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Standing up for family values in society

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21 March 2026: The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) UK's Principles of Peace seminar offered an in-depth introduction to UPF's vision of peace and the teachings of its co-founders, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Mother of Peace. Through presentations by Rev. Dr. David Hanna and Robin Marsh, participants explored the foundations of peace, the causes of conflict, the path of restoration, and UPF's practical multi-sectoral approach to peacebuilding in the UK and around the world. At the start, Robin Marsh explained how the Universal Peace Federation employs a comprehensive approach to peacebuilding by engaging multiple sectors of society and launching peacebuilding initiatives. Dr. Hanna emphasized that lasting peace must be built on universal values rooted in God and true love,

interdependence (recognizing our connection to others), and mutual prosperity (working for shared benefit). True religious practice, he explained, should cultivate the virtues that support peace in relationships and society, such as humility, respect for others, fidelity in relationships, forgiveness, and love for others, including enemies. And then, Dr. Hanna presented a philosophical framework in which God possesses both an internal character and an external form. Regarding internal character, he said that "heart" [in this context] is understood as the impulse to experience joy through giving and receiving love, which gives rise to complementary relationships throughout creation. His first presentation explored how harmony is created through common purpose between persons or entities, proper subject-object relationships, and the generation of love, truth, beauty, and goodness through harmonious interaction.

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GENERAL IMPORTANT NEWS

MEET SPUC'S CHAMPIONS: LUCY WALKER

What is your role within the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children? I am the Development Officer for Scotland and Northern Ireland, meaning that I work as part of the Grassroots team to support, strengthen and encourage pro-lifers in their communities. **How did you first become involved with SPUC?** I heard a lot about SPUC from my parish and had friends who had been involved in a variety of ways. They seemed so passionate and willing to stand up for the most vulnerable in society that it was immediately attractive to me. Soon I began to feel convicted to join them. I am grateful that there were so many different ways for me to get involved like listening to talks at my parish, joining the annual torchlight procession and unforgettably, attending the youth conference. **What motivates you most about the pro-life movement?** For me, knowing that we are all committed to upholding the dignity and value of every human life and standing up against the greatest injustices of our time is profoundly motivating. As pro-lifers we all know why we do what we do and will persevere until we become a society which cherishes life in all its forms. **Do you have a favourite part of your job?** I love getting to hear of the wonderful work going on across the country, meeting our dedicated and passionate supporters from every generation, and joining them in standing up for the most vulnerable in our society. **What have you found most challenging since coming into your role?** Countering the current anti-life narrative can be demanding, we are quite literally in the fight

for our lives, which makes it all the more important that we are unwavering in standing for the truth. The pro-life movement is growing, and we need to continue to champion it together. I would encourage and challenge every pro-lifer to consider how you can join the Fightback! **Where would you love to see SPUC in five years' time?** I would love to see SPUC continue to grow to the point where we have an even stronger support network in every community across the UK, working to defend and nurture life regardless of size, location, stage of development, or degree of dependency. It is so inspiring to see how SPUC has responded to the needs of the pro-life movement until now and I am hopeful for the future.

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Letters and Emails Received

God bless you, John! You've been doing this for years!! [100th Edition of Update]. Wishing you a long, happy, healthy life in Jesus name. Best wishes, Leah.

Good afternoon John, Thanks for the latest Morality Forum Newsletter. My husband and I were very interested in reading the article by Robin Aitken. We have for some time believed that the BBC have been grooming British society both in terms of politics and morality. Thank goodness we have people like you and others who are prepared to bring these issues to light. God bless. Maria and Chris Rose.

Dear John, Issue #100? That's a jubilee edition of the Update! And I was surprised to find my name mentioned in it. ;-) Congratulations on your steady fight for the protection of marriage and family values. You're an inspiration to many. Just this morning, I signed the registration contract with a (Catholic!) Kindergarten that my daughter will attend from September onward. I was totally appalled by their pedagogical concept which includes "sex education." There are a number of leftist (secular!) organisations that have informed this concept and basically encourage children to "discover themselves" and touch each other to find out what they find pleasing and what they find uncomfortable. Kids are supposed to transgress limits in order to learn when to say "no". This is not sex education. This is grooming. Sex is distorted into a game, and detached from its holistic and sacred function of intimacy and bonding and its proper place of exploration, which is marriage. Do you have any experience with such cases? I feel inclined to file a complaint with the higher-ups and rally up the local parents. With best wishes, Dominic (from Vienna). A relevant reply was sent to Dominic.

Dear John, Many thanks. We are still busy in Dewsbury, & west Yorkshire. We have had UPF & inter-faith meetings. Thanks for the Morality Forum literature. Keep up the good work. Cllr John D. Nottingham BA (hons) Dip.H.E. (W. Yorks)

Dear John, Congratulations on the 100th edition of the Update, holding political and society "trends" to account. It continues to be needed. I'm always very impressed by the work you personally do. All the best. Jacqueline.

Morality Forum Action

Bruno Klotz sends out a weekly inspiring email to people on his email list: Father S. M. Moon "You must have the faith and conviction that you are a lighthouse lighting a dark world. The lighthouse will shine forth even in the worst kind of weather because that is the time ships need the lighthouse most. When you are surrounded by the thickest fog you must shine forth all the more. The more adversity the greater will be your light. Once you harness the power of the heart of God, you will have the energy to be a lightning bolt, lighting up all of the nation. The important thing is whether you have that explosive power in your hearts." We all are supposed to be the light of the world. How? By the power of our heart, which means by the quality and power of our love. The divine light is already in us, given by God, and what we need to do is to nurture and develop it, bring it to fruition, make it blossom. That is the hope of God who wants to see us in full bloom, being the brightest lights of the world: The world has been in utter darkness so far, with so much misery going on everywhere and all the time. We are also called to be like pure water that can purify our surroundings. How? By the quality and power of our love, our heart. Light and pure water basically mean the same thing, which is true love, a love on higher and higher levels. Rev. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon: "I earnestly pray you will all be as true blessed families such that the peace of your families and yourselves will be as pure water purifying your surroundings." We, however, are supposed to be the hope of the world by spearheading God's own revolution, the revolution of the heart. Only this revolution will save the world once and for all. We should never underestimate the power that we have in our heart, the power of true love. True love is the greatest power of all. This power in our hearts needs to be nurtured and developed.

On March 18th John O'Neill participated in a peaceful protest opposite the UK Houses of Parliament regarding the "Abortion Up to Birth" bill which was being debated in the House of Lords. Different pro-life organisations participated in the protest. Tragically, the Bill was voted through.

On March 8th John O'Neill was asked to speak about his pro-life work at the Church of the Grace of God at Caledonian Road in North London. John spoke about the Assisted Suicide and Abortion Up to Birth issues which were both being debated in the Houses of Parliament at that time. The Pastor, Bishop Charles Levi is very supportive about John's pro-life work and relevant leaflets were ordered.

John O'Neill continues to speak in different churches about the importance of each religious person taking responsibility to challenge the various evils in our nation. John highlights the importance of God-centred families as being the key to the peace and stability that we all long to see, based on living for the sake of others and becoming beings of true love.

On March 25th together with other members of the Harrow branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, John O'Neill participated in a pro-life vigil outside Kenton station. Placards were held up on the pavements on both sides of the road outside the station facing the traffic, with wording such as, "HUMAN RIGHTS BEGIN IN THE WOMB." There were a lot of positive responses from people passing by in their cars. These protests organised by the SPUC take place in many towns and cities in the UK.

Items from the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children such as booklets, leaflets and pamphlets continue to be widely distributed to numerous individuals and religious organisations. Relevant petitions continue to be forwarded to numerous religious organisations and individuals, including the UK mega churches.

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He described the "Three Foundations for Lasting Peace:"

"Individual Peace," which begins within each person through mind-body unity, self-mastery, and the alignment of thought and action; "Peace in Family and Society," where peace is learned and practiced in relationships rooted in true love, and that the family is the fundamental school of love and the basic unit of peace in society, and "Universal Peace," is peace which extends beyond human society to include care for creation, environmental responsibility, and stewardship of the natural world. He finished this presentation, stating, "Lasting peace must be built on universal values rooted in God and true love." Dr. Hanna's second presentation included a video on understanding the "Causes of Conflict and Path to Peace." He explained that conflict arises from prioritizing self over the greater whole. He said that self-centred thinking is encouraged by certain ideologies and described the tension between selfish tendencies and a human's original good nature. He cited "Four Aspects of Fallen Nature": Not loving others from God's perspective, leaving one's proper position or role, neglecting personal responsibility, and spreading evil through actions and influence. Dr. Hanna introduced a "Concept of Restoration," whose central theme is that restoration involves both divine and human effort combined, hinging on correcting wrongdoing and restoring lost positions or relationships. He gave Biblical examples, including the stories of Cain and Abel and Jacob and Esau. He showed how the concept of restoration applies to both personal conflicts and global issues. In his presentation, on "Peace Starts with Me," Dr. Hanna emphasized that peace must begin with individual change, and that transformation starts in the mind or heart - a principle reflected in UNESCO's founding documents. He highlighted how UPF Co-Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han's "Peace Starts with Me" rallies embody this concept. Dr. Hanna recommended "As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen" by Father Moon, describing it as a book containing profound life lessons rooted in his personal experiences in peace-making and spiritual insights on the subject. In the final presentation, Robin Marsh made a call to action, listing opportunities for involvement, including applying to become Ambassadors for Peace, volunteering or interning with UPF's associations, supporting fundraising efforts, assisting the secretariat's work, becoming a monthly donor, nominating candidates for Young Achiever Awards, and subscribing to UPF - UK's Newsletter. Ian Pelham Turner, a royal photographer, broadcaster and commentator, invited participants to contact him or the UPF team to appear on the Royally Rich Lifestyles Show to share their peace work and initiatives. The seminar concluded with Nila Balasubramanian's appointment as an Ambassador for Peace, in recognition of her contributions to peace-building efforts.

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Haley McNamara

Jury Finds META liable!

Dear John, Imagine: A 12-year-old girl opens an Instagram account. She just wants to chat with her friends and share fun photos. But then she's contacted by an adult man. He wants her to send him naked images. Confused and scared, she's not sure what to do. Soon, she's contacted by yet another man. This one wants to meet up with her in person. And then another man. And another. And another...

This was the experience on an Instagram account for a 12-year-old girl. Fortunately, the account was a fake one run by investigators, under the leadership of New Mexico Attorney General Raúl Torrez. However, what the investigators found echoes the real-life experiences of countless children across the country. That is why AG Torrez decided to sue Meta, alleging that the company neglected to implement safeguards that would have mitigated child sexual exploitation, while also misleading users about the safety of its platforms. I served as an expert witness in this case, providing deposition testimony in May 2025. And now, this lawsuit has culminated in a truly historic victory: the jury has found Meta liable on all counts and ordered the company to pay \$375 million in damages. This is a first of its kind victory. The vast majority of lawsuits against social media companies are thrown out before they can even get started, due to Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. For a case to make it to trial is almost unheard of ... let alone for a verdict to find the tech company liable. The implications of this breakthrough cannot be overstated. Over the years, Meta or its platforms have been repeatedly named to the NCOSE Dirty Dozen List for facilitating sexual exploitation. Sincerely, Haley McNamara, Executive Director and Chief Strategy Officer, National Centre on Sexual Exploitation

Religious Liberty Advocates Meet in Washington, D.C.



Washington, D.C. United States – The International Religious Freedom Summit 2026 gathered the world's top advocates for religious liberty in Washington, D.C. from February 1-3, 2026. For the third year in a row,

Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and The Washington Times Foundation (TWTF) served as title partners for this event. The summit drew over 1600 participants from 87 countries, representing dozens of faiths and beliefs. **Pastor Paula White-Cain**, senior adviser at the White House Office of Faith, said in her address to the assembly that religious liberty is a high priority for the U.S. president. "President Trump established the historic first time ever White House Faith Office...faith is so important to him that he elevated it to the highest level possible in his administration." Pastor White-Cain also stressed the importance of protecting minority religions and groups. "The test of our integrity is whether we will defend the rights of those whose beliefs differ from our own," she said. Other distinguished speakers included the co-chairs of IRF Summit 2026, **Amb. Sam Brownback** and Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett, as well as Dr. Michael Jenkins, president of UPF-USA and The Washington Times Foundation, and **Mr. Thomas McDewitt**, chairman of The Washington Times. UPF and TWTF sponsored a booth, with materials highlighting the rise of religious persecution in Asian democracies that were previously considered protectors of free speech and belief. They also hosted a dinner program at Washington Hilton's International Ballroom, attended by more than 500 of the world's leaders in religious freedom advocacy. The event included a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Lantos Swett. **Mr. Newt Gingrich**, former speaker of the U.S. House of

Representatives, addressed the meeting in a recorded video. He warned attendees that government attacks on minority religions could be the start of a dangerous crackdown on religious freedom around the globe. "This is a terrible problem because it goes to the very heart of our system," he said. "We believe that rights come from God, not from bureaucrats, not from lawyers, not from politicians, from God. And if a politician thinks that they have the power to come between God and the people, then you've just undermined the entire process." The dinner included a symbolic Water Ceremony, presided over by **Dr. Achille Acolats**, national director of the American Christian Leadership Conference, with members of the world faith community. It concluded with conference participants and faith leaders joining UPF leadership onstage to sign a proclamation in defence of religious freedom and in support of UPF co-founder **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon**, who is currently facing religious persecution. By *Michael Jenkins, President, UPF-USA. February 3, 2026*

UN seeks to redefine 'children's rights' to promote abortion, gender ideology

Clare Marie Merkowsky, Wed. Jan. 14th 2026 (LifeSiteNews) – United Nations is seeking to undermine parental rights and children's safety by redefining "children's rights" to include abortion access and the promotion of the LGBT ideology. From January 12-30, the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is meeting to discuss implementing their newly developed Convention on the Rights of the Child, which includes a draft policy promoting abortion and gender-confusion on children. "Mechanisms should treat the claims made by girls in an equal manner as other children, sensitive to their specific experiences, and address any discrimination in access on the basis of gender, for example, by refraining from imposing any requirement for approval by a male family member, especially for claims related to sexual and reproductive health and rights," draft general comment No. 27 declared. The draft promised to address various alleged "child rights violations" by ensuring "effective access to safe abortion services for adolescent girls." Later, the draft promised to protect the rights of "lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children." It further called on states to "take a gender-transformative approach, including by recognizing the gendered nature of certain rights violations and properly investigating related claims." The promotion of the LGBT agenda to gender-confused children is especially dangerous, as a significant body of evidence shows that "affirming" gender confusion carries serious harms, particularly when done with impressionable children who lack the mental development, emotional maturity, and life experience to consider the long-term ramifications of the decisions being pushed on them, or full knowledge about the long-term effects of life-altering, physically transformative, and often irreversible surgical and chemical procedures.

Studies find that more than 80 percent of children suffering gender dysphoria outgrow it on their own by late adolescence and that "transition" procedures, including "reassignment" surgery, fail to resolve gender-confused individuals' heightened tendency to engage in self-harm and suicide – and even exacerbate it, including by reinforcing their confusion and neglecting the actual root causes of their mental strife. The document, drafted in 2024, was issued for public consultation in 2025. Now, it is under review by the U.N. committee. While the document would not be legally binding, it would pressure other countries to embrace the U.N.'s radical pro-abortion and pro-LGBT agenda for children. Many have voiced concerns over the document, including prominent pro-family activist Chris Elston, known as "Billboard Chris." "The U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child is trying to classify abortion for minors as a child's right!" he wrote in an X post. "They are drafting new policy which will advise that parents are removed from the decision entirely." "Gender ideology is not a fad. Its is an inorganic

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movement pushed and funded by governments and intergovernmental bodies like the U.N. Until we stop them, we will never stop gender ideology,” he continued, linking to a CitizenGo petition to protest the draft. The petition, signed by thousands, warns, “If adopted, this text won’t stay on paper. It will become a new global standard and be cited in courtrooms, enforced in schools and hospitals, and used to pressure parents who refuse to comply.” “The draft treats abortion for minors as a child’s right that must be provided quickly, and removes parents from the decision entirely,” it continued. “It also pushes gender ideology, demanding that states reshape laws and institutions to affirm a child’s declared ‘gender identity’ sidelining parents who say no,” the petition stated. The U.N. has long been notorious for pushing a pro-abortion agenda under the pretext of “human rights.” It has criticized nations that ban abortions and attempted to establish an international “right” to abort, all while taking a selective approach to actual human rights violations from offending nations such as China, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela.

Bridget Phillipson says she doesn’t know why our children are unhappy. Tell her.

Dear marriage supporter, On Sunday, [UK] Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson told the Observer that “we don’t know why British children are some of the unhappiest”. She blamed screen time. She talked about children not playing outside enough. It was an admission from the minister responsible for children’s wellbeing. And it was wrong, because we do know. The evidence has been piling up for years. The Government simply will not say the word. UNICEF’s 2025 Report Card ranked the UK 27th out of 36 rich countries on children’s mental health. The Children’s Society found that UK 15-year-olds have the lowest life satisfaction in Europe – 25.2% reporting low life satisfaction, compared with the European average of 16.6%. What sits underneath those numbers? Family breakdown. The Institute for Fiscal Studies, using Millennium Cohort Study data, found that cohabiting parents were three times more likely than married parents to have separated by their child’s fifth birthday – 27% versus 9% – even after controlling for the mother’s education, ethnicity and background. Researchers at the University of St Andrews, tracking children’s family pathways using UK Household Longitudinal Study data, found that children whose trajectories included parental separation or the entrance of a non-biological father had the worst mental health outcomes of any group studied. Children do best when their parents are married. And the reason is not hard to find: married parents are more stable, and they are happier. Yet the same week Phillipson claimed ignorance, The Times ran a headline designed to obscure precisely this. A new study of over 26,000 Europeans, it reported, shows that “parenthood doesn’t make you happy”. That headline is a statistical trick. It averages together married parents – who are the happiest group in society – with single and cohabiting parents, who are considerably less happy. When you separate married parents out, the picture is transformed: 40% of married mothers report being “very happy,” compared with just 17% of unmarried mothers. Happier parents, more stable families, happier children. The pattern is consistent. And across one million European observations, Blanchflower and Clark confirmed it: when financial difficulties are controlled, children make married couples happier. The Government knows all of this. But the political climate punishes anyone who promotes marriage. This very week, journalist Zoë Grünwald branded pro-family policy “sinister”, and Labour minister Olivia Bailey dismissed it as ‘an exclusionary sham’. So, the evidence piles up, yet the

silence continues. That is not good enough. Britain’s children deserve better. They deserve the truth. Please write to Bridget Phillipson and tell her the answer she already knows. The answer is marriage. Ask her to say it! You can email her at: bridget.phillipson.mp@parliament.uk. You can forward this email or you can tell her in your own words that the evidence is clear. Tell her that children do best when their parents are married. Tell her the Government’s refusal to say the word ‘marriage’ is a political choice, not an evidence gap, and that Britain’s children are paying the price. *This article is published by permission of the Coalition for Marriage*

Bishop Conley says abortion remains ‘greatest issue of the day’ at Prayer Vigil for Life



Most Rev James D. Conley

Anthony Murdoch: Fri Jan 23, 2026 (LifeSiteNews) - A Catholic bishop who converted to the faith later in life and was not always pro-life gave a stirring sermon at the National Prayer Vigil for Life, noting abortion is the “greatest issue of the day” that must become “unthinkable”. The remarks were given by Most Reverend James D. Conley, bishop of Lincoln,

Nebraska, speaking to thousands of youth and others who gathered in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on the eve of the 2026 March for Life. Conley, who has spent the majority of his life as a priest and bishop supporting life, noted that “abortion is the greatest destroyer of peace in the world,” quoting St. Mother Teresa. “She knew that abortion was the greatest issue of the day,” he said. “No matter what happens politically,” said Conley, Catholics must “not abandon” mothers with children who need “help.” He warned that, despite laws being passed for life in recent years, Catholics must not stand idle and continue to defend life. “Our goal is not only make abortion illegal, our goal is to make abortion unthinkable,” he said to Mass attendees. Abortion is a “direct and intentional discretion of human life at its fundamental level,” he warned. “Imagine if there were over a million murders each year through gun violence. Would we tolerate that?” “Abortion is an attack on the family itself, which is meant to be a sanctuary of life,” he noted. Conley noted in his homily that other “grave threats” to life and the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, the “death penalty,” terrorism, and human trafficking. “There are also the redefinition of marriage and gender,” he said, and suffering of migrants and refugees, as well as racism and care of “our common home.” “But our brothers and sisters in the womb are the most vulnerable and most voiceless of victims,” he said.

Conley, while saying the overturn of Roe v. Wade was a good start, called out the “millions” of “chemical abortions” taking place in the United States each year, saying they must end. As reported by LifeSiteNews, last year, Bishop Conley of Lincoln became the fourth prominent Catholic prelate in the United States to denounce left-wing Cardinal Blase Cupich’s decision to bestow a “Lifetime Achievement Award” on pro-abortion, pro-LGBT Democratic U.S. Senator Dick Durbin. He said he was “shocked and bewildered.” Thursday evening saw thousands of pilgrims gather in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., to join in prayer for an end to abortion. The National Prayer Vigil for Life began with a Mass, whose chief celebrant was Bishop Conley, at which he delivered his pro-life sermon. Giving opening remarks at the Mass was Cardinal Robert McElroy, the heterodox archbishop of Washington who is not without controversy. He began by welcoming

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TRUE FAMILY VALUES MINISTRY

What are True Family Values?

A. All social problems begin with family problems

3. The resulting social problems include:

- Sexual promiscuity: Two-thirds of American 10th graders have engaged in sex; one-third have sexual intercourse regularly. Everyday in America, 8,441 teenagers become sexually active, 2,756 teenage girls become pregnant, and 1,100 teenage girls have abortions. 20% of full-blown AIDS cases are contracted by teenagers.
- The effect upon youth: Since 1960, the juvenile crime rate is up 600%. 135,000 teenagers bring a gun to school daily. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among teenagers (one attempt every 80 seconds). A 1994 study by Duke University reported that family breakdown is the main cause of suicide by young males. There are 600,000 child prostitutes, boys and girls, in the U.S. An estimated 4,000 young persons are kidnapped, sexually assaulted and murdered each year.
- Crime and poverty: Since 1960, the rate of violent crime has risen over 300%, sexually-transmitted diseases are up 200%, economic productivity has dropped by 90%. In Los Angeles County, gang murders ran about 1,000 a year in the mid-1990s. 5,000 violent crimes are reported daily in America. In 1990, more than one third of all murders were committed by someone under the age of 21. 54% of Americans see homeless people in their community or on the way to work; 29% observe the sale of illegal drugs in their community or on the way to work.

4. Civilizations fall as a result of family breakdown. Rome fell as a result of this problem. American society is like the latter days of the Roman Empire. The family is the basic unit of our society, and it has a cancer. And yet the components of the cancer, illegitimacy, promiscuity, adultery, increased divorce, homosexuality, are accepted as lifestyles and even exalted. (Cited in William F. Buckley, Family breakdown is a crime, Washington Times Weekly Edition, Feb. 19-25, 1996) America will fall, just as surely as Rome did. America, like Rome, suffers from:

- Family breakdown. According to a 1989 report on America's young people, entitled, Code Blue, . . . the challenges to the health and well-being of America's youth are not primarily rooted in illness of economics. Unlike the past, the problem is not childhood disease or unsanitary slums. The most basic cause of suffering in our youth today is profoundly self-destructive behavior.

Hedonism, a materialistic, individualistic, pleasure-seeking culture. Gambling, corruption of advertising, debt rather than savings, entertainment industry. In its report on the state of marriage in America, The Council on Families observed, In the domain of marriage and family life, our recent explosions of freedom have taken a terrible and largely unexpected toll. Relationships between men and women are not improving, they are becoming more difficult and more unhappy. Many women are experiencing chronic economic insecurity.

Many men are isolated and estranged from their children. Many more people are lonely.

- Corruption of religious life (adulterous clergy, homosexuality condoned, child abuse by priests). The Christian spirit is superficial (divisiveness, racism, lack of ability to solve social problems despite large numbers of professing Christians and great wealth of the churches).
- Excessive governmental power, with the expectation that politics and economics will solve social ills. Special interest groups, political factions, high taxes, deficit spending, ethic of entitlement.

The Consequences of Family Breakdown

A. Why does family breakdown have such devastating consequences? It is because the family is the foundation of civilization.

1. The family is the most important school for our lives.

- The family is the school of love (Reverend Moon) and school of peace (Pope John Paul II). Bill Clinton, in his 1996 State of the Union Address, stated: Our first challenge is to cherish our children and strengthen America's family. Families are the foundation of American life. If we have stronger families, we will have a stronger America.
- The experiences which shape our fundamental character take place in the family from the moment of birth.
- The place where we have our first experiences of human behavior.
 - Children learn filial piety as induced by the genuine care of their parents for them, and seeing the behavior of their elder siblings toward their parents.
 - Children learn harmonious relations between brothers and sisters by the example of the harmonious love between their father and mother.
 - Children learn parental heart by taking care of their younger siblings.
 - If they don't see these things, they grow up with scars.
- The place in which people and things are valued.
 - Children learn their own value through the love they receive.
 - Children learn the value of other persons by the way others express love to each other.
 - Children learn the value of things through how others treat things in the household.

2. The first school of ethics and morality.

- The school of manners and deportment.
 - Parents naturally and irrepressibly try to instill moral norms in their children.
 - No parent wants their child to be violent, rude or selfish. Parents are proud when their children respect others and earn the respect of others.
- Family characteristics are handed down.
 - Many clans excel because of the family tradition of education or public service.
 - Bad characteristics and habits, such as smoking, alcoholism and mental illness, also run in families.

3. The basic structure of human existence.

- Animals form families only to multiply. The bond of kinship is temporary and biologically-based.
- Human kinship bonds are permanent elements of our lives.
- The family is the first institution of human life.
- The family is the universal institution for human existence.

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delegates from many religious orders, as well as a contingent of Orthodox priests and bishops. Apostolic Nuncio Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's ecclesiastical ambassador to the United States, read a letter on behalf of Pope Leo XIV, noting that the Pontiff stressed respect for life at "all stages." "May Jesus, who promised to be with us always, accompany you today, as you courageously and peacefully march on behalf of unborn children," Leo said in his letter. "By advocating for them, please know that you are fulfilling the Lord's command to serve him in the least of our brothers and sisters." Pierre then noted that Leo imparted his "apostolic blessing" on all marchers. The prayer vigil ran until 8:00 a.m. Friday to kick off the 2026 March for Life. In his homily, Bishop Conley noted that he has been coming to the March for Life for decades since his seminarian days, noting it is like a "shot in the arm" to be among youth who "share a passion and joy" for the gift of life. He was not always on board with life, however. "I have not always been pro-life. I didn't grow up Catholic, or have the benefit of Catholic education," he noted. He recalled when *Roe v. Wade* came down in 1973, "we were taught that the fetus was just a blob of tissue. A mass of cells." "Abortion really didn't seem like a big deal to me," he said. Conley said that his views of abortion began to change after a friend of his, whose girlfriend became pregnant, asked him and his friends to "chip in" some money so that they could "take care of the problem." "I do remember feeling deep down inside of me that there was something wrong with all of this. I didn't know what, and I didn't know why," he told Mass attendees. Conley recalled how he had known his friend's girlfriend since middle school, and that he felt sad for her and his friend for a "long time." Later in life, while in college, he said that being exposed to art, music, and history led him to "[discover] truth" and beauty as well as the Catholic Church, which he said is "Truth." Conley got baptized and confirmed in college and then obtained a copy of *Humanae Vitae*. After he read it, "now I knew why I felt so uneasy and sad in high school. For the first time I saw that human life was a mysterious gift from God," he said, noting that "human sexuality has a unique sacredness and beauty." Conley said that God's plan for him meant he looked at the world through a Catholic lens, noting how his eyes were open, which later led him to become a priest. He was appointed a diocesan pro-life director shortly after being ordained.

WHO REALLY FAILED GEN Z? THE TRUTH ABOUT THE COLLEGE LITERACY CRISIS

By Edwin Benson

February 10th, 2026. A recent article in *Fortune* describes a trend that should cast doubt on all modern educational theories. The shocking headline states, "Gen Z Are Arriving to College Unable to Even Read a Sentence." The *Fortune* article primarily discusses the reactions of college-level instructors and how they deal with the situation. However, such a focus is less valuable than asking a more basic question. How did these young people, many of them extremely bright, find it difficult to read and comprehend complete sentences? Teaching that Prizes Brevity: As a recently retired high school history teacher, I am convinced that this inability stems from the prevailing teaching methods in most schools. Until the last couple of generations, humanities teachers primarily focused on reading as a primary means of instruction. Unfortunately, modern teaching methods discourage long passages, much less books. These methods emphasize skills rather than content. This weakness exists in both of the prevailing theories of modern education – critical theory and direct instruction. Critical theory has its roots in Marxist doctrine.

Its primary goal is to challenge and to expose. It seeks to demolish the "power structures," to level social inequities and to depict change as a process in which the "oppressed" overwhelm their "oppressors." Many place teachers who use traditional methods among the oppressor class. In the modern school, "critical thinking" is often achieved by presenting carefully selected, usually very brief, statements designed to elicit radical opinions from students. The result is a great deal of indoctrination and very little logical analysis. Direct instruction also features small pieces of information. It is less inclined toward indoctrination than critical theory and is, therefore, preferable. However, it, too, has severe limitations. One of its practitioners describes it as "a systematic method of teaching with emphasis on proceeding in small steps, checking for understanding, and achieving active and successful participation by all students." (Emphasis added.) Another theorist adds, "Everyone can learn, and everyone can teach if equipped with methodologies and techniques. And everyone's learning and teaching success can be measured and assessed." The problem with focusing on small bits is that students never learn how to deal with large blocks of information. They are especially ill-equipped to grasp ideas that require more than a paragraph to explain. This inability is not due to limited intelligence; it comes from a lack of practice. It would be rather like expecting a piano student to miraculously play Mozart when all they have been taught is to render scales.

Two Skills Effective Teachers Possess: Traditional education practices focus on far larger blocks of information. However, in the hands of unskilled practitioners, these can fail as well. It is common to dismiss learning content as a process of memorizing lists of events, dates and persons. Unfortunately, in unskilled hands, this can happen. To handle large amounts of content effectively, teachers need two attributes. The first is the ability to explain complex ideas in easily understood sentences. The second is conveying to students that possessing knowledge, in and of itself, is one of life's greatest pleasures. The ability to explain complex material in simple words can only come to teachers in one way – thorough knowledge and understanding of the material that they teach. There is no substitute, no way to "fake it." It is impossible to explain what one does not know. Yet, university schools of education seldom focus on imparting knowledge to aspiring teachers. Their faulty attitude is that equipping their students with modern teaching methods trains aspirants to teach anything. Such an approach may produce mediocrity in several fields but seldom inspires mastery in any one discipline. The second skill is, perhaps, even more challenging to isolate, but it is no less crucial. Whether students enjoy the subject being taught or not, they can instantly sense whether or not their teacher enjoys it. There is a kind of enthusiasm that seeps effortlessly into the presentation of information, and the instructor takes pleasure in explaining it. Often, that sense is contagious, and students leave having enjoyed a topic they thought to be deadly dull at the beginning of class.

Understanding Requires Complexity: Let us assume a teacher is introducing the events that led to World War II. The first step is to explain why the war was so important, the nations involved, the personalities of the various leaders, and the reasons those nations decided to make war on each other. Then, one moves on to the specifics, constructing the lesson so that students grasp the connections between those events and their effects on the war's course. Authors construct most good books in the same way. They introduce their topics and explain their importance. They explain their thesis, the case they are going to make. Only after carefully completing these two steps do they proceed to the details they will use to construct the stories they relate. The topic may be large or small, famous or obscure, play out over years or only a few

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days. Nonetheless, the author or teacher must follow it, or the narrative becomes confusing, and the readers or students soon abandon the process. It is long-since time to return to the idea that teachers must possess a deep understanding of the content at hand. Focusing on process and small bits of information rather than broad areas of knowledge unnecessarily handicaps students. The result is the malady described in the Fortune article by Pepperdine professor Jessica Hooten Wilson. "It's not even an inability to critically think, it's an inability to read sentences." Surely American schools, after two centuries of practice and millions of successful graduates, can do better than that. *This article is published by permission of Tradition, Family, Property – TFP*

Beyond Ceremony: Bridge of Peace, a Chance for Conversation and Reconciliation, One Pair at a Time

By Dr. Marivir Montebon.



New York, March 23, 2026: After 27 years, the Women's Federation for World Peace International brought back the Bridge of Peace Program at the auspices of the UN in New York in time for the Commission on the Status of

Women 70th Session. Some 125 guests came to the Luncheon event on March 12, 2026, at the UN Delegates Dining Room hosted by Kaileigh Moffitt. "The last time we conducted the Bridge of Peace Program at the UN was 27 years ago. Today, we will do it once again to show to the world leaders a model of peacebuilding through forgiveness and reconciliation," said Merly Barlaan, WFWPI Vice President for Administration and UN Relations Offices Director. WFWP President Moriko Hori and Dr. Taj Hamad, chairperson of the Universal Peace Federation International, opened the event and welcomed guests.

Keynoting the event was Ms. Anna Fierstor Fierst, historian and Board chairperson of the Eleanor Roosevelt Centre at Val-Kill. Fierst is the great granddaughter of US First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, a diplomat and human rights activist and crafter of the UN Declaration of Human Rights. Fierst comes from a long lineage of Roosevelt women activists. Her mother, Eleanor Roosevelt Seagraves, 98, is the daughter of Anna Roosevelt, the eldest and only daughter of FL Eleanor Roosevelt. In her speech, Fierst recalled the activism of her great grandmother as constant, energetic, and mindful of the plight of others. She believed that Roosevelt's legacy, the UNDHR, had often been underappreciated, but was central in peacebuilding and keeping wars at bay after WWII. Dr. Katarina Connery, WFWP USA President explained that the Bridge of Peace is a special program designed to celebrate reconciliation, unity, and lasting peace among individuals and families. It uses personal and historical lens, pairs who cross the bridge of peace go through dialogue and commitment to achieve personal peace and global understanding. Fierst was paired with a family friend Ms. Alexa Ward in the bridge crossing ceremony, having reconciled old family conflicts on politics. For the national pair, there was Anastasia Takhnenko of Russia and Yulia Tareshchuck of Ukraine. The third pair was given to models of women leadership - Dr. Jennifer Okeke, chairperson of the

National Women's Council of Ireland, and Penny Rankin, president of the National Council of Women of Canada. Four women leaders were given the Global Women Peace Ambassador Awards: Dr. Raina Massey, founder of the Church of New India in New York, Karen Davila, UN Women National Goodwill Ambassador for the Philippines, Ivanna dela Torre, Systems and Behavior Change Advisor KayaROI, and Maria Isabel Buencamino, leadership coach and founder of the Women of the World.

From a mother: What the local school and the LGBT movement did to my son.

By Diane Splitz

MassResistance. January 25, 2026: My son started the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) club in his high school in 2010. Founded in 1988 by GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network), the national GSA movement had a goal of establishing these clubs and recruiting members in every K-12 school and college across the country. Much of their success can be attributed to the fact that they are part of a well-organized and well-funded network of sexual-radical activists and regional organizations working together to find students like my son and turn them into foot soldiers to uproot our country's Judeo-Christian foundation, redefine morality, and reshape the culture. Growing up in a Christian family, I learned that homosexuality was a sin. But I was later taught in college that people are "born that way." Then in graduate school, I studied the effects of childhood traumas and negative experiences during the formative years on teenagers and adults. The data revealed that sexual abuse, exposure to pornography, being the victim of excessive bullying, and various other factors are the true causes of "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" issues. So, when my husband and I learned that our son had experiences that made him susceptible to homosexuality and other mental health issues, we were devastated. Our paediatrician referred him to a counsellor and over the next few years he seemed to be doing fine. When we transitioned him from a Christian school to a public high school near our home on Cape Cod in Massachusetts, we didn't know that the LGBTQ agenda had become so pervasive in the secular schools. Academically rigorous and morality-based curricula had been replaced with ones designed to deconstruct identities grounded in nature, faith, and family while promoting alternative lifestyles – often using graphic content to stimulate impressionable minds. Teachers regularly attend in-service programs where they are trained to insert LGBTQ content into their lessons. Those opposed to these mandates have learned to stay silent or pay the consequences. To put it simply, students are being groomed in addition to academic changes, schools now allow Spirit Day, the Day of Silence, Transgender Day of Visibility, pro-LGBTQ assemblies disguised as anti-bullying programs, and other LGBTQ events each year to interrupt what should be productive school days.

Also, students throughout the country participate in the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behaviour Survey and similar state and local surveys. In these surveys, tweens and teens are asked about their sexual histories and, in doing so, they are introduced to behaviours they often have no knowledge of. The true purpose is to generate curiosity about and normalize such practices. The data is then used to secure public funding to (supposedly) prevent suicide, treat mental and physical issues related to the behaviours being promoted, and to further propagate the LGBTQ agenda. Given his history and all the LGBTQ promotion, my son approached an activist guidance counsellor and said, "I think I might be gay." Then, without our knowledge, she referred him to the

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regional Gay Straight Alliance organization, called Cape and Island Gay and Straight Youth Alliance (CIGSYA), now called We Thrive LGBTQ+ and Ally Centre for Cape Cod and the Islands. The names of these organizations have changed in recent years to accommodate students with “identities” previously excluded, such as bisexual, transgendered, and all the newly created identities that people outside of the educational and other woke communities have never heard of. These centres exist all over the country. For young people, 22-years old and younger, they promise safety, respect, and a judgment-free environment where they will find support, camaraderie, and fun with the chance to go on field trips and attend special events. The larger purpose is far more sinister. Such centres exist to trap confused adolescents in identities born out of trauma and negative experiences, and to create an army of activists to advance their agenda. While the “born that way” narrative is constantly reiterated, the message to heterosexual allies (who attend to support their “oppressed” friends) is that they are young and don’t really know who they really are. They are then encouraged to experiment. In an environment where the level of your victimhood can elevate your popularity – combined with dopamine-inducing sexual experimentation – a non-heterosexual identity can emerge. This is psychological reconditioning occurring behind the backs of parents during the stage of development when hormones are raging and identities are being solidified.

These centres excel at community outreach, developing relationships with activist school personnel in their district. This includes teachers, guidance counsellors, and even administrators. These activist educators identify students they can refer to the centre to receive counselling, education, and training. New recruits are often assigned mentors – older kids who can guide them and maybe even provide transportation, as our son’s mentor did. They can visit the centre and arrive home before their parents return from work, none the wiser. The kids learn that homosexuality and transgenderism are natural and normal and that they should be their “authentic” selves. They learn about the history and heroes of their marginalized and persecuted group. They are also told that the movement is not about sex but about identity, even while provided with sexually provocative literature, condoms, dental dams, lubricants, and health clinic pamphlets where they can receive free testing and treatment for STDs (without their parents’ knowledge). Christian kids like our son, get schooled in gay theology. They learn that the Bible affirms homosexuality, that Sodom and Gomorrah were punished for being inhospitable (not sexually immoral) that King David was gay, and that Jesus never addressed homosexuality in the Bible. What is omitted from their doctrine is the fact that Jesus (a descendent of King David) reaffirmed that God made us male and female, and that sexual relations outside of a marriage between a husband and wife is a sin. As a result, some find their way to progressive churches that will tell them what their itching ears want to hear, while others abandon their faith entirely, conforming to the ways of the culture. Part of the indoctrination process is learning how to “come out” to people, including parents. Kids are taught how to respond to every possible concern or objection, how to train others in all things LGBTQ, and in cult-like fashion, how to disassociate with anyone they deem too hateful and homophobic to be swayed. While it is commonly believed that parents are the ones who reject and disown their LGBTQ children in family estrangement situations, our experience has taught us that it is more often forced on parents by their children at the encouragement of their new community. Parents are encouraged to speak with club directors and staff, who are more experienced and persuasive than their children, and are also referred to Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

(PFLAG) a nation-wide group made up of pro-LGBT activist parents. They, too, propagandize, indoctrinate, and offer camaraderie. The PFLAG activists share stories of the “difficulties” they had when their children “came out” and guide parents toward acceptance. They attempt to scare you into believing your child will commit suicide if you don’t embrace their new identity, and they refuse to hear alternative viewpoints on how such identities may be formed. They won’t discuss concerns over the many illnesses associated with homosexual behaviour, such as AIDS and other STDs, hepatitis, sepsis, other infectious diseases, liver cancer, or bowel incontinence (a.k.a. Gay Bowel Syndrome). The ultimate goal is to recruit parents to join in the activism alongside their children. As a result of activist staff and administrators in our son’s high school working in collusion with the regional GSA centre without our knowledge or consent, our son continues to live a homosexual lifestyle. His anger toward us has only increased over time as he has immersed himself deeper into this subculture and he rejects any attempts on our part to reconnect with him. The wounds remain painful to our entire family. As we maintain hope that he will one day find healing and return home, where he is truly loved, I pray that by sharing our story with other parents we can help to spare other families from experiencing this nightmare.

New coalition launches massive campaign to overturn homosexual ‘marriage,’ its harms to children

Doug Mainwaring. Wed Jan 28, 2026 – (LifeSiteNews): A massive national campaign to overturn *Obergefell* – the Supreme Court’s ill-conceived 2015 ruling instituting homosexual “marriage” – was announced today. A coalition of organizations across the country, led by *Them Before Us*, a leading advocacy organization defending children’s rights to their mother and father, launched the *Greater Than* campaign, to push the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn *Obergefell* and prioritize children’s rights. For years, homosexual activists have portrayed themselves as victims of a culture where heterosexuality is normative as they sought to establish the right to legally “marry,” to obtain children, and to claim an array of additional LGBT-imagined “rights.” They argued that there would be no impact on the rest of society, but as it turns out, legalizing homosexual “marriage” has led to a cascade of devastating consequences for children. The Supreme Court’s *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision handed privileges to homosexual adults while stealing inviolable rights and protections away from children. It elevated the desires of adults over the universal longings of children. Because of same-sex “marriage,” children are now routinely starved of maternal or paternal love, acquired by predators, mass produced, and trafficked across borders. They struggle with identity confusion and are subjected to risky households. “Since the redefinition of marriage a decade ago, we’ve seen the consequences: parenthood treated as replaceable, and children deprived of the unique love and guidance only a mother and father can provide,” said Katy Faust, founder and president of Them Before Us (TBU) and a spokesperson for the camp. “Ten years of *Obergefell* have shown us, loud and clear, that children deserve better and that they are Greater Than adult desires – and it’s time we make a change,” declared Faust. “Which is why this coalition of parents, faith leaders, influencers, nonprofits, and policy makers have linked arms to undo the harm of *Obergefell*, push the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn it, and to protect the rights of children nationwide.” The campaign highlights the destructive impact *Obergefell* has had on family law and the disastrous commodification of children that has resulted. Recent stories of children being **mass-produced**, acquired by **convicted sex offenders**, and procured by **elderly retirees**, were all made possible by the *Obergefell*-driven legal validation of adult desires and

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identities. *Greater Than* centres the true victims – children deprived of their mother or father – rather than adults who mistake unfulfilled wants for harm. Parenthood centred around adult desire rather than child need resulted in: Sex-based parenthood was erased. “Mother” and “father” were replaced with interchangeable, gender-neutral “parents.” Biological bonds were downgraded. A child’s relationship to his or her biological parents became optional rather than foundational. Infertility was redefined. Homosexuals were declared “infertile,” enabling insurance or state-subsidized manufacturing of motherless or fatherless children. Birth certificates were altered. Children were intentionally and legally severed from their biological parents at birth. New parentage pathways were created. Adults gained parental rights without biology or adoption-level screening. “For too long, the desires of adults have driven the policy discussion surrounding the homosexual and transgender agenda,” said Walker Wildmon, vice president of the American Family Association. “It is time we refocus our attention on the needs of children. All children are created in the image of God and have a right to both a mother and father. This project is timely and necessary for the purpose of reestablishing this fundamental truth in society and government.” “When the needs of children are neglected, it’s not just the children who suffer. Families are hurt and society itself is destabilized,” Jim Daly, president of Focus on the Family said. “We see the tragic evidence of this all around us. And that’s why we wholeheartedly embrace *Greater Than*’s conviction that real progress means putting children’s needs ahead of adult desires.” Author and speaker Lisa Bevere added, “If our lives are ultimately measured by how we love and protect others, then we must answer this question: ‘Did we create communities where children were loved, valued, and protected – or did we allow cowardice and cultural confusion to leave a generation at risk?’ I’m honoured to be part of *Greater Than*, which is advancing the rights and well-being of children – the ultimate legacy and wealth of our nation.”

Why this coalition and why this moment? “No single organization, institution, or leader can correct this injustice alone,” according to TBU. “That is why *Greater Than* exists, as a coalition. We are acting together because the harm is systemic, the silence has been widespread, and the cost has been borne by children who cannot defend their own rights.” “United across law, policy, culture, and the Church, we refuse to allow children to be further victimized in the name of adult fulfilment,” explained TBU. “Justice requires a collective response – one that tells the truth about what Obergefell has cost the most vulnerable and works, together, to restore what was lost.” The nationwide initiative – including organizations and individuals like Jim Daly and Focus on the Family, Lila Rose and Live Action, John Stonestreet and the Colson Centre, Steve Deace of The Blaze, author and speaker Lisa Bevere, Dr. Matthew R. Petrusek and Word on Fire, Robert P. George of Princeton University, Walker Wildmon and the American Family Association, author and speaker Heidi St. John, Eric Teetsel and Citizens for Renewing America, and so many others – calls for cultural and legal changes to ensure children’s needs are placed above adult desires, political agendas, and false notions of equality. Americans concerned about the well-being of the next generation are invited to join the movement at greaterthancampaign.com by signing up for updates, sharing stories, and supporting efforts to protect children.

Are We So Lost That We Are Willing to Switch Progressivism with Islamism?

By Stephen Stacey

It is one of the more bewildering spectacles of our age:

progressives and Islamists marching side by side through the streets of London or protesting together on American university campuses. Rainbow flags wave alongside calls for “global intifada,” with secular activists standing shoulder to shoulder with those whose ideology, if ever fully implemented, would likely render their own lifestyles untenable — or even dangerous. Many onlookers are left asking a simple question: How can two movements that appear so fundamentally opposed find common cause? The answer lies not in shared positive values, but in a common enemy: the traditional Western cultural order built on monogamous marriage, individual responsibility, and economic freedom. This tactical alliance is temporary and opportunistic, yet it reveals deeper structural similarities between the two worldviews. Contemporary progressivism elevates individual autonomy and state-managed compassion above traditional family and community structures. Its central pillars include strong support for abortion, the redefinition of marriage and family, aggressive promotion of transgender ideology — including medical interventions such as puberty blockers and surgeries for minors despite mounting evidence of serious long-term risks — large-scale illegal immigration, and the steady concentration of power and resources in the hands of a self-described “caring elite” through ever-expanding government spending, debt, and regulation.

Traditional Islamist doctrine, by contrast, codifies its vision directly from the Quran and Hadiths. Core elements include the permissibility of child marriage (including consummation with prepubescent girls), cousin marriage (with its harmful genetic consequences), the right of men to physically discipline their wives, stoning as punishment for adultery, differential treatment of non-Muslims (including historical sanction of sexual relations with female captives), and severe penalties for apostasy. While many individual Muslims live peacefully and quietly reject the harshest applications, these features remain embedded in classical Sharia jurisprudence across major schools of thought, and are legally embodied, to a greater or less extent, in numerous Muslim nations today. For example, even a moderately stable democracy such as Malaysia openly practices an apartheid system against non-Muslims. Though they present themselves as civilizational rivals — one secular and individualistic, the other theocratic and communal — radical progressivism and Islamism share a similar underlying logic. Their parallels are striking: Both believe they are creating a “better world.” Both are willing to tell believable lies to advance their goals (for example, the claim that “a man can become a woman,” or the Quranic allowance for deception as a means to an end). Both reject the gradual development of society through personal development, stable family formation, economic liberty. Instead, they prefer to force their “ideal” through top-down mandates and compliance. Both promote sexual and family behaviours that depart from the monogamous heterosexual marital norm. Both display a strong tendency to silence or marginalise opponents. Both have shown willingness to expose children to harm in service of ideology: one through historical acceptance of child marriage and severe corporal punishment (against the child’s natural desires); the other through policies that allow for children to be bought and sold against their will and endorsement of medical interventions on minors who are too young to know what they are doing with irreversible consequences such as sterility and life-long health issues. Both have blurred traditional protections around adult-child sexual boundaries. Forgiveness is rarely part of their operational vocabulary; both readily create designated “enemies” deserving of contempt. Both embody a relentless will-to-power that concentrates authority and resources in the hands of an elite “caring” class while ordinary people bear the costs. Both make it exceptionally difficult, and often dangerous, for individuals to leave the

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system. Both support illegal immigration. Both believe that men should be allowed to undermine the well-being of women (E.g., Transgender policies and polygyny). Both ultimately seek to undermine the cultural foundations of Christianity and the historic Western order.

The main difference lies in their source material: progressivism often politicises and extends Christian notions of empathy towards behaviours that the biblical text does not support, while Sharia codifies its commands directly from sacred scripture. Some may argue that if Islam does take over parts of Europe, it is a democratic Islam. History tells a different story. Because the above beliefs are written into the Quran, the final word of Allah, then, historically, whenever Muslim nations seek to liberalise, then the tendency for the more fundamental. With progressivism still dominant among Western elites and Islamist influence steadily growing through migration and demographic change, we must ask ourselves a hard question: Are we willing to watch one Western dysfunctional ideology simply be replaced by another from the Middle East? Just because much of the West has lost confidence in its own traditional norms—the desire to raise morally upright individuals, support for stable heterosexual marital families that best protect and nurture children, and limited government intervention in the generation of economic wealth—does that mean we must now choose between two different paths to societal decay and control? The current alliance between progressives and Islamists is a symptom of deep civilisational confusion. The real question is whether the West still possesses the clarity and courage to choose a different course before the window of opportunity closes.

The Power of True Love

By John O'Neill

By the time they are 16 years old, for 42% of young people in the UK their parents will have divorced. By the time they are 5 years old, 53% of the children will have seen their parents separated if they were cohabiting. *Coalition for Marriage: we see the clear evidence that children do much better in all aspects of their lives when they are brought up by a married couple: Why does it matter that more children are born to married parents? Because a mountain of research shows that children generally thrive when raised by their biological father and mother. Family structure isn't just a private lifestyle choice – it has real outcomes on life outcomes. A UK study by the Centre for Social Justice found that 70% of young offenders came from lone-parent families, highlighting the link between broken homes and youth crime. Similarly, international research has consistently found higher rates of adolescent delinquency among children missing at least one biological parent. Fatherlessness in particular is devastating.* Tragically, the UK government (and others) ignore this clear authentic, family evidence because it does not fit in with their secular, humanistic, atheistic ideologies, such as Marxism. We can solve all the misery and heartbreak in our world today if we will utilise the universal moral and spiritual laws given to us by our Heavenly Parent, centred on living for the sake of others and becoming beings of true love.

Dr Hak Ja Han Moon, joint founder of the Women's Federation for World Peace: *"The worldview based on atheism, with state policies that deny God, has come to ruin. The philosophy of conflict, struggle and hatred has revealed its limits. Corruption, sexual immorality,*

violence and addiction are multiplying under the shadow of so-called freedom. They are causing the dissolution of that free society. There is an old saying to the effect, 'When one's family is harmonious, all goes well.' The family is the basis of peace. The most important factor in forming a family is true love. True love is the sacrificial love of giving one's own life for the sake of others. With true love we can achieve true peace. In the case of true love, however, the more you invest, the greater it grows, and it comes back to you with even more than you gave. Families and societies that practice true love never come to ruin; they continue to grow. This era of dominating the world based on the survival of the fittest in terms of military power must pass. We need to realise one world under Godism." 1 John 4: 7:9. *"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."* Matthew 20: 28 *"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."* *"The great civilisations throughout history prospered because of their moral and spiritual foundations. The universal truth and values embedded in the family transcend religion, culture, race and nationality."*

The core message at the heart of all the major religious teachings is to serve and love others. Living for the sake of others is a universal law of heaven and earth. It is not something that is only meant to be applicable to religious people. Being involved in activities that violate the universal moral and spiritual laws such as criminal actions or becoming addicted to pornography etc., only harms our eternal spirits which will bring suffering and judgment on ourselves. Romans 6:23 - *"For the wages of sin is death..."* Ecclesiastes 12:7 - *"and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.* Through living for the sake of others we grow spiritually and can perfect ourselves which is the reason why we are on the earth. Matt: 5:48 - *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.* Dr Moon eloquently highlighted how vital it is that we have Almighty God's laws and principles at the centre of each nation. We are deeply blessed to know that we have the formula for solving all the misery and heartbreak so prevalent in our world today, centred on living for the sake of others and becoming beings of true love. Let us keep in our prayers that key relevant people such as politicians and media people etc., will be able to have deep realisations and understanding concerning the universal moral and spiritual laws and will then be able to implement this understanding into their policies, legislation and programmes. Proverbs 3:5-6 *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

UK MassResistance activist David Skinner wins stunning court appeal of his criminal conviction for a pro-life email.

David Skinner is 81 years old, but he is one of the most fearless and effective pro-family (and MassResistance) activists anywhere. Britain has become one of the most brutal anti-family and anti-free speech regimes in the

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West. When it comes to the basic constitutional rights of citizens, police protection and the criminal justice systems have largely collapsed. So David's court victory has been celebrated in pro-family media across the UK. A UK **MassResistance leader**: In 2017, David took charge of our new UK MassResistance chapter. He already had scores of pro-family contacts across Britain. That year, Brian Camenker of MassResistance spent a week in the UK working with David to help organize. **Taking on the aggressive abortion agenda in his city**: In October 2022, the Bournemouth City Council implemented a massive buffer zone, officially called a "safe zone." It is approximately 1600 x 800 feet around the city's abortion clinic. It includes streets, sidewalks, and over a hundred private homes. Within that area, the city ordinance prohibits "any act of approval/disapproval with respect to issues related to abortion services." Thus, the residents who live in this Orwellian-sounding "safe" zone live in a virtual ghetto where their free speech rights have been suspended - even in their homes and yards. One activist, Adam Smith-Connor, was **arrested and fined** for *silently praying* against abortion within the buffer zone. Another activist, Livia Tossici-Bolt, was **convicted and fined** \$26,000 for simply holding a sign that said, "Here to talk, if you want." And many others were harassed by police for just being there. But David Skinner was fearless and stood up to the police. And they eventually backed down. A few months after Adam Smith-Connor's arrest, David was standing in front of the abortion clinic taking photos of friends who were also there. A police officer began harassing and threatening him. He took David's camera (which he later got back). But David stood his ground.

He then filed a complaint against the officers. **Apology from the police**. A few days later, the Police Inspector, Fern Graham, contacted David and apologized for the incident! She said David should contact her if he had any other concerns. **The email that erupted into a criminal conviction**: As David thought about it, he realized that there's definitely another concern, besides that incident, that needs to be addressed. The "elephant in the room" is the fact that grisly abortions are happening in that building. David carefully prepared a **three-page letter**. He noted the **brutal killings of babies** taking place in the Bournemouth abortion clinic. He included gruesome photos of aborted babies. He urged the police department to investigate these **murders**.

On April 28, 2023, David emailed the letter to the Police Inspector. He also emailed copies to the local Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable, and the Bournemouth City Council members. The subject line of the emails was: "Reporting Mass Murder in Ophir Road" (i.e., the road in Bournemouth where the abortion clinic is located). **The "lawfare" erupts against David**: The following week, on May 3, a police sergeant showed up at David's home. He was told his email had "offended" someone, caused "distress," and had likely violated various laws. He was told to come to the police station with his lawyer. On May 9, David went to the police station with a well-known Christian attorney, Michael Phillips. David was interrogated for an hour, but under his attorney's advice did not answer any of the questions. Six months passed, and David heard nothing. Then in November 2023 David received a court summons. He was being charged with violating the Malicious Communications Act of 1988. On January 26, 2024 David appeared in court and pled not guilty. The people who filed the charges against David were two women who had opened his emails. One was the Police Inspector, Fern Graham. The other was Yvonne Fennick, who worked for the Police and Crime Commissioner and had opened David's email - even though it was sent to the Commissioner personally. These two

women are both police professionals, yet claimed that the photos caused them severe emotional distress. Interestingly, none of the other officials who received David's email complained. The Police and Crime Commissioner, when he was shown the email a year later on January 28, 2024, did not say the email was offensive, but simply commented that David obviously "wants the law to be changed." "The process itself is punishment": Between January 2024 and May 2025 the "malicious communications" charge was dropped, because, as David's lawyer said, they could find no malicious intent that led to real harm, and the police came up with a new charge: violating the Electronic Communications Act of 2003. That statute prohibits "**persistently making use of a public communications network for the purpose of causing annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to another person.**" (This was strange, because David's communication wasn't "persistent." He emailed the letter to everyone just once.) There were at least eight pre-trial hearings and a scheduled trial that was cancelled during the day it was supposed to take place. Usually David and his attorney would have to sit in the court for nearly the entire day before being granted a 10-minute hearing. Or it would be cancelled altogether. And the judges were invariably quite hostile. There were at least eight pre-trial hearings and a scheduled trial that was cancelled during the day it was supposed to take place.

The trial was scheduled to take place in October 2024. That day, friends of David travelled from across Britain to be with him. They waited in court all day, then late in the afternoon were told there had been too many cases and there wasn't time for his trial. The judge also felt he wasn't qualified to try this case! So, it would have to be rescheduled.

The endless hearing dates, long waits, cancellations, and generally hostile behaviour seemed unnecessarily gruelling for David, his wife, their friends, and his attorney. As David said to us several times, *the process is the punishment*.

David later told us, "After that hearing, my attorney told me that for the judge and my accusers it was personal and ideological, and that they had made up their minds to convict me." **The trial and conviction: On May 1, 2025, the trial finally took place.** It was a nightmare. David's lawyer could not be there that day, so another prominent Christian lawyer, Roger Kiska - an internationally recognized expert on human rights laws who flew in from Slovakia specifically for that trial - took his place. The trial was supposed to start at 10:00 am, but didn't begin until late afternoon. The judge was extremely hostile, was very rude to David and his lawyer, and refused to even look at any of David's supporting documents. The judge openly suggested that David's purpose had been to cause harm. During the trial, the two women said that David's mere presence in the courtroom was threatening to them. Yvonne Fenwick was allowed to hide behind a screen, since she was frightened. At one stage she started crying and was handed a box of Kleenex tissues. "I was treated as a terrorist," David said. He wasn't allowed to testify in his own defence. It was shocking. The trial lasted just an hour and a half. Then the judge found David guilty. He was fined £3,840 (equal to about \$5,200). This includes a £675 fine for each of the two "offenses" against the women, £500 to be paid as compensation to each of the women, plus £950 in court costs and £540 for administration charges. It was feared that it might even be worse. The prosecution had been seeking a two-year prison sentence, so David had brought a packed suitcase to the trial! **The successful appeal: David was still not giving up.** In October 2025, David went to the local appellate court to request an appeal date to overturn his conviction. The dates they gave him

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The judge's ruling included several key points, including: 1. "This is a case about freedom of expression and freedom of religion," the judge said. Parts of David's letter may have been technically in violation of the law. David even admitted that the images were "grossly offensive." But, as the judge pointed out, that is superseded by David's right to make a legitimate argument on current political topic before public officials, which is protected in British law. David felt those images were necessary to make his point. "We recognise the power of the image to carry a message in its most persuasive form," the judge added. "Great caution is required before a state can restrict the expression of political standpoints." The fact that David is an experienced Christian activist, not just an angry person with a grudge against particular officials, further supported that position. 2. The judge emphasized that the recipients of the email were public officials, including "an elected Police and Crime Commissioner and a senior police inspector, who are therefore subject to a higher threshold of tolerance than private individuals." It's refreshing that the judge understood this and weighed it in his decision. 3. The judge also noted that David's communications were not "persistent," as the statute requires. It was just one email. David Skinner is a special fellow. Even at 81 years old, he boldly sticks with his principles, takes on the hard battles, and does not give up. He tells the truth in a country where the truth can put you in prison! Compare this with the pathetic state of the mainstream pro-life movement in the U.S. They are perpetually afraid of offending anyone. They water down their message to be "nice" rather than aggressively telling the uncomfortable and distasteful truth. They would never present the actual gory photos in their message to the public officials who are part of the problem. It's embarrassing to suggest, but can Americans learn some lessons on "revolution" from these British?

On National Day of Prayer, Pray for America

Rev. Carlos Duran - May 7, 2026 – Washington, DC. LIFE NEWS: On the National Day of Prayer, Americans across the country pause to seek God's wisdom, mercy, and guidance. It is a moment to reflect on who we are as a nation: a people shaped by faith, rooted in Judeo-Christian values, and united under God. It reminds us that our strength is not found solely in military power or economic success, but in our enduring reliance on the protection and guidance of Divine Providence.

From our earliest beginnings, faith has been central to the American story. The Pilgrims fled religious persecution in search of the freedom to worship. In 1775, the First Continental Congress called for a day of "public humiliation, fasting, and prayer" as the nation struggled for independence. In 1789, President George Washington issued the first Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation, declaring that "it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God ... and humbly to implore His protection and Favor." That foundation has endured through the generations. In 1952, President Harry S. Truman and Congress established the National Day of Prayer, setting aside a time "on which the people of the United States may

turn to God in prayer and meditation," reaffirming our "firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence." Today, in 2026, that call remains as urgent as ever. Our nation faces a profound struggle — a battle over our very identity. At its core is a simple but essential truth: we are not self-sufficient. As declared in our founding document, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." Our identity is not something we invent; it is rooted in who we were created to be. As a nation, we are called to reflect our Creator, recognizing that our dignity, purpose, and prosperity are not self-made, but endowed by Him. Yet today, America faces a deep cultural, social, and spiritual crisis — one driven, in part, by a departure from these foundational truths. This is not only a national issue, but a challenge within the church itself. Over the past decades, we have witnessed a steady erosion of the moral and spiritual pillars that have long sustained both our faith and our democracy. Too often, Christians have stood silent, allowing apathy to speak louder than conviction.

This drift is evident in the weakening of the family, confusion about our social fabric, and the loss of a clear moral framework rooted in biblical truth. One of the clearest signs of this decline is the troubling rise of anti-Semitism across our nation. As Christians, we must recognize that anti-Semitism is not only an attack on the Jewish people — it is an affront to the very foundations of our faith. Christianity is inseparable from its Jewish roots. To stand against anti-Semitism is to stand for truth, for history, and for the integrity of our own beliefs. Scripture asks a piercing question: "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3). The answer is not retreat — it is renewal. On this National Day of Prayer, we call on churches across America to lead with both clarity and compassion. We must return to our foundation — the word of God — and teach it faithfully. This requires courage: a willingness to stand firm in biblical truth, even when it runs counter to cultural trends and popular ideologies. We also call on Christians to live as ambassadors of Christ in a divided world — reflecting His love not only in word, but in action. That means serving our communities, caring for the poor, the vulnerable, the homeless, and the imprisoned. It means leading by example, showing that truth and love are not opposites, but inseparable. Now is not the time for silence. Christians must not be intimidated by the loudest voices of the moment. We are called to stand publicly against hatred, to defend religious freedom, to uphold the God-given design of family, and to build bridges where division seeks to prevail — without compromising truth. We are also called to holiness — through obedience to God's word. Faithfulness in the small things invites God's grace into the greater things. We must not sacrifice our identity or forfeit our blessings at the altar of convenience or popularity.

Scripture calls us plainly: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Psalm 122:6). This command is not rooted in politics, but in covenant, history, and hope. To pray for Israel is not to ignore the suffering of others — it is to ask for God's peace to prevail where human solutions have failed. As Genesis 12:3 reminds us, "I will bless those who bless you." Our nations have been blessed, because we have supported Israel from a biblical perspective. Our faith is rooted in a Jewish foundation; without it, there is no Christianity. Today, as the world is marked by conflict and division, we pray that our nation would align with the will of God — that it would be restored to what He intended it to be. And in this great nation — the land of the free and the home of the brave — may we have the courage to live out what we profess: that we are, indeed, one nation under God. *Lifenews Note: Rev. Carlos Duran is president of the National Hispanic Pastors Alliance (NAHPA), where he leads efforts to strengthen the influence and leadership of Hispanic Christian communities nationwide.*