sunday July 10, with a 'Speech to the Nation'.

Yes, this is the 'Tax' she said before the election would not happen on her watch!

She finally gained the agreement of the *Multi-Party Climate Change Committee*, but trying to please everyone, especially the Radical Greens, was clearly a very difficult task!

She also announced that she had the votes to pass it in both houses of Parliament with the help of the Greens, and Independents Windsor, Oakeshott and Wilkie.

The government will impose a 'carbon tax' of \$23 per tonne on the 500 biggest "polluters" (this really means those who put out the most carbon dioxide, CO₂).

The tax will increase by 2.5% a year for three years - and will be converted to an emissions trading scheme in three years time.

More than half the money raised will be used to compensate low income people (mostly by raising tax thresholds, increasing pensions and so on) - clearly a form of socialist wealth re-distribution.

Some will be used to compensate 'trade-exposed industries' (at least for a few years) and to create a \$10 billion fund for renewable energy, called the *Clean Energy Finance Corporation*. There is also more than \$380 million for government bureaucracies to implement the scheme!

The package will apparently cost \$4 billion MORE than it brings in!

However, the 'carbon tax' package will have virtually zero effect on reducing global emissions. The plan aims to reduce Australia's carbon dioxide emissions by 5% by 2020 (the Greens got an agreement

to reduce emissions by 80% by 2050, but that's a long way off!).

Australia only emits 1.5% of the global carbon dioxide emissions, so this is a tiny reduction overall!

The scheme will have virtually no effect on global temperature. Dr David Evans, a former IPCC supporter, calculates, using IPCC figures, that reducing emissions in Australia by 5% by 2050 will only reduce the temperature by 0.0007 °C; and that stopping all our CO₂ emissions would cut it by just 0.0154 °C.



Regardless of what people believe about 'climate change' or 'global warming', many commentators are now highlighting the widespread, damaging effect this tax will have on our economy.

Recent opinion polls shows declining support for Labor, and support for Julia as 'preferred Prime Minister' has plummeted. Many attribute this to the 'carbon tax'; but then there's also the government's bungled 'Malaysian solution' for refugees and the ban on the live export of cattle to Indonesia.

The scheme will even allow billions of dollars of 'carbon credits' to be bought from overseas. These carbon credit schemes, as well as the European emissions trading scheme, have already been shown to be very susceptible to corruption and scams.

ACTION: Now is the time to contact MPs and Senators to oppose this 'carbon tax'. See our website for contact details.

Read the total package as agreed to by the *Multi-Party Climate Change Committee*: <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/en/government/initiatives/multi-party-committee/clean-energy-agreement.aspx>

Update on deceptive activist group **GetUp!**

by Peter Stokes

In November 2008, we wrote an 'exposé' of left wing activist group *GetUp!*. We pointed out that, despite their claims of 'political independence', their politics is heavily weighted towards the political 'left'. *GetUp!* was founded by left-leaning Labor Party people; the original Board included Labor men Evan Thornley and Bill Shorten, the Union organiser turned Federal Labor MP and now the assistant Federal Treasurer, as well as left-leaning anti-monarchist John Hewson. All three subsequently jumped ship, perhaps because *GetUp!* veered even further to the left; although Evan Thornley continued to have some involvement with the group whilst a Victorian ALP MP.

[If you'd like a copy of the article, email us.]

Since 2008, *GetUp!* has grown into a very powerful lobby group. *GetUp!* claims to have more than 570,000 members. But you become a 'member' by having signed a petition - in contrast, only 17,295 people gave them money during the past year.

In 2009, Andrew Crook wrote on *Crikey.com* "Monday's list of political donations revealed more than just Labor's burgeoning links to Chinese property developers - the figures show left-leaning lobbyists *GetUp!* spent a massive \$1.2 million on political activity, with the voluntary cash sourced from a who's who of armchair activists and white collar unions affiliated directly with the ALP."

In February 2011, *The Age* reported that the *Australian Electoral Commission* [AEC] had found *GetUp!* breached Section 329 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act*.

Prior to the 2007 federal election, *GetUp!* had run an online vote generator. Their '**HowShouldIVote.com.au**' website, which produced personalised how-to-vote

cards for the 2007 election, claimed to be 'independent' - when, in fact, it steered people towards Labor and the Greens.

The *Electoral Commission* found that the vote-generator had the capacity to seriously mislead the 150,000 people - 1% of the voting population - who used it; "most of whom would have missed or not understood the implications of the fine print".

In fact, even after disclaimers were inserted following the threat of an injunction by the *Electoral Commission*, the *GetUp!* vote generator still discriminated against Liberal and National Party candidates.

In June this year, the *Canberra Times* reported that Green Party membership was growing rapidly in the ACT - you guessed it - thanks to *GetUp!*

GetUp! appears to have grown tired with Labor and gone Green, or is it Red? Looking at the recent campaigns they have been running, they seem to be even more in line with the Greens than with Labor.

GetUp! campaigns have supported same-sex marriage, the abortion drug RU486, a total ban of live animal exports, a national Charter of Rights, ending mandatory detention of illegal boat arrivals, a Resource Profit Tax, a National 'Human Rights Act', Internet 'freedom', paid parental leave, increased funding for the ABC, and, of course, heavily supported climate change and a carbon (dioxide) tax.

In a clear attempt at shutting down free speech, they tried to disrupt the current speaking tour of global warming skeptic, Christopher Monckton.

We need to know who is behind any group we might associate ourselves with - and carefully monitor their agenda.



Bob Brown & The Greens - the real agenda

It is becoming increasingly clear that Bob Brown and the Greens are not just interested in the environment. In recent months we've noted that Bob Brown, and the Greens Party which he leads, are actively promoting homosexual 'marriage', euthanasia and more liberal drug use. They're promoting the 'carbon tax' and the mining resources tax, as well as calling for the closure of coal mines.

The Greens now hold the 'balance of power' in the Senate, with the new Senate being sworn in on July 1, 2011.

Greens - 'secure rock of stability'?

In a speech to the *National Press Club* on June 29, titled '*The Green Dividend*', Bob Brown laid out his agenda for the Greens in the federal parliament. He concluded "The Greens will be a secure rock of stability in the Senate, to help make sure Australia gets the good governance it deserves."

Really?

The Greens are already flexing their muscle with regard to the carbon tax and various moral issues. They will increasingly use their new-found power to pressure the government into making decisions that support their agenda.

But now Bob Brown has gone further. With the assurance that he really does have more power - and control - in the government, he is now saying what he really believes.

One world government?

In his speech, Bob Brown called for a 'global parliament' that would make decisions for all people.

He said, "So why shouldn't we now join vigorous moves in Europe and at the United Nations for a *global people's*

assembly based on one person, one vote, one value? Such a global parliament - it could be right here in Australia - would tackle international questions like nuclear proliferation, currency speculation, marine ecosystem destruction and those billion people who could be fed and literate if only a tenth of global military spending was sent to their assistance."

So much for national sovereignty. It reminds us of the Tower of Babel, where men wanted to rule the world - God responded by scattering people across the world, with different nations and languages. God put people in nations. In Romans 13 Paul describes the role of governments.

Bob Brown's Territory Rights Bill

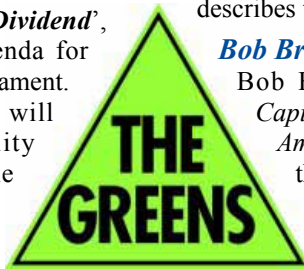
Bob Brown says that *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment Bill* is just about giving the ACT and the NT the 'same rights' as the states. But really it is about getting euthanasia legislation passed in the ACT.

The ACT parliament is also talking about same-sex 'marriage' laws if they get these extra 'rights'!

If Bob Brown's Bill is passed, then the ACT could well act on these 'initiatives'.

ACTION: Labor is divided on this legislation, so it is important that we write to the Prime Minister and Labor Senators and MPs - asking them to oppose this Bill. Please write to ALL the Senators in your State - ask them to vote AGAINST this Bill. Remind them it is not just about the 'rights' of territories but also about homosexual 'marriage' and euthanasia laws.

Watch and read Bob Brown's speech: <http://bob-brown.greensmps.org.au/content/green-dividend-senator-bob-browns-national-press-club-address>.



Climate change cyclical and happens in spurts

Where has meteorologist Dr. Harvey Stern been this last decade that he can still spruik climate change as being higher temperatures caused by human produced carbon dioxide emissions? (The Courier June 24) Obviously he has not observed that our summers since 2006 have been getting cooler to the point that in 2010/11 summer bypassed us altogether. He has not noticed that Victorians are headed for the fourth bumper skiing season.

Neither has he read widely on the predictions of his peers of yesteryear who were alarmed in the 1970s at the rapidly declining temperatures that foreshadowed an ice age. He has not observed the warming period of the 1920s when the same observations were seen as in the 1980s – polar bears losing their habitat and rising sea temperatures causing fish migration.

Climate change is cyclical. It reverses every twenty to forty years without any assistance from us humans.

Ron Fischer, Sebastopol, Vic.
Ballarat Courier, 15/7/2011

Time to wake up

Indonesian cruelty to cattle is inexcusable but does Australia really have the moral high ground?

Where were our brave Foreign Ministers as Indonesian barbarians raped, tortured and murdered their way across East Timor for decades or beheaded Christian school girls and torched Christian homes?

Similar horrific persecution is reportedly quite common in places like Egypt, India, Iraq, Sudan and China.

Where were the outraged do-gooders as 100,000 defenceless Australian babies were aborted here last year?

Shame Australia, wake up, not just four-legged animals need our protection.

Geoff Pickering, Gympie
Gympie Times 18/6/2011

Self-funded retirees await poll

Julia Gillard's efforts to ease growing fears about the cost of her new carbon tax to Australians mention pensioners and low-income families as likely recipients of rebates, tax cuts and welfare benefits to offset the new tax.

Those who are not mentioned for compensation are hundreds of thousands of self-funded retirees who saved for their retirements and place no heavy age-pension burden on taxpayers. It appears that they will have to wait for the next federal election for their voices to be heard.

James Bowen, Glen Waverley, Vic

Flawed Ideologies

Reading The Mail, 28 June, left me with a quandary.

Do I write a letter pointing out the bias of people who directly support renewable energy doing a survey asking who supports renewable energy? How can we trust the results?

Do I write of my concern at seeing a letter by Greens Candidate Mick Kir promoting the extremely flawed Greens policy of establishing 'drug injecting rooms' for people to 'legally' inject unknown illegal substances, purchased from criminals? He makes a number of claims of their success, citing Europe and Sydney, when no such success can legitimately be established. Injecting rooms send a totally wrong message, as Steve Bracks discovered after proposing them for Melbourne many years ago. That's one of the reasons he never went ahead with them. The Sydney DIR has been a total failure, sadly propped up by a government which could not bring itself to admit it. So the people finally dumped the government.

Or do I express my utter astonishment and concern that Yarra Ranges Councillors actually went against the recommendations of the Bushfire Royal Commission in encouraging more roadside growth - a policy known to have hindered attempts by residents to escape the fatal blazes safely.

Oh well, why not mention all three, because they all certainly seem to show that the foxes continue to be in charge of the hen house. The ordinary citizen is hung out to dry by people with flawed personal ideologies.

When will we once again find community leaders who are driven by plain common sense?

Peter Stokes, Yarra Ranges, Vic.
Yarra Ranges Mail 12/7/2011



Prayer in Parliament

The federal parliament opens with a prayer followed by the saying of the Lord's Prayer. Over the years, the Greens have regularly moved to remove the prayers from the parliament, replacing it with a 'time of silence' or similar.

Russell Broadbent, the federal member for McMillan (in Gippsland, Victoria) made the following statement in the House of Representatives on July 6, 2011. The speech, which highlights the importance of saying the Lord's Prayer in our parliament, is recorded in Hansard and has been made public by the Rev'd Peter Rose, the Chaplain of the Parliamentary Christian Fellowship of Australia. Please pray for Peter and his work with Members of Parliament.

Mr BROADBENT (McMillan) (09:30):
The late Bishop John Wilson, bishop, pastor, friend and father: I want to recognise what he did when I asked him to write a preamble for a petition with regard to the Lord's Prayer, which we say every morning here in this parliament.

His preamble draws the attention of the House to its practice. This is what he wrote about saying the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of each sitting of our parliamentary houses:

We therefore ask the House to take consideration of the following:

We the undersigned as citizens of Australia ask that the use of the LORD'S PRAYER BE RETAINED by Parliament as integral to good government and Australia's national heritage.

The prayer acknowledges our shared and common humanity under a caring God, in a context of humility and respect;

It asks God to fulfil his just purposes for the earth;

It seeks from God the provision of our daily needs and requires by implication generosity on our part;

It confesses our need to be forgiven and to forgive;

It recognises the lure of corruption and our entanglement with evil, from which we need to be delivered;

Finally, it places our lives and actions in an eternal perspective.

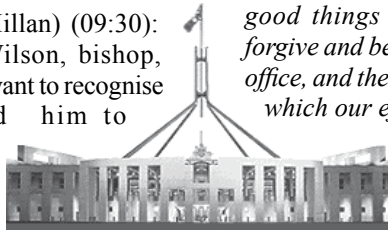
Even for those who do not pray to God, the recitation of these words at the beginning of the Parliamentary day allows a few moments for quiet reflection on our shared humanity, our daily dependence on the good things of the earth, our need to forgive and be forgiven, the temptations of office, and the broader perspective against which our efforts must be judged.

Such a time is not wasted.

This was very important at the time because I believed that there was a

threat in this parliament, and I believe there could be a threat today, to the recognition and moment of the Lord's Prayer. There are those who would like it removed from this House or both houses. That is not something we agree with and it is why many thousands of people signed this petition during the last parliament to cement this act of faith and quietness and, as John Wilson said, for those who do not pray, this time of reflection.

It is something we can give back to the nation and ourselves, and I hope and pray that this parliament, the House and the Senate, will continue with the practice of using the Lord's Prayer every day that we come together to meet.



Homosexuality Is Unnatural: An Is-Ought Fallacy?

by Greg Koukl

Understanding the *teleological* argument and the *is-ought fallacy* helps us to answer an important question about what the Bible says regarding Homosexuality.

Recently, a caller to my radio program told me about a conversation he'd had about homosexuality. The caller made the teleological argument, that looking at what the natural functions of the male and female reproductive organs are for, we can draw certain conclusions about how they should properly be used. The person he was talking with challenged his argument that you can't get an "ought" from an "is".

The challenger seemed to be saying that just because it is that way in nature doesn't mean that we can derive a moral rule from it. The caller asked if the challenge was incorrect and how to respond to it.

On the principle, the challenger is correct in describing the is-ought fallacy. But rather than working against the teleological argument, that principle works against a common argument in favour of homosexuality, which is, if homosexual interests are natural to someone, they are therefore morally acceptable. That is an example of an is-ought fallacy.

The is-ought fallacy, first articulated by David Hume, is, put simply, *you can't get an 'ought' from an 'is.'* The more precise way of characterizing it is this: You cannot have a syllogism that has a moral term in the conclusion if there is no moral term in the premises. To be a valid argument, the conclusion has to follow from the premises. You can't have anything in the conclusion that isn't already set up in the premises. Hume identified this particular fallacy

in arguments that were based on mere descriptive elements but had a conclusion with moral terms in it. That is the is-ought fallacy.

People sometimes argue in favour of homosexuality by arguing that their inclination is natural, and if it's natural, then we shouldn't be making any moral objections about it. If that is their argument they are guilty of 'is-ought'.

First of all, I'm not entirely sure what they mean by 'natural.' If they mean it occurs

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in nature, then everything is natural. Even concrete is natural because it occurs in nature. So a clarification needs to be made on that particular point. Blindness occurs in nature. Is blindness natural?

It seems like they're just simply making a description: This is the way it is; therefore it is okay, in the moral sense of the word. They are presuming some moral state of affairs based on a mere description, and that's an

example of the is-ought fallacy.

If they want to work on repairing the flaw in their argument, they're welcome to try that. It would involve introducing a moral term that can be substantiated into the premise to arrive at a conclusion with a moral term. They might say, "If a thing is natural, then it's moral. This is natural for me, therefore it's moral." Now, there's a valid argument. I don't think it's sound, but at least it doesn't commit the is-ought fallacy.

Let's look at the teleological argument based on function. The teleological argument isn't about just the way a thing works, but the way a thing is intended to work – purpose.

My pen functions a certain way. It doesn't just function that way by accident. It was intended by someone to function with a purpose. For those who are not familiar with this, teleology means 'end.' A *telos* is 'end' as in 'goal.' Something is intended for a purpose and it's used for that purpose.

So if I intend to go from Los Angeles to Napa which is north of Los Angeles but I get in my car and head south on the 405 to the 5, and then head down towards the Mexican border, you can see that I am going the wrong direction. But, of course, the word "wrong" here means that I am not moving towards my goal. I am not accomplishing the goal that I intended to accomplish. I am actually moving in a way that's inconsistent with my goal, and therefore we can call it the wrong direction.

I'm not actually using a moral 'wrong' in this particular illustration, but notice how you can understand right or wrong in terms of teleology, depending on what the goal is. If I have a loose screw on the refrigerator and I choose a butter knife to tighten the screw, I'm going to ruin the butter knife because I'm not using it for its intended purpose. It's not made to function as a screwdriver, even if it can be used that way in a pinch. It will get bent or can slip out and scratch the refrigerator. It wasn't fulfilling its *telos*, its purpose, or its function, and therefore it was being used wrongly.

With that as a foundation, let's look at whether the teleological argument against homosexuality suffers from the is-ought fallacy.

One way of arguing against homosexuality is to say that males were not intended to have sex with other males, and we can tell that by the way sexual organs appear to be intended to function. Because men were

not intended to have sex with other males, and they do so, then they are violating their natural teleology, their natural function. But notice that in the nature of the argument we are making a moral claim implicitly up front. We're saying, We ought to use things the way they were intended by their Maker to be used, consistent with their teleology. This isn't that way, therefore it's wrong. It's not arguing merely on how bodies are naturally, but how they are intended to function naturally. The teleology is the moral term in the premises.

Incidentally, this is the very argument that is being used in the Bible in both the Old Testament and the New Testament regarding homosexuality. In the book of Leviticus,

it talks about homosexuality being a capital crime, and an abomination. Leviticus 18:22, "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination." The purpose of sex is for a man and woman, so it's an abomination when that intended function is violated by homosexual sex.

In Romans 1:26, the New Testament says, "For this reason, God gave them over to degrading passions, for their

women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural," that is, different than what God intended. "And in the same way, also, men abandoned the natural function of the woman, and burned in their desire towards one another." The translation used here is the New American Standard Bible because I think the NIV is woefully inadequate in the way it translates this passage from the Greek.

Paul is saying that when it comes to sexual desire, women were made for men, and men for women, and that's the functional relationship that God designed them

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for. They are violating this functional relationship by instead sexually desiring one that was not intended. And, in fact, the wording about male homosexuality is, "They abandoned the natural function of the woman." So the woman that God provided for them, they are abandoning that for something that, in God's teleology, is unnatural. So that's the way our natural law argument works in these two passages.

Of course, this trades on the notion that human beings, in this case, were made for certain ends. And if a person wants to deny God, then we weren't made for certain ends, and that's a way to get out of this argument. So does this argument work for people who are not theists?

The appearance of design suggests genuine design. The appearance of teleology suggests genuine teleology, and so examples of teleology in the natural realm point to the existence of God. That's what a teleological argument for God's existence amounts to - the argument from design. So the teleology, to me, is evidence for God, and that entails certain moral obligations to the God that created with purpose.

Let's just say somebody says, "I don't believe that." I say, okay, you're welcome to not believe it, but then you can't argue teleologically. In fact, you can't even argue that if it's natural, it's okay, because you're

arguing a certain teleology: that if you find it in nature, that means it's morally acceptable. You can't help yourself to the teleological argument if you don't believe in God.

What you ought to be saying, if you don't believe in God, is, 'It's just molecules clashing in the universe. There is no right and wrong, so you have no justification for claiming that I'm wrong.' Now, that would be consistent - the relativistic view of a materialistic universe. But, of course, then they can't complain about their "rights" because rights don't have any place in a purely naturalistic system. Rights are part of teleology, endowed with creation.

It really is an issue of consistency of worldviews here, as you can see. But I think a more precise understanding of the teleological argument and the is-ought fallacy helps us to answer the original challenge the caller had.

About Greg's ministry...

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Prayer Update

Please pray for the Christians of North Vietnam. Those who have been led astray by Howard Camping's false prophesy (see Editorial) and those who are now trying to undo the damage and give them hope.

Pray, too, for so many young men and women who are being led astray by false teachers who tell them it is OK to have a same-sex attraction (SSA) and those who are supporting normalising the unnatural.

Pray for the battle going on in our parliament over the issue being wrongly called 'same-sex marriage'.

Pray that our government will not bring shame upon that institution we call marriage - which God created.

God's word clearly speaks of healing and wholeness - freedom from the power of sin - and that is the 'gospel', the good news that SSA people need to hear.

Pray that those struggling with SSA will be supported by true Bible believers, that they will be strengthened in their struggle and brought through to complete healing. It is not an easy journey and many fail,



just as many who make a commitment to Christ fail to run the course.

But Paul tells us all that we must 'run the race and finish the course' if we are to spend eternity with our Saviour.

Pray that Christians can stay true to the Word of God and follow Christ regardless of the increasing number of false teachers and 'slack' Christians, as Peter puts it, who are happy to compromise, reinterpret, and stand with a foot in both camps.

Pray that Christians will come from across Australia to Canberra in support of Marriage (see ad on Page 14).

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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In Defence of Marriage

Hear US author **Rebecca Hagelin** speak about "How to save your family" and **Kevin Andrews MP** speak on "Defending Marriage".

Endeavour Forum meeting - Friday August 19, 2011 at 7.30 pm.

Venue: O'Hanlon Centre, Mitchell St., Mentone, Vic. 3194. (Car parking available in St. Patrick's School grounds, entrance via Childers St). \$5 donation appreciated.

Halal Choices

Over the past year, we have written several articles about 'halal' food. Halal is the term used by Muslims for food that is 'acceptable' to eat. We've discussed the ritual 'halal' slaughter of meat (with a prayer to Allah, killing the animal (often without stunning) whilst facing Mecca.

We've written about 'halal certification' procedures for food items. In Australia, there are 15 organisations which 'certify' food as halal. As well as meat, a wide range of foods are now 'halal certified' - most of these do not contain any meat product at all.

Why do they need 'halal certification'?

The 'halal certification' of food items is often a political tool to promote Islam. It is also used by Islamic group individuals to make money, since manufacturers pay a fee for every 'halal certified' food item.

Some food items are labelled with a 'symbol' indicating the product has halal certification. However, we've also found that many companies (such as *Nes* have their food 'halal certified' and pay a fee to one of the Islamic certifying groups, but DON'T TELL US the product is 'halal certified'.

That's where the new website '*Halal choices*' is helpful. The website includes information about halal and halal certification. It lists food items according to whether they are 'halal certified', or have halal ingredients (such as 'halal gelatin', made from halal-slaughtered cows). In addition, the website ALSO lists foods that are NOT halal certified and encourages us to support those companies.

For instance, *Arnott's* says, "*Arnott's* does not certify its products sold in Australia or New Zealand based on any particular religious beliefs or social preferences."

That's a model that we could encourage other companies to follow!

The *Halal Choices* website gives consumers a choice - so that we can choose NOT to eat food that is 'halal certified'.

Currently there is one list of products on the website - with products and companies in an alphabetical list. As the website develops there will be a list organised by food item - for instance, bread... which bread is 'halal certified' and which isn't. You might be surprised to find that many bread brands are actually certified 'halal'. And so are 26 varieties of *milk* produced by *Parmalat* - these include *Pauls, Rev, Dairy Farmers, Coles, IGA* and *Woolworths*!



But many companies have been told that getting their food products 'halal certified' will help in their export markets, how many companies are actually exporting fresh bread and milk?

Halal Choices doesn't want food to be 'halal certified' at all, as they don't want to see Muslims as imposing Islamic practices on Australians - a form of dhimmitude. However, they say, if manufacturers do pay a fee to Islamic groups for certification, then they should label their food accordingly so we can choose whether or not to eat that food.

ACTION: What can I do?

The website has information on how to contact companies to ask them not to have their food 'halal certified' - and to label it clearly if it is 'halal certified'. The website organisers tell us that the manufacturers of *Coon* and *Cracker Barrel*, which are currently 'halal certified' are considering NOT certifying them in the future because of consumer concerns. Action does work!

The website: www.halalchoices.com.au

UNFPA, Population Policy & Sexual Health

Is the earth catastrophically over-populated? Most people seem to think so, because that is all we have heard from certain groups including the *United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)* for 40 years or more.

But things are changing. In an interview with the UK *Sun*, about a new campaign, **7 Billion Actions**, *UNFPA* Executive Director Babatunde Osotimehin said, “If you stood all seven billion people next to each other they wouldn’t fill the state of California ... Prescriptive population control policies that limit the birthrate are no longer appropriate.”

In a recent article in *National Geographic*, Paul Kunzig pointed out that a long line of population growth alarmists, including Thomas Malthus and Paul Erlich, have been proven wrong in their predictions.

Terrence McKeegan, of *C-Fam’s Friday Fax*, says “Kunzig’s article drops a virtual bombshell regarding current worldwide fertility rates, courtesy of the head of the UN Population Division’s Hania Zlotnik, who said “At this moment, much as I want to say there’s still a problem of high fertility rates, it’s only about 16 percent of the world population, mostly in Africa.”

The Down Side

But there is a down side in the *UNFPA*’s new campaign. They have called for even more government “investment” in “reproductive health information and care” to empower young people and give them more choices

and allow them to take control of their generation’s demographic destiny.”

As well as information about sex and contraception, this also means abortion. As *C-Fam* reports, “Although *UNFPA* is still on record that it does not promote abortion, just last month it joined several other UN agencies in issuing a statement that access to safe abortion is an international human right”.

The *International Planned Parenthood Federation* works closely with the *UNFPA*. In fact, in 2010, *UNFPA* increased its contributions to IPPF to over \$1.6 million. Numerous national member organisations of the *IPPF* are active providers of abortion.

Naturally, the *IPPF* enthusiastically supports the *UNFPA* goal of “investing” in sexual and reproductive health services for adolescents. They

recently launched two new publications on abortion and sexual rights for youth. The sexual rights guide “**Exclaim!**” calls for a range of sexuality and gender protections and entitlements under the guise of international law, and calls for “comprehensive sexuality education”. It says “Governments must respect, protect and fulfil all sexual rights for young people.”

The second publication, the “**I Decide**” abortion diaries, provides stories of young women seeking abortions, as well as graphic descriptions of sex, detailed advice on RU486 and how to avoid pregnancy and how teens can evade disapproving parents.



Salt Shakers Annual Dinner - 24 September

Guest Speaker: Rev Dr Stuart Robinson

‘The Challenge of Islam’

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Fighting 'bigotry' ... by reading the Qur'an!

Reading the Qur'an in church?

You might think I'm making it up, but that is what happened in more than 70 churches around America on Sunday June 24, 2011.

The event was organised under the title 'Faith Shared'. The *Interfaith Alliance* and *Human Rights First* combined forces to call on clergy to read the Qur'an in church and set up the *Faith Shared* website to promote their efforts.

Why are they promoting Islam in churches?

According to the *Faith Shared* website, the aim is to "engage faith leaders on the national and community levels in interfaith events intended to highlight respect among people of different faiths."

In their press release announcing the event, the *Interfaith Alliance* said the event "seeks to send a message both here at home and to the Arab and Muslim world about our respect for Islam."

It's one thing to highlight respect for individual people, but promoting respect for Islam itself is another thing altogether!

The organisers claim the readings will "counter the anti-Muslim bigotry and negative stereotypes that have erupted throughout the country in the past year and led to misconceptions, distrust and in some cases, violence."

The example of "bigotry" they give is the recent burning of the Qur'an by an American pastor. Of course, there is no mention of the actual violence that erupted in Muslim nations, or the various acts of terrorism carried out around the world in the name of Islam. They make no distinction between the war of competing ideas and real violence.

The National Cathedral in Washington DC, long known as a supporter of interfaith

by Jenny Stokes

activity, was a key participant, This is how they were described on the Faith Shared press release: "Washington National Cathedral is a church for national purposes called to embody God's love and to welcome people of all faiths and perspectives. A unique blend of the spiritual and the civic, this Episcopal cathedral is a voice for generous-spirited Christianity and a catalyst for reconciliation and interfaith dialogue to promote respect and understanding."

Many evangelical Christian leaders criticised the event. Ken Silva, of *Apprising*

Ministries, who analyses religious trends, said that the reading of the

Qur'an in churches amounted to "spiritual treason". He told

World Net Daily, "I would think they need to have their spiritual reads examined. It's foolish to think that we're going to read

something that originates with demons and read that in a Christian church."

Worldview Weekend President Brannon Howse opposed the move, saying he wasn't surprised with the development. "I expect that of the mainline churches. Many of them have denied the essential Christian doctrines. They have denied the exclusivity of Jesus Christ. They have denied the inerrancy of Scripture; they've denied the inspiration of Scripture. So I'm not shocked that pagans would unite with pagans."

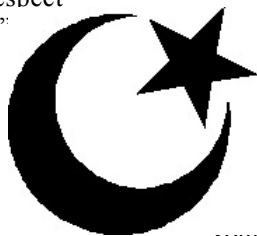
Having followed the interfaith movement for many years, we're not surprised by this development either!

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World News

New York: same-sex 'marriage'

The New York Senate passed a law to allow same-sex 'marriage' on June 24, 2011. The Bill was passed by a vote of 33 to 29.

Some Republicans supported the Bill and the Governor immediately signed it into law. The law took effect 30 days later, so same-sex 'marriages' are now being performed in New York. [NY Times, 24/6/2011]

Geert Wilders - NOT guilty!

Dutch politician Geert Wilders was acquitted by the *Dutch Court of Appeals* in late June. Mr Wilders was charged with five offences relating to 'hate speech' over his comments about Islam and his film *Fitna*.

The trial was suspended last year, with even the prosecutor saying he wasn't guilty - but the trial continued this year. The judge ruled that his statements were "acceptable within the context of the public debate". He said "The bench finds that, although gross and degenerating, it did not give rise to hatred." He also said that, although his comments may have frequently caused anxiety and insult, they were not criminal as they criticised Islam as a religion and not Muslims as a people.

[Telegraph, 23/6/2011]

After the verdict, Wilders said, "It is not only an acquittal for me, but a victory for freedom of expression in the Netherlands. Fortunately, you are allowed to discuss Islam in public debate and you are not muzzled in public debate. An enormous burden has fallen from my shoulders. It means it is legal to criticise Islam."

But that's not the end of the matter - the Dutch 'rights group' that brought the charges plans to take the case to the *European Court of Human Rights* or the

UN's *Human Rights Committee!*

USA and the Muslim Brotherhood

The USA formally recognised the **Muslim Brotherhood** in Egypt at the end of June. "We believe, given the changing political landscape in Egypt," said Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, "that it is in the interests of the United States to engage with all parties that are peaceful and committed to nonviolence, that intend to compete for the parliament and the presidency. And we welcome, therefore, dialogue with those Muslim Brotherhood members who wish to talk with us."

This is not a good move! As *Jihad Watch's* Robert Spencer pointed out, the *Muslim Brotherhood* is committed, in their own words, to "eliminating and destroying Western civilization from within, and sabotaging its miserable house." Read Robert's report: <http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=44789>

Holland & Multiculturalism

A new Bill has been presented to the Dutch government to end the multiculturalism that has encouraged Muslim immigrants to create a parallel society in Holland.

Under the new integration bill, which the Dutch Interior Minister Piet Hein Donner presented to parliament on June 16, immigrants would be required to learn the Dutch language, and a tougher approach would be taken against those who ignore Dutch values or break the law. Extra measures will be introduced, if necessary, to remove residence permits from immigrants who fail their integration course.

The government also plans to outlaw forced marriages and as of 1 January 2013 will impose a ban on face-coverings. A recent Poll showed that 74% of Dutch voters say that immigrants should conform to Dutch values and 83% supported a ban on burqas in public spaces. [Barnabas Fund, 8/7/2011]



Ministry News

Firstly, thank you to all those who helped us reach the end of another financial year in the black. No, we did not reach our Budget, but through careful administration we managed to pay all the outstanding bills.

Now another financial year starts and the battle continues for the Christian heritage and values that made this country the place so many people want to come to.

Interestingly, a short while ago we had a visit from a Pastor who had recently arrived from overseas. He was amazed to see how much this country had moved away from its' Christian roots. This is not the first time a new arrival has made such a statement.

All too often we are like the frog placed in a saucepan of cold water and placed on the stove: slowly the water temperature rises but the frog remains calm, slowly acclimatising to the increasing heat - until it dies.

In many ways, it is no wonder that some who come here then try to turn this nation into the place they left, perhaps feeling they have been deceived, that what they left was even better than what the West has become. PLEASE keep praying for us - for all those who work in our office.

And yes, we continue to need the finance to run our office and pay our staff for another year. They don't get less, in fact the expectation of increases in running costs are guaranteed if the Carbon Tax passes parliament and there will be NO compensation for organisations like ours!

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Today, Stuart travels the world teaching Christians how to reach out to Muslims and help them find the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour. He also teaches how to respond to the growing effort to Islamise the whole world.

He is the author of many books including the Australian Christian best seller 'Mosques and Miracles'. His latest booklet is 'The Challenge of Islam'.

Stuart greatly encouraged Peter and Jenny to start Salt Shakers and has been a constant encourager, Pastor and mentor to them over the last 16 years.

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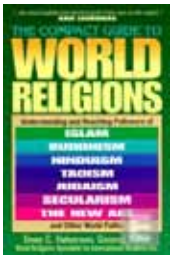
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