

ARTIFICIAL CONTRACEPTION

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"The ultimate purpose of the sex faculty is a tremendously important good [new human life]; and precisely because this ultimate perfective good is not so much a good of the individual as it is good of the human race, God has attached the most vehement of all sense pleasures. Therefore to set this faculty in motion, to cull the pleasure and then positively to prevent conception, to destroy the ultimate good



The Poisoned Root of all Evil

for which alone the faculty exists, is a foul perversion, and intrinsically disordered use of the faculty, a frustration of nature in the matter of the utmost moment."

When it comes to sex, the world's mantra is basically, "*Copulate because it is natural, but for God's sake don't do it naturally because if you do it might have natural consequences, and that's the last thing we want.*" For me the Church's stance on contraception has always seemed self-evidently right. Consequently, when the Church started to tear herself apart over this issue in the seventies, it represented a very serious personal spiritual crisis. I could not see how I could remain a Catholic if the Church was to endorse artificial contraception, however nuanced the change. How could I continue to believe that the Church was infallible in matters of faith and morals when she had just endorsed what was self-evidently depraved - not to mention change 2,000 years of constant teaching? What next - could we be taught that there were four persons in the Godhead, instead of three?

Natural law is not rocket science. It is what tells us that we must enjoy God's gifts in accordance with their Creator's plan. It's what informs us that tomatoes need to be grown in sunshine and mushrooms in deep shade. Go against the natural law in these examples and you will be lucky to grow a few sickly small tomatoes, and mushrooms simply refuse to grow in sunshine. Notwithstanding the bizarre mental contortions of modern theologians, the statement that the *primary* purpose of sex in its Creator's plan is the conception of new life is no more than a statement of the b***ding obvious. Thus to artificially and violently separate sex from its divine purpose in the manner that artificial contraception does is a gross violation of natural law. It is consequently inconceivable that there will not be unpleasant knock-on effects, some foreseeable, yet others, further down the line, unforeseen.

One of the more bizarre delusions of modern man is that one may ignore natural law without consequences. Modern man is like a farmer who disposes of his toxic waste by pouring it down a well. Six weeks later he is wondering why his crops and pasture are looking sickly and wasted. Three months later he is struggling to understand why his livestock are unhealthy and dying. A year later he is alarmed to find his children and family are undernourished and sickly. Yet he is too short-sighted (or perhaps too deeply in denial) to trace his woes back to having poisoned the well a year ago. Artificial contraception similarly poisons the well of human relationships at their very profoundest level.

Another apposite analogy is the gift of eating. The pleasure in eating is designed in our loving creator's plan to ensure that we nourish our bodies. Like sex it is intended to serve life. Like sex it also has an important communal dimension: to paraphrase the late Fr Peyton, the family that eats together, stays together. My hobbies include messing about in the kitchen, so I would be the very last person to suggest that one should not eat for pleasure. Nevertheless, the moment you consciously, intentionally, carelessly, artificially separates the delights of eating from its primary purpose of nourishing the body, you are in deep trouble. First, gluttony will become the norm rather than the exception. Why not be a glutton if the sole purpose of eating is pleasure? Next down the line is obesity. Further down the line: ill health, leading to reduced economic activity, benefit dependency, and finally premature death.

Similarly, when you separate sex from its Creator's primary purpose the consequences are equally catastrophic. The first casualty is the way the generality of men at the level of their sub-conscious think about their sexuality. We should never underestimate the sub-conscious. If a man at the level of his sub-conscious believes that a rose bush is a man-eating tiger, he will break out in a sweat of fear when he passes a rose bush, no matter how much he knows at the conscious level that this is absurd.

Psychologists allegedly have a diagnostic tool: they hold up a word on a flash card and the patient is instructed to respond with the first word that comes into his head. The idea is that by denying the subject the time to reflect, his response will reveal something of his sub-conscious. I would content that if one holds up the word "sex" on a flash card, the response that you would illicit from the non-contracepting man

would be revealingly different from that of the contracepting man. The non-contracepting man's sub-conscious would throw up words like: love, romance, marriage, family, spouse, children, tenderness, faithfulness, commitment, etc. The contraception man will more likely respond with words like fun, relationships, nudity, safe-sex, condoms, girly magazines, porn, Saturday night out, red-light district, lap-dancer, etc.

This sea-change in the subconscious was brought home to me forcefully twenty-five years ago when I was talking about abortion to group of six-formers. Come question time, one young fellow posed the following question, "*What you are talking about is human rights, the rights of the unborn, but conflicting human rights have to be balanced; what about my right to a worry-free sex life?*" Now, putting aside the fact that what he actually meant was a *responsibility* free sex life (which by definition would be a *dehumanised* sex life), my contention is that no-one who had not embraced artificial contraception as normal at the level of their sub-conscious could have conceived such a question, let alone formulated and posed it.

Modern science has revealed to us that human life starts at the moment of conception. Thus abortion is murder. However, the early Christians and the Fathers of the Church did not possess this knowledge yet they still taught that abortion was a grave sin. Why? For the simple reason that it violates the same moral principle as artificial contraception, namely: that one may never enjoy the pleasure of a natural act, whilst artificially divorcing the act from the purpose for which God designed the act, and that is the reason that God attached pleasure to the act in the first place.

The Romans allegedly would gorge themselves and then deliberately vomit in order to continue gorging themselves. They were artificially divorcing the pleasure of eating from the act's God given purpose, namely to nourish the body. Most people understand that behaviour to be immoral and even offensive. Artificial contraception does to sex what this disgusting Roman practice did to eating: takes the pleasure, while artificially rejecting the very purpose for which God made the act pleasurable.

One of the first deformed shoots to spring from the rotten root of artificial contraception was feminism. Main stream feminists (there were one or two honourable exceptions) believe that in order to enjoy all the perks that men (i.e. the womb-less half of humanity) allegedly enjoy, woman had to be liberated from the vocation of the womb. They had in effect to be de-wombed at will. Thus the feminists embraced contraception with gusto. But having accepted at the level of our sub-conscious that the primary purpose of sex was fun, not only did they have a right to be sterile they also had a right to a sex-life. And as this newly discovered human right to a sex-life now had nothing to do with child bearing it quickly became wrong, absurd even, to restrict it to marriage - what possible logical reason could their be for doing so? Consequently we had a world wide explosion of sexual activity in circumstances that previous generation would have regarded as irresponsible and gravely immoral. The cost of that, because contraception is neither infallible nor indeed always used, was an explosion in unwanted pregnancies.

But wait a minute, if sex has nothing to do with babies, and I have a human right to a sterile worry-free sex-life, surely this thing growing in my womb is parasitical - it has no right to be there, so do I not have a right to get rid of it? Yes, of course you do - based on your premises. Hence the next sick shoot from the rotten root of contraception is abortionism. There is no recorded instant of a society that has embraced contraception that has not legalising abortion a few years down the line. Contraception demands legalised abortion. Necessity is the mother of invention and just as our pagan forefathers, who worshipped the gods of lust, had to institute child sacrifice to deal with the unwanted results of their creed, so our new post-Christian pagans *had* to introduce abortion to deal with the unwanted results of their artificial contraception creed. One of the most revealing statistics in the UK is that, in spite of butchering children by abortion at the rate of over 600 a day, the live birth rate remained fairly steady, which demonstrates that legalised abortion has created its own clientele. Or put another way: abortion deals with a problem that did not exist before we embraced artificial contraception.

Another shoot from the sick root of contraception is euthanasia. Society in general, and the medical profession and politicians in particular, having grown hardened to killing the innocent and helpless, it was but a small dolly step to lowering the safeguards against euthanasia. The medical profession was soon busy killing handicapped children by starvation and dehydration, whilst politicians were busy legislating for living wills etc.

Nature abhors a vacuum: artificial contraception, having created this new commodity called a “sex life”, which is now totally divorced by artificial contraception in the human sub-conscious from child bearing, family and marriage; it was only a matter of time before a new industry was spawned to cater for this new consumer demand. On cue, a young college student and budding entrepreneur, Hugh Hefner, started what was to become the *Playboy* Empire which in turn further stoked the sexual revolution of the 1960’s that had been kick started by artificial contraception. The sex industry is but one more poisoned shoot from the contraception root.

And while Hugh Hefner was building his empire, other entrepreneurs on cue were building the Internet. Now the porn industry is but a mouse click away. The downward slide of our society was thus greatly accelerated by the explosion of pornography which has weakened the natural romantic attraction between young people and replaced it with unbridled selfish sexual gratification, and further deadened the natural revulsion to sexual perversion.

The next rotten shoot from the rotten root of contraception is the gross immodesty of many young women. One now sees young women presenting themselves to receive the body of Christ at a Novus Ordo Mass dressed as if they were auditioning for a porn flick, less delicately in fact than call girls dressed fifty years ago. And with sex now a commodity and we all having a human right to a “worry free” sex life, why shouldn’t they? If you have a commodity on offer, why not flaunt it? You don’t sell onions and hide them under the counter! Those Protestants, and indeed Catholics (not

excluding priests and bishops) who have embraced artificial contraception, either overtly or surreptitiously, and who are now wailing and wringing their hands over modern sexual immorality are like men who having mindlessly sawn off the branch on which they were sitting are now complaining bitterly about the ground rushing up to hit them.

The next rotten branch to grow from the poisoned root is no-fault divorce. With even children being encouraged to copulate by our new contraception pushing sex-educators, it would be ridiculous to believe that all this extra-marital copulating would confine itself to the unmarried. Soon married men were having affairs all now perceived as risk free because of contraception and abortion. With the new influx of contracepting and aborting “liberated” women in the workplace, having more extra-marital affairs than ever, it was of course necessary to adopt liberal no-fault divorce laws. In this way, the cheating spouses could easily get out of their lifelong marital commitments with zero social stigmas for themselves, but, however, with devastating consequences for millions of innocent children. In some areas of London now, over fifty per cent of the children in *primary* schools do not have their biological father living at home, indeed many of them are not even living with their first step-father - their mother has flitted from one man to the next in her pursuit of her human right to a worry-free, baby-free sex-life!

Marriage also took a knock from another front. Sexual intercourse in our loving creator’s plan was designed to bind people together. When two virgins first have sexual intercourse they bind to one another with incredible force. But once you are into your second, third or forth relationship sexual intercourse loses that power. Like a piece of used sticky plaster, it can hardly be successfully used twice, and the third application will prove utterly futile. Many of our sex-educated and sexually active young people cannot now marry (in the sense of bind to another for life) even if they desired to - like a piece of used sticky plaster, they have lost the power to bind in that unique way - and barring a miracle of grace, they have tragically lost that beautiful human gift for life!

The destruction of marriage created the situation where there were far more little boys growing up with no strong male role models at home and far more little girls being raised with no father or by step-fathers who are more likely to sexually abuse them. In either case, we had increased the number of male and female homosexuals because we had increased the risk factors for developmental gender confusion and the psychosocial deficits which eventually lead to same-sex attraction. This inevitably led to the drive by the media and government to remove the social stigma from homosexual sodomy. Thus, what started with the artificial uncoupling of sexuality and procreation has now reached yet another unnatural conclusion with the legalization and normalization of same-sex anal copulating. After all, if sex is only about emotional attachments, and not procreation (a premise we swallowed when we legalised artificial contraception) then why not promote homosexuality? It was a small step from here of course to legalising gross child abuse, for how else can one describe the obligation to

place children for adoption with a brace of sodomites united (usually fairly briefly) in a sham marriage by nothing more holy than a mutual addiction to using one another's buttocks as masturbation aids?

The thinking of many about human sexuality was distorted in the late 1940's and early 1950's by Alfred Kinsey's use of false and fraudulent statistics — including his 10% myth concerning the number of homosexuals in the population. His work was based largely on the deviant sexual practices reported by those in prison. His flawed conclusions were not surprising since 86% of convicted child abusers self-identify as being either homosexual or bisexual.

With the breakdown of the family there was one more foreseeable outcome: a quantum leap in mindless criminality, especially among the young. Many of our town centres are now no-go areas after dark for the elderly, lone women and decent young men. They are taken over by gangs of feral youth of both genders, violent, frequently inebriated, foul-mouthed and substance abusing; as mindless as the contracepting parents who accidentally conceived them. Young men are now dying from gratuitous violence in our town centres at a rate higher than they were dying on the battle field fighting the Taliban. Line a hundred young offenders against a wall and you can safely lay odds that not one of them comes from a stable family; they are all the products of broken homes and the non-family families created by artificial contraception. If you are ever unfortunate enough to be mugged, you can almost certainly thank an unmarried mother.

James Bulger was abducted and murdered in Merseyside on the 12th February, 1993. His killers were two 10-year-old boys, Jon Venables and Robert Thompson. They had kicked and struck James with bricks, thrown blue modelling paint on the three year old's face, stoned him with rocks and finally killed him with a ten kilogram iron bar. They then stuffed batteries in the dead toddler's mouth and left him on a railway line, his head weighted down with rubble in the hope that a passing train would make his death appear to be an accident.

Both young murderers were the product of the broken homes typical of those who have bought the contraception lie. Both fathers had left home in search no doubt of the baby-free sex life which they had been taught was their human right. One mother had had a succession of men in the house in her search of the worry-free sex life promised by the artificial contraception lobby. I doubt if one of the four parents could spell the word "chastity" let alone practise it. The end result: drinking, substance abuse and violence, to numb the eternal frustration that is the inevitable result of seeking the illusory sexual fulfilment promised by the contraception peddlers.

The broken families resulting from the widespread peddling of artificial contraception is especially vicious to the young. Little James Bulger and his two young murderers were all victims of the general breakdown of the family that inevitably followed the widespread acceptance of the contraceptive mentality and its empty promises of a

worry free fulfilling sex life for all from pre-puberty to death, whether married or single.

Have we reached the end of the deluge of sewage unleashed by the acceptance of artificial contraception? I very much doubt it. Whilst I have a great deal of sympathy for the prudent Irishman who said that he preferred to prophesise after the event, I am prepared nevertheless to stick my neck out and say that there will be another attempt to legalise incest in the next decade or two.

The age old taboos against incest arise from the fact that children born of such relationships are frequently physically and mentally retarded. But if sexual intercourse has nothing to do with the conception of children, what's wrong with incest? Further, we now have the technology to detect the mentally and physically retarded in the womb and cull them before they see the light of day. No lesser body than Liberty was campaigning thirty years ago for the decriminalisation of incest. I remember one young spokeswoman for this outfit being asked, "*What about the issue of fathers abusing their daughters?*" She responded to the effect that if it was consensual it was nobody's business, if it wasn't, it should be an issue for the Social Services not the courts. She did not explain why an abusing father should give two hoots for the Social Services if they were not backed up by the courts. This campaign failed at that time because it lacked sufficient public support. The contraceptive mentality needed a little more time to corrupt the collective sub-conscious. But now we have swallowed sodomite adoption, public opinion should prove far more malleable. I have already seen a couple of dramas on television where it was sympathetically revealed that a nice co-habiting couple were actually a brother and sister who had decided to bravely challenge the religious [sic] taboos - the softening up process is already under way. After all, if sex is only about emotional attachments, and not procreation (a premise we swallowed when we legalised artificial contraception) surely incest could be a positive thing?

Once incest is legalised and society has grown used to the idea, there will be a push to legalise paedophilia. It will be called inter-generational sex and sold under the banner of children's rights. There is already a political party in Holland dedicated to this end. And why not? If I have a right to a sterile sex life, and I am aroused by children, and the child is willing, what has it to do with anyone else? After all, society has already swallowed the idea that if I am aroused by something as disordered as my own gender, that's fine - even normal. On what possible logical grounds do I discriminate between one person's sexual disorder and another's? Not so long ago we had a politician handing out condoms to 11-year-olds. A couple of years ago Boots was handing out the Morning After Pill to any child who asked for it and no questions asked. It is only a matter of time before we see a play on television featuring a teacher sleeping with one of his students, and it will be portrayed as meaningful, deep and consensual - a brave couple breaking the irrational taboos of society. After all, if sex is only about emotional attachments, and not procreation (a premise we swallowed when we legal-

ised artificial contraception) then why not promote paedophilia - what's wrong with an adult and a child being emotionally attached, for heaven's sake?

It is instructive, is it not, that in the media feeding frenzy on the left over Governor Palin's 17-year-old daughter being pregnant, the objection was not to her having sex outside of marriage, the objection was to her getting pregnant? There you have the corruption of the human sub-conscious by the contraceptive mentality demonstrated in neon letters. A man sleeping with a seventeen year old unmarried child is not a problem, but that she should bear a child! - now there is real evil for you. No other generation since Adam and Eve would regard the conception of new life as anything other than a blessing to be celebrated, yet the contraceptive mentality has reduced it to the ultimate evil.

I have no doubt that sooner or later the laws and taboos banning bestiality will fall. In England the law will simply be ignored, or not enforced. In America someone will challenge the law under the newly discovered constitutional right to privacy. A campaign in the States to achieve this is already under way under the slogan, "If the animal doesn't mind, what business is it of yours?" Interestingly, the leader of this campaign is the same homosexual thug who led a homosexual mob into the headquarters of the American Psychological Association and threatened to trash the place if they did not remove homosexuality from their list of personality disorders. The American Psychological Association up until then had listed homosexuality as a personality disorder. It was removed from their list, not as the result of science, less still any advances in psychology, but in response to threats of violence from the sodomite collective - this is what passes for science in the secular liberal asylum. It may be of interest to note that the German Nazi Party sprung from the loins of homosexual thugs from the "butch" wing of the homosexual collective.

Since it is only in our maleness and femaleness that we are made in the image and likeness of God, the destruction of the concept of gender is perhaps Satan's greatest accomplishment. Moreover, since the sacramental marriage of a husband and wife is used to image the relationship of Christ and His Church, even the idea of same-sex "marriage" is a sacrilege. Therefore I just don't see how a God of Justice can tolerate such a diabolical mockery of His divinely ordained institution of marriage for very long. The same man to whom our Lord entrusted the Keys to the Kingdom warned us that: "...in the last days there shall come deceitful scoffers, walking after their own lusts..." (2 Peter 3:3).

Today, it is not merely what scholars call the "Sexual State" driving the agenda, but the World Health Organization has now muscled in on the act. World Health Organization (WHO) sexuality education guidance recommending that children under four should receive information about masturbation and their "right to explore gender identities". They further recommend that children aged 4-6 should be given information about "same-sex relationships" and the "skills" to "consolidate their gender identity"; that children aged 6-9 should be given information about "the positive influence of sexuality on health and wellbeing"; and children aged 9-12 given information

about “first sexual experience” and “gender orientation” as well as the “skills” to “Enable children to...make a conscious decision to have sexual experiences or not”.

So is there no hope then? Strangely, I believe there is. Just as the acceptance of one depravity after another in the modern mind stems from a root, the separation of sex and babies in the human subconscious, a state of mind that is the fruit of the promotion of artificial contraception, so the opposite is also true. If you can recreate in the sub-conscious the truth that sex is about babies, people will begin to reject depravity such as abortion, homosexuality, transgenderism etc. It's very early days, but there are signs of this already happening in some parts of the world. Paraguay has recently declared itself officially a pro-life, pro-family nation and is defunding LGBT programs. Brazil, under Jair Bolsonaro, is removing LGBT propaganda from its schools. Russia has criminalised the promotion of homosexuality. The US state of Idaho has just banned transsexuals from participating in women's sports, and Trump has banned them from the military. Poland is increasingly clamping down on abortion. And Hungary, the jewel in the crown, a couple of years ago set about promoting traditional marriage and child bearing, and they have been extraordinarily successful. This reuniting in the Hungarian mind the truth that sex and babies are intimately connected has led to yet further rolling back of modern depravities. It is now illegal in Hungary for homosexuals to promote their vice to the young. And just this March, the Hungarian parliament passed a law that made it illegal for a transgendered person to describe themselves on official documents as anything other than their true biological sex. Hungary has also recently outlawed gender reassignment surgery. And, as of writing, they have just defunded gender studies in Hungarian universities; one of the ministers quipping, “*Who's ever heard of anyone wanting to employ a gender-ologist?*” - indeed. Most surprising of all, Britain's government, under Boris Johnson, is set to ban gender reassignment surgery for anyone under the age of eighteen, so no more Dr Frankenstein cutting off your child's genitalia behind your back.

So there are small signs of hope: the secret is reattaching sex and babies as two sides of the same coin in the human sub-conscious. And this may not prove as difficult as it first sounds, for the lie always requires vastly more energy to keep afloat than does the truth. The Sexual State, in order to keep its lies in play, is like a man riding a bike on a treadmill; he has to keep pedalling like crazy just to go nowhere or else he will fall over. The separation of sex and babies in the human sub-conscious is an artificial construct that was imposed on us by the elite of the Sexual State; it was never something that arose spontaneously from the grassroots. And precisely because it is an artificial construct, it needs constant propaganda (such as ever more sex-ed in schools) to keep it afloat. Once we see this, the forts of the Sexual State no longer appear as impregnable as they may once have seemed.

The counter charge at the moment is being led by a small band of brave Catholic and Orthodox believers. Ultimately, I believe to make significant progress, it will need the Church to end its flirtation with the world and return to robust good health under

the leadership of a holy pope, and for that end we must keep praying without ceasing, especially offering up our daily rosaries.

PEEP'S FREE LENDING LIBRARY

PEEP has launched a new mission: a free lending library. It gives me great pleasure to announce this because I firmly believe that putting good books into the right hands can be life changing for the individual, and help transform the world for the better one soul at a time.



At the moment there are twenty books on offer, but eventually, we hope to increase this to around a hundred. The books available will not just be strictly religious, because it is important to challenge the left's Christophobic narrative both within and without the Church. It is the same beast, whether it's promoting sodomy within the Church or teaching four year olds to question their gender in state schools, or promoting tribal hatred at a BLM rally - and we need to challenge and expose the lies of the God-hating left at every opportunity.

You can access the library by going to PEEP's homepage at <https://www.proecc.com/> and then selecting "library" from the main menu at the top. Initially, you will find the books in a pretty random order, but that's okay whilst we only have twenty. As the library grows, we will try to categorise them in a more helpful manner.

Obviously, this is a big leap of faith. Buying, stocking and distributing books is clearly expensive, and unless people are generous with their donations it could quickly become unsustainable. However, I do not expect this to be a problem, God is good and our readers have always been splendidly generous in their support in the past.

STUDY: RELIGIOUS PRACTICE HUGELY REDUCES 'DEATHS FROM DESPAIR'

Developed from essays by Thomas D. Williamson, PH.D and Dr Susan Berry.

Frequent attendance at religious services dramatically reduces deaths from despair according to a study by researchers from Harvard University. "Deaths from despair" is defined as "deaths from suicide, unintentional poisoning by alcohol or drug overdose, and chronic liver diseases and cirrhosis,"

The study, led by Dr Ying Chen of the Department of Epidemiology at Harvard's T. H. Chan School of Public Health, found that "attendance at religious services at a minimum of once per week" was associated with a 33% lower hazard of death from despair among men and an extraordinary 68% lower hazard of death from despair among women, compared with non-church-goers. The



team studied a group of over 100,000 nurses and health care professionals in the United States for a 17-year period and finally published their results this year.

The research was commissioned because the increase in such self-inflicted deaths is now on such a scale that it is considered to be a public health crisis.

The results should not come as a surprise to a traditional Catholic. If we are made to know, love and serve God in this world, and to be happy with Him for ever in the next, it should not come as a bolt from the blue that those who seek to fulfil their purpose, however imperfectly, are likely to be more content and happy than those who deny their very *raison d'être*. "Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him" - St Augustine. If a computer had a soul, it would be reasonable to presume that it would be more content performing calculations than serving as a door stop, i.e. it would find more contentment serving the purpose for which its maker intended it.

Indeed, it is precisely because man has a God-shaped hole in his soul, that when you remove him from the one true faith, nature, abhorring a vacuum, tend to fill the hole with all sorts of weird things. This is why global warming, the response to Covid-19 and veganism have all rapidly morphed into quasi-religions beliefs.

The Harvard study corroborates the results of similar studies linking religious practice with mental health. In a 2015 article in the *Psychiatric Times*, for instance, Drs Rob Whitley and Eric Jarvis insisted that tapping into religious faith is important for assisting patients in their recovery. "Religiosity has consistently been identified as a factor that can promote healing and facilitate recovery amongst those with various physical and mental illnesses," the authors observed.

Most of the people conducting this research are atheists, so it would be unrealistic of Catholics to expect anything more than shallow conclusion from the study, but, credit where credit is due, at least they have had the personal integrity to publish the results

of their research. And this study is merely the latest of numerous studies showing a positive association between religion and mental health. Indeed, even the godfather of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud himself, noted the correlation.

Whitley and Jarvis noted that their study in this area reveals that belonging to a religious community can furnish needed support during material, ethical, and emotional challenges in a person's life. The authors also noted that research indicates that religiously inclined patients naturally engage in many activities that are beneficial to their mental health, including prayer, devotional readings, listening to spiritual music, and listening to sermons on TV, the internet, or the radio. Such practices "*can also involve public activities, which are more social in orientation, such as going to a place of worship or attending a sacred-text study group,*" the authors noted. "*All of these activities can foster a sense of coherence and social support that is health-promoting and may be encouraged.*"

Given the vital ties between religious practice and good mental health, it may be considered surprising that during the coronavirus pandemic, many governments categorized church services as non-essential activities that could easily be set aside, whereas tobacconists, newspaper stands, and abortion clinics were allowed to remain open for business as usual.

EVEN THE OSTENSIBLY BENIGN FORMS OF ISLAM ARE DANGEROUS
By Graham Moorhouse (developed from an essay by William Kilpatrick)

"True Islam is a religion that wholly rejects all forms of terrorism." So claims a pamphlet put out by the True Islam Campaign. The pamphlet lists ten other truths about "true Islam," including *"True Islam believes in the equality, education, and empowerment of women," "True Islam encompasses the universal declaration of human rights," and "True Islam recognizes no religion can monopolize salvation."* Each "truth" is accompanied by a page or so of text quoting from the Koran and other Islamic sources to support the assertion. The True Islam Campaign says that it hopes to counter the menace of extremists like ISIS, which, it claims, is fuelled by ignorance of Islam.



The pamphlet even comes with an invitation to an Iftar dinner (the dinner that ends the fast each day during Ramadan): *"Be our dinner guest. Meet your Muslim neighbours. All welcome."* The invitation even includes a "Find a Mosque near you" button. Who could possibly object? After all, most believe that the vast majority of Muslims are moderate, and this looks like just the group to promote the moderate case.

However, there is one small problem. Although the campaign claims to express "*the values, beliefs, and ideals of the entire Muslim community*," it categorically can do no such thing. This campaign is sponsored by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the U.S., and since all the Ahmadiyyas in the world make up far less than one percent of the world's Muslim population, they manifestly do not speak for the "*entire Muslim community*." What's more, the Ahmadiyya (or Ahmadi) sect is regarded as a heretical group by mainstream Muslims, and is often cruelly persecuted by other Muslims.

Mainstream Muslims have many reasons for classifying Ahmadis as heretics, but the chief reason is that their founder, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835–1908), denied that Muhammad was Islam's final prophet. Ahmad claimed that he himself was a prophet who had received divine revelations. Not only that, he also claimed to be the long-awaited Mahdi, as well as the Messiah whom Muslims expect to appear in the end times.

We might well wish that his claims were true, especially his claim that he had been chosen by Allah to renew Islam. It would be great if the Ahmadi version of Islam did represent true Islam. That's because it's a kinder, gentler religion - one that is much closer to the rose tinted fantasies of Westerner liberals.

Ahmad tried to put a smiley face on Islam. And, although he claimed to believe the Koran to be the highest authority, he cherry picked it and ignored all the hard sayings in its pages.

In many ways he was like an earlier version of Pope Francis. Like Francis, he emphasized tolerance and acceptance, he believed that spirituality was more important than doctrine, and he believed that God wills a diversity of religions. Accordingly, the Ahmadi community regards Zoroaster, Krishna, Buddha, and Confucius as prophets along with Jesus, Moses, and Muhammad. Unlike orthodox Muslims, Ahmadis tend to look at Islam as an ever-evolving faith that is in the process of syncretising a variety of religious beliefs.

The only problem with this rosy scenario is that the vast majority of Muslims roundly reject the Ahmadis. Pakistani law prohibits Ahmadis from calling themselves Muslims, Saudi law prohibits them from performing the pilgrimage to Mecca, and there is a consensus in the Muslim world that Ahmadis are not really Muslims.

It's useful to look more closely at the Ahmadis' approach to non-Muslims because they do employ methods that are similar to those used by orthodox Muslims. For example, both groups try to whitewash the more threatening aspects of Islam - such as jihad.

If you look at any Islamic websites dedicated to attracting non-Muslims, you'll most likely come away with the impression that jihad is an interior spiritual struggle against one's base desires. This interpretation is usually presented in the context of the "greater" versus the "lesser" jihad. According to an oft-quoted hadith:

The prophet returned from one of his battles, and thereupon told us, "you have arrived with an excellent arrival, you have come from the Lesser Jihad to the Greater Jihad — the striving of a servant [of Allah] against his desires." (Tarik al-Baghdadi 13/493)

Since most non-Muslims don't even know what a hadith is, they're less likely to know that many Islamic scholars classify this as a "weak" hadith, and that some consider it to be a complete fabrication. Sahih Bukhari, the most authoritative collection of hadith, contains almost 200 references to jihad, and all of them assume that jihad means armed warfare. Likewise, there are several verses in the Koran that make it abundantly clear that Muhammad considered the fighting kind of jihad to be more excellent than the praying kind (Quran (9:5)

“And when the sacred months have passed, then kill the polytheists wherever you find them and capture them and besiege them and sit in wait for them at every place of ambush.”

Another ruse used by both Ahmadis and mainstream Muslim apologists is the selective use of quotations. For instance, a handful of verses from the Koran which suggest that Islam is a peaceful religion will be produced, but none of the over one hundred verses which advocate violence will be mentioned.

Perhaps the most frequently cited verse is 5:32. The True Islam pamphlet puts it this way:

The Holy Quran recognizes the sanctity of all human life: "Whosoever killed a person ... it shall be held as if he had killed all mankind; and whoso saved a life, it shall be as if he had saved the life of all mankind" (5:32).

Again, who could object? But though the verse sounds reassuring, some qualifiers have been left out of the Ahmadi excerpt. For one thing, it's not mentioned that the verse is adapted from the Torah. For another, the qualifying clause, "unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land," is left out. But the biggest omission is the absence of any mention of the very next verse:

Those that make war against God and His apostle and spread disorder in the land shall be slain or crucified or have their hands and feet cut off on alternate sides, or be banished from the land (5:33).

Since Muhammad considered anyone who rejected his message to be spreading disorder ("mischief" in some translations) in the land, verse 5:33 effectively cancels the peaceful verse that precedes it. Moreover, a few verses further on we read: "As for the man or woman who is guilty of theft, cut off their hands to punish them for their crimes" (5:38).

It's not just Ahmadis who leave out the amputation and crucifixion verses. Muslim apologists who cite the saving-all-mankind verse do likewise. Non-Muslims need to

be on their guard when perusing this kind of literature because it is intended to deceive.

As one last example, let us take the True Islam claim that "*True Islam encompasses the universal declaration of human rights.*" Here they're counting on the generally low level of historical knowledge that afflicts the "woke" generation. The fact is, most Islamic nations were unhappy with the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and as a result the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation met in Cairo in 1990 to adopt the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam. The Cairo Declaration guarantees many of the same rights as the UN declaration, but it makes them subject to the limits set by sharia law - which means that the "guarantee" doesn't count for much. So, once again, the True Islam claim turns out to be deceptive.

But, one might ask, why focus on the Ahmadis? What's the point of beating up on a relatively benign branch of Islam? What harm would it do if someone were to convert to this moderate belief system?

There are three reasons. The first is that the Ahmadis use deceptive recruitment techniques that are comparable to those used by other Muslim groups. It's important to be forewarned about these misleading practices because the average person won't notice them. He won't notice the selective use of quotations or that various claims are often in conflict with historical facts. The Ahmadi pamphlet warns that ignorance of Islam fuels extremism, yet it deliberately leaves the reader ignorant of huge chunks of Islam, as do other Islamic sites.

The second reason to worry is that a convert to Ahmadi Islam doesn't necessarily remain an Ahmadi. There's a phenomenon among new converts to fundamentalist and evangelical Christianity called "faith tripping," whereby the new Christian goes from church to church or denomination to denomination in search of a more intense religious experience. Ahmadis are not exempt from this temptation, and they may be more prone to it since they emphasize openness to other traditions.

In addition, new converts tend to be more zealous than cradle believers, and they are anxious to learn as much as they can about their new faith. This is not something to worry about with Christian converts, but with Muslim converts it's an entirely different matter. Indeed, a significant number of jihad attacks are committed by recent converts to Islam. Moreover, a number of studies have shown a link between increased devotion in Muslims and increased radicalization. Not satisfied with the bland expression of faith offered by the Ahmadis, a new convert who goes deeper into Islam will discover that the so-called extremists are actually the ones who are faithful to the core teachings of Muhammad, not the Ahmadis. The Ahmadi experience can be likened to a mild drug that may serve as an entrée to the use of more powerful and dangerous substances.

The third reason to be concerned is that even those who aren't converted by reading a True Islam type pamphlet will still form an impression. And for many, it will be a

positive impression. After all, the campaign claims that true Islam is against extremism, for the empowerment of women, and for universal human rights. A typical reader might conclude: *"This is not for me. I'm satisfied with my own faith. But it's nice to know that Islam really is a peaceful religion."*

What he reads doesn't persuade him to convert, but it does confirm the Disneyfied version of Islam he has learned from other sources: the mainstream media; his teachers; and his priest, minister, or rabbi. The fact that the majority of "meet-your-Muslim-neighbour" get-togethers are sponsored by churches speaks volumes about Christian naïveté in this matter. What Christians generally learn in these encounters is a pre-packaged and highly sanitized version of Islam.

In summation, the chief danger of Muslim proselytizing is not that it leads to a flood of conversions to Islam, but that it confirms our absurd complacency about it. It reinforces the consoling but unexamined assumptions that are already prevalent in our society, namely, that Islamic values are just like our own, that Islam is a moderate religion, and that there's nothing whatsoever to worry about.

**RACE IS JUST A RED-HERRING TO DISTRACT US FROM WHAT IS
REALLY HAPPENING**

Developed from a Lecture by Patrick Coffin

Well, first it was the virus now it's the violence. The violence that we have been seeing in American cities, and across the world, did not arise in a vacuum, and it was not caused by the death of George Floyd, a violent criminal who tragically suffered a heart attack while being arrested by a seemingly recklessly violent policeman - may poor George rest in peace.

The hysteria over racism in the air right now is a red herring to distract you from what's really going on. And what's really going on is a war between those who want to repair and improve the DNA of America's and Europe's foundations and institutions and those who want to take a wrecking ball to all of it.

Parents, what did you think was going to happen if you sent junior into the intellectual chaos known as the modern University. It's a bad idea factory, junior is going to learn Marxism from day one, and all its various subgroups, and all its props, like atheism and materialism and feminism. He will learn to hate his country. He will learn to think of the institution of marriage as oppressive. He will be brainwashed to think that sexual liberation is a form of freedom instead of a form of slavery. He will worship relativism, not realizing that relativism is self refuting. And he will almost certainly lose his faith in the God-man, Jesus Christ. In short, junior will drink deep the Kool-Aid of all the enthusiasms of the 60s that have been skilfully repackaged and rebranded by the left.

Let's face it, the left has done a brilliant job at language branding. They're really good at it. Language is the part, the narrative is the whole. He who controls the one controls the other. Back in the 1960s the Black Panther movement didn't really get off

the ground, didn't really get traction with the broader population, but by rebranding the radical agenda as Black Lives Matter, it's brilliant because if you object to even one drop of their goals, you're instantly accused of not caring about black lives. It's right up there with pro-choice as slogans go, what are you, are you saying you're against choice.

One of the ironies of modern so-called higher education is that the undying devotion to critical thinking does not translate to thinking critically about the very agenda sold to you by Professor deconstructionism, so what happens is we have whole armies of young people who are burdened by mountains of student debt and they can tell you all about queer theory, they can cite studies to do with gender and neo-colonialism, they know Marx and Hegel, but unless you want your post-graduation job to involve saying things like, "Would you like special sauce with that," you're not going anywhere, which means you have a lot of time on your hands, which means you become a sitting target for radicalization by the Christophobes of the left..

Terrorist groups like ANTIFA and BLM exploit all of this, and suddenly even kids from good families feel like they have a mission in life. They're going to fight oppression, they're going to denounce fascism, blah blah blah. And aiding and abetting the leftist professors and college administrators who have shaped junior for four years or more are the lamestream media whose mission is to throw jet fuel on the slightest whiff of conflict.

Give an example, check out the Drudge Report. About a year ago Matt Drudge flipped and became a Never Trumper, and since then he's also a non-stop hype salesman. Every single headline in The Drudge Report is designed for maximal fear and despair. If it's not Covid-19 sick maps, its street violence, if it's not street violence its sex robots or UFO invasion stories. Drudge has lost it and so has CNN, MSNBC, NBC, CBS, ABC, ITV, the BBC and every major mainstream media outlet that's still standing, they've all been licking their revolutionary loving chops for this kind of conflagration. They've been waiting for it so they can gin it up and turn it into something like a civil war in the making - more fear, more fear, more fear.

Fear is a much more powerful weapon against faith than doubt ever is. Doubt can purge away nonsense and get to the truth, but a fearful populace is one easy to control. Fear's the opposite of faith. And the only cure is the perfect love of God which casts out all fear.

Patrick Coffin is currently working on a book on the isms that have screwed up the world and the Church. An ism is an idea virus, it's like mental malware that infiltrates and infects the mind, and it doesn't only destroy logical thinking, it destroys your moral compass. Christians need to remember that Jesus came to take away our sins not our minds. Our minds were made to see the truth, to understand it and to live in its light. We're made to think things through, it's easy to emote, it's harder to think. And the truth isn't a book, or a program, or a thing even, it's a person, the Logos in-

carnate. And the mob violence that was loosed upon Him on Good Friday and His rising from the dead on Easter Sunday is the truth that sets us free.

In the meantime, be a saint - what else is there?

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SPIRITUAL RICHES

Paul McGregor explains how the traditional Mass returned to Culiacan, Mexico.

The city of Culiacan in Mexico made headlines around the world last 17th October following a failed attempt by Mexican armed forces to detain Ovidio Guzman Lopez, son of El Chapo, the famed leader of the Sinaloa drug cartel now in a US jail. The cartel out-gunned and out-smarted government troops, forcing them to release Ovidio Guzman. Several people died on the streets of the city on what came to be called locally, 'el jueves negro' (Black Thursday).

But the previous day, another event of far more transcendental importance took place in that same city, close to the Mexico's Pacific Coast - it saw its first traditional Latin Mass in more than 50 years. You could say that true Catholics in Culiacan had their '*miercoles dorado*', their Golden Wednesday.

The historic event took place at the convent of the Carmelites of the Holy Spirit, just blocks away from the shooting and the burnt-out vehicles, and was the result of a number of fortunate coincidences, or perhaps, divine interventions.

The first had occurred a few months earlier. I was down at my local grocery store when I saw two young nuns dressed in traditional habit. Coming from Europe, and therefore more accustomed to seeing Muslim women walking the streets in full *niqab* than a Catholic nun in habit and veil, I was intrigued: perhaps traditional dress meant the Traditional Mass.

But my hopes were soon dashed. They told me they were from the Carmelite convent and we're selling raffle tickets to raise funds for their small orphanage, but they knew nothing of the Latin Mass.

Latin classes

Determined to pluck victory from the jaws of defeat, I dashed home, picked up one of the 1962 Latin- Spanish Missals I keep for just such opportunities to Proselytize, and cycled back to the store. The two nuns were still there. I handed them the Missal, telling them of the many spiritual riches they had been missing since the Council Fathers had thrust it into the dustbin of history. Confident that, once they opened it, they would want more, I gave them my phone number. Having thus cast my message in a bottle into the ocean, I return home, raffle tickets in hand, but forgetting the asparagus my wife sent me out to buy!

Three months later, having also forgotten about the two nuns, I received a phone call it was a woman's voice. I didn't fully understand the reason for the call, but, through

the linguistic fog, I suddenly realized I was speaking to their Mother Superior. She was asking if I could give some Latin classes because they wanted to prepare for the Latin Mass. I could hardly believe my ears! I was later to learn that an elderly priest, on a pastoral visit to the convent, had seen my Missal. It had reminded him of the beauty of the sacred liturgy as he had learnt to celebrate it in the seminary. Fifty years had gone by since he had last celebrated the Latin Mass. As he told them of its glories, the sisters wanted to discover for themselves this shining jewel of their Catholic faith that had been concealed from them all this time.

The next link in the chain of coincidences, or divine interventions, was that the discovery of the Missal just happened to coincide with preparations for the seventieth birthday of a rich benefactor of the convent. For more than a year he had been imploring the Mother Superior for the Traditional Latin Mass to be celebrated on his birthday, 16 October.

Since arriving in Culiacan two years earlier, it had been my dream to one day see the Traditional Latin Mass celebrated there. In the meantime, I was forced to attend the 'happenings' that pass for the Holy Mass in most Mexican churches today, with altars modelled on Freemasonry lodges.

My suffering became most intense one Sunday when the priest, in place of the homily, projected a video on a large screen next to the altar. I have no idea what it was about since I was quickly up and heading for the door. I suspect it was about climate change, seemingly the Bishop of Rome's most pressing moral concern.

The only relief from this ugly liturgy was to be found 700km away, in Guadalajara. That city was a stronghold of Catholic resistance during the *Cristero War* (1926-29). That was when thousands of Mexican priests, religious and lay people, were exterminated under the reign of atheist terror imposed by President Calles (1877-1945). He was the Freemason who launched an all-out war against Catholicism in Mexico. Celebration of the Holy Mass became a criminal offence, punishable with death. Many, such as Padre Pio (1891-1927) preferred death to relinquishing the Holy Mass.

But now, as a result of that chain of coincidences/Divine interventions, it seemed I would no longer have to travel so far. I agreed with the Mother Superior to give a series of three explanatory talks on the Mass, to prepare the sisters for the big day, 16 October. It was already late September. So, I soon found myself in front of a class of about 20 nuns and two priests, giving them an introduction of the Mass of Ages.

My only qualification was that it was the Mass as I had known it in my childhood, in England.

More recently, I had for several years served as an acolyte in the Church of the Holy Innocents in New York City, where the Latin Mass is celebrated daily. Fortunately, I still had my notes from the classes I gave there to groups of children before Sunday Mass. A priest from the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter also travelled up from Guadala-

jara to train the priests in the rubrics. He kindly stayed for three days and assisted them at the first Mass.

Wounded survivors

I was the acolyte at that Mass. During Communion, as I stood next to the priest, holding the Communion plate, a perturbing image entered my mind. As the nuns approached to receive the Sacred Body of Christ, I felt as though I was assisting a relief worker at a recently liberated prisoner-of-war camp. They approached like the wounded survivors of a decades-long conflict. Malnourished from a deficient liturgical diet, hearts and souls wounded with doubts and falsehoods, maliciously sewn in by men in purple and black who paraded as their officers but who were in fact the enemy. I was glad to be part of that relief team, present as they took their first steps towards a deeper understanding of, and participation in, the beautiful liturgy of the Mass.

In the few months since then, the Mass of Ages has become a regular part of the daily life of the Carmelites.

At one Mass, attended by a few lay people, a woman exclaimed to my wife: "Ah! So, they're giving us back our Mass!"

Her expression of delight, with its "they", "us" and "we" was a concise commentary on what we have been witnessing in the aftermath of the Catholic Church's *Chernobyl* - Vatican II. An arrogant few seeking to rob us of our Catholic inheritance, bought with the blood of thousands of martyrs. But, as with political elites around the globe, I have the feeling that this clerical elite is also about to experience its *Evo Morales* moment - chased out of their privilege Episcopal and papal lodgings, no more to be fed, clothed and housed by the rest of us.

In case you're wondering, no, I didn't win the brand-new car nor the trip to Acapulco in the Sisters' raffle. No - I won First prize!

BLACK LIVES MATTER AND EXPLODING BUSES

By: Graham Moorhouse

Recent, one violent criminal died while being arrested in the USA by a seemingly gratuitous violent policeman, and black lives matter so much, left-wing mobs murder four more innocent black men in organise riots, just to prove how much they actually believe black lives matter.

However, the lives of black Christians slaughtered by Muslims in atrocities that are ongoing and unremitting, matter so little to the left that the left-wing activists pretending to be journalists who run the mainstream media make a point of not reporting the massacres. The chart on the following page show just a few of the Christians murdered in cold blood by Muslims this year between January and May - we still have seven months to go.

The following true story further illustrates the lengths the left will go to sweep Muslim atrocities under the carpet. Readers will recall that on 7th July 2005 four Muslim suicide bombers blew themselves up on the London Underground and on buses, killing 52 people and injuring more than 700. Recently, the father of one of the victims stated that his son (Philip Russell, 28) deserved to have a life and that time had been no healer.

The BBC News reporting on this story explained that Philip Russell “*was killed while on route to work on 7th July 2005, when the bus exploded.*” A self-exploding bus, eh? Why has nobody warned us before about this terrible threat to the lives of innocent passengers on London Transport?

e	Country	City	Killed	Injured	Description
2020.05.28	Nigeria	Miango	5	0	Muslims gun down five Christians in cold blood.
2020.05.15	Nigeria	Jos	1	1	Muslim murder a Christian university professor and kidnap his 6-year-old daughter.
2020.05.11	Nigeria	Gonan Rogo	17	6	Families are among Christians massacred in their homes by Fulani terrorists.
2020.04.19	Nigeria	Ungwan Magaji	4	0	Three middle-aged women are among four Christians murdered by Miyetti Allah loyalists.
2020.04.14	Nigeria	Zakka	1	2	Muslim radicals fire on a Christian family, killing a man and injuring two others.
2020.04.10	Mozambique	Quirimba	5	60	A Good Friday attack by Ahly Sunnah Wa-Jama leaves five dead Christians, including one who was burned alive.
2020.04.02	Nigeria	Hukka	7	0	Fulani burn dozens of homes and hack seven elderly Christians to death.
2020.03.05	Nigeria	Borno	1	0	A targeted Muslim attack on a Christian village kills a father of five.
2020.02.27	Pakistan	Kasur	1	0	A 22-year-old laborer is called a "filthy Christian," chained to a tree and tortured for "polluting" the community bathing water.
2020.02.02	Burkina Faso	Bani	18	0	A nurse is among eighteen Christians selectively executed in cold blood by Jihadists.
2020.01.27	Bangladesh	Kutupalong	1	12	The Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army is believed to have killed a pastor after abducting him during an attack on Christian refugees.
2020.01.19	Nigeria	Michika	1	0	A Christian pastor is abducted and beheaded in captivity by Islamic radicals.
2020.01.17	Cameroon	Hidouwa	5	0	Five are left dead following a Boko Haram attack on a Christian village.
2020.01.13	Nigeria	Borno	1	0	A Christian man is executed by a child member of the Islamic State.
2020.01.06	Cameroon	Hitere	2	2	Boko Haram raid a Christian village, killing two men and kidnapping two children.
2020.01.06	Cameroon	Moudokou	3	1	Boko Haram burn a church and kill three residents.

THE LEFT TAINTS EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES, EVEN MEDICINE
Lancetgate Is a Humiliation for Trump’s Medical Critics
By Graham Moorhouse (Based on an article by James Delingpole)

How the Godless left destroys everything it touches: *The Lancet*, once one of the world’s best known, and most respected medical journals, has been reduced to a joke under its new left-wing activist director. Recently, it has been forced to publicly retract a paper which claimed that hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) is ineffective and poten-

tially dangerous in the treatment of coronavirus, which it published, not for medical reasons, but to mock President Trump.

The paper - 'Hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine with or without a macrolide for treatment of Covid-19: a multinational registry analysis' - received widespread publicity across the Marxist mainstream media who trumpeted it as the biggest and most damning study about HCQ. Supposedly based on the records of 96,032 patients in 671 hospitals, the study claimed that coronavirus patients who took HCQ were more likely to die than those who took nothing. It was so damning that the World Health Organization (WHO) immediately halted all its trials of HCQ. France banned its use altogether in treatments for Covid-19.

But the main reason the study got so much publicity was because HCQ has been championed by President Donald Trump. Trump has admitted to taking HCQ himself as a prophylactic against the coronavirus. So here was a perfect opportunity for the Marxist mainstream media to make him look ignorant and foolish.

This story by the BBC was fairly typical, headlined 'Trump drug hydroxychloroquine raises death risk in Covid patients, study says'. It began: "The drug U.S. President Donald Trump said he was taking to ward off Covid-19 actually increases the risk of patients with the disease dying from it, a study in the *Lancet* has found." In other words, the MSM was in no doubt where the real significance of the *Lancet* study lay: it represented a humiliation for Trump (and an opportunity for lefties everywhere to have self-congratulation little giggle).

Trump's lefty enemies were quite unable to hide their glee. Senator Ed Markey (D-Mass.) tweeted that "*the science is clear and the president, as usual is dangerously wrong*". This lefty antipathy towards Trump was clearly what was behind the *Lancet* article, which, for 25 years, has been edited by a hard-left activist Richard Horton. As Rebecca Weisser notes in a piece for *Spectator Australia*, Horton has a long track record of championing fashionable leftist causes: Horton's causes célèbres include publishing an inflated Iraq War death toll, a letter on Gaza from pro-Hamas doctors and calling for physicians to join Extinction Rebellion. Horton and the *Lancet* are also, it goes without saying, fanatical proponents of the man-made global warming scam.

Last month, the *Lancet* published an editorial urging Americans to "*put a president in the White House...who will understand that public health should not be guided by partisan politics.*" This month, however, it has been exposed as having engaged in "*partisan politics*" itself. The way the *Lancet* has suddenly taken a paper of "*such consequence*" only to discard it "*like a used tissue*" has been described as 'one of the most consequential retractions in modern history'.

Bizarrely it was the cheerleader for all things left-wing, the *Guardian*, that blew the whistle. A writer for its Australian edition, Melissa Davey, rang round Australian hospitals and found that the real Australian data did not tally with the claims made in the study. This raised serious questions about the credibility of Surgisphere, the hitherto unknown analytics company which had produced the study.

As the *Guardian* reported:

- A search of publicly available material suggests several of Surgisphere’s employees have little or no data or scientific background. An employee listed as a science editor appears to be a science fiction author and fantasy artist whose professional profile suggests writing is her fulltime job. Another employee listed as a marketing executive is an adult model and events hostess, who also acts in videos for organisations.
- The company’s LinkedIn page has fewer than 100 followers and last week listed just six employees. This was later changed to three employees.
- While Surgisphere claims to run one of the largest and fastest hospital databases in the world, it has almost no online presence. Its Twitter handle has fewer than 170 followers, with no posts between October 2017 and March 2020.
- Until Monday, the “get in touch” link on Surgisphere’s homepage redirected to a WordPress template for a crypto-currency website, raising questions about how hospitals could easily contact the company to join its database.
- Desai, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Surgisphere Corporation, has been named in three medical malpractice suits, unrelated to the Surgisphere database. In an interview with the *Scientist*, Desai previously described the allegations as “unfounded”.
- In 2008, Desai launched a crowd funding campaign on the website Indiegogo promoting a wearable “*next generation human augmentation device that can help you achieve what you never thought was possible*”. The device never came to fruition.
- Desai’s Wikipedia page has been deleted following questions about Surgisphere and his history, first raised in 2010.

Why was what was once the world’s most highly-respected medical journal prepared to run a “study” from such an obviously doggy source? As Toby Young, among others, argues at *Lockdown Sceptics*, the decision appears as if it had more to do with left-wing activism than with science.

The question is, why did the “independent” fact-checkers fail to spot this bit of fake news when they’ve been so quick to jump on anything purporting to show HCQ is effective? Could it be that they’re not actually independent at all, but Establishment lackeys determined to discredit anything that suggests COVID-19 isn’t the deadly pathogen it’s made out to be by governments around the world, particularly if it emanates from the White House?

With suspiciously convenient timing, within 24 hours of the *Lancet* retraction, yet another study - from the University of Oxford, part of the so-called Recovery Trial -

allegedly debunking hydroxychloroquine was publicised in the mainstream media. In the *Telegraph*, the story was reported under the headline ‘Researchers halt trial into hydroxychloroquine after they found it was “useless” against coronavirus’. Immediately underneath, was the give-away anti-Trump line: “*This could be the end of the road for a drug touted as a ‘game-changer’ by U.S. president Donald Trump*”.

Well it *could*. Except, almost immediately, doubts were being raised about the relevance of this trial, especially with regard to the dosage of HCQ used. Kulvinder Kaur MD, a Canadian physician went on the record to stating that today’s media is once again politically sensationalizing science. UK’s HCQ randomized controlled trial findings were made public by media release: still no published study to review, she added. She concluded that this recovery randomized controlled trial merely affirmed what we already know: HCQ is not effective in LATE hospitalized Covid-19 patients and has no cardiac toxicity

The Catholic who Tweets using the Twitter handle: @TbTtruthbetold. followed this up with, “*Looks like the study's HCQ doses were also very high, typical for anti-HCQ studies designed and conducted to reach their predetermined biased conclusions. This should come as no surprise, given that the Gates Foundation helped fund the study.*” - Bill Gates, of course, stands to lose billions should the world find an effective treatment for Covid-19.

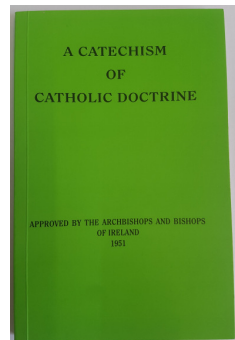
Of course it’s quite possible that the many doctors (such as France’s Didier Raoult) who claim to have used HCQ successfully as a treatment for Covid-19 - often in conjunction with zinc - may yet be proved mistaken by a definitive study. But it’s equally possible that Trump - and these doctors - may yet be vindicated.

But the left, which is far more interested in discrediting President Trump than it is in saving lives, can only serve to delay the day when we have the results of unbiased authoritative studies that we urgently need.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

A Dublin reader, Mrs Elizabeth O’Hanlon, is so impressed with this little Irish pre-Vatican II catechism, which she had as a child, she has been promoting it for the last 25 years. This has become her mission. She has recently had a thousand copies printed at her own expense. One of our committee members has also examined it and agrees with Elizabeth’s judgement.

If you would like a copy, or copies, please write to Mrs Elizabeth O’Hanlon, 82 Braemor Road, Churchtown, Dublin 14, Ireland. Telephone (from UK) 00-353-1-298-2112. Email: catholiccatechism@hotmail.com.



In the meantime PEEP is researching making this Catechism available on Amazon.

FR ARMAND DE MALLERAY'S BEAUTIFUL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY HOMILY

"I – am the good shepherd." Our Lord emphasises the "I". Meaning: "I" only am truly and fully the good shepherd. Other shepherds are good inasmuch as they act in me and through me.

Christ is the Good Shepherd. Christ is the only truly good shepherd. no pope, bishop or priest is a good shepherd, unless Christ speaks and acts through him. Christ always meant to be the one acting through his clergy. Some would betray Him. Some would remain faithful.

The tragic betrayal of Our Lord by Judas is comforting, paradoxically. Judas had been chosen and trained during three years by the best seminary rector ever, that is, the Lord Jesus Himself. And yet, Judas the shepherd fell. Judas wept, and Judas died unrepentant. Simon Peter had been chosen and trained during three years by the best seminary rector ever, that is, the Lord Jesus Himself. And yet, Peter the shepherd fell, wept, trusted and rose again.

Christ is the only truly good shepherd. Dear friends, it is Christ whom you, the sheep, must seek in your pastors. You must always remember that no pope, no bishop, no priest, perfectly embodies Christ. No pope, no bishop, no priest faithfully radiates Christ. There is always at least some discrepancy, because Christ is the only truly good shepherd, and every pastor can only try to imitate Christ. By God's grace, many popes, bishops, priests and deacons were faithful. Read their fascinating lives: thousands of martyrs, doctors, founders, holy abbots, heroic missionaries, catechists, hospital directors, scientists, even statesmen and artists. All trying to imitate Christ the only truly good Shepherd.

Some betrayed gravely, like Fr Martin Luther, the apostate monk. What is more frequent, and no less harmful, is when priests gradually surrender to the world, while remaining in full communion with the Church and in active ministry. In a way, every baptised is prone to compromising with the world, to becoming lukewarm for the sake of a quiet life, of popularity, of preferment. But this leaning towards mediocrity is more harmful in shepherds, because these are meant to be leaders of the flock and examples to souls.

Our unprecedented times of universal church closures deprive most Catholic souls of the sacraments. This is extremely grave. This is the worst calamity in the history of the world. Shepherds must absolutely not play it down. Shepherds must not excuse it or explain it away. Shepherds must weep for such an evil, and shepherds must actively represent to the Government the spiritual needs of their flocks. How can souls be forbidden even private prayers in churches when supermarkets are open? The current crisis reveals how deeply our society has lost sight of its true Shepherd, the Lord Jesus. If only food shops were open and not churches, it would be bad enough. But

my friends there is more and there is worse. How is it possible that Marie Stopes, the main abortion provider in the UK, can boast of the following on its website:

"COVID-19 closures do not impact our abortion care clinics as we are providing an essential medical service. You ARE allowed to leave your home to visit our clinics...." This website is indicated by the NHS on their abortion page (nhs.uk/conditions/abortion), which states: "Coronavirus update: Abortion services are still open. [...] Impartial information and support are available from organisations such as the FPA, Brook (for under-25s), BPAS, Marie Stopes UK and NUPAS - but beware of so-called "crisis pregnancy centres" that claim to provide impartial advice but often do not."

My friends, who can ignore that what the NHS calls impartial advice is a heavy and systematic pressure to kill innocent children for profit? Who can ignore that what the NHS calls partial is a compassionate and respectful help to save unborn children at no cost?

In the UK, there are at most 20,000 deaths attributed to Coronavirus (slightly more than ordinary seasonal flu). Of those deaths, in truth, most were caused by underlying conditions, not by the Coronavirus. However, even if this high estimate were proven, it would still be 10 times less than the number of deaths by abortion in the UK each year: 209,000. Unlike the deaths attributed to the Coronavirus, deaths by abortion are not caused by underlying conditions. Deaths by abortion don't occur against the efforts of the doctors and nurses, but through their direct, wilful and personal intervention. Deaths by abortion are not accidents occurring through the negligence of NHS staff. On the contrary, they are considered central to the mission and ethos of the NHS and of the State.

Much as I agree with Prime Minister Boris Johnson in his praise of many NHS doctors and nurses, I cannot agree with his unconditional statement on Easter Sunday last: "*We will win because our NHS is the beating heart of this country. It is the best of this country. It is unconquerable. It is powered by love.*" With due respect to the Prime Minister, as a Catholic priest, as a shepherd of souls, I must state that the beating heart of this country is in our tabernacles. That beating heart is called 'Jesus, Saviour of Men - Jesus, Hominum Salvator'. Or by His initials: I.H.S. (There is an emphasis on the "I".) The IHS is the One who inspires every effort, every act of generosity and self denial. He is charity, love incarnate. Love sacrificed and love risen.

That on Easter morning, when the world celebrates the Resurrection of the Lord, a Prime Minister who is a baptised Catholic should not have a single word of thanks to the Master of life for saving his, and for the many Christians who offered prayers and sacrifices for his recovery, shows how dramatically we have lost contact with supernatural realities. Our souls stop breathing grace. Our airways are clogged by worldliness. Our eyes are blind to eternal light. Our hearts ignore the pace of supernatural charity. And yet, a month ago we were reminded that England is Our Lady's Dowry. What are we doing about this worst of viruses called apostasy?

What does it have to do with good shepherds, you may think? Dear friends, good shepherds cannot align their views, hopes, measures and speeches with those of this world. While praising every good deed in civil society, good shepherds are appointed by God precisely to guide and spur and lead souls to supernatural realities. There were good people in Egypt, surely. And yet, Moses was to take leave and lead the people to the Promised Land, even at a cost. What does this mean practically? Our Promised Land is our churches. Under the current antivirus restrictions, good shepherds after the example of Our Lord will pray, sacrifice, write and speak in every way in their power to secure for our churches at least the same level of access as is granted to supermarkets and abortuaries.

We, your shepherds will answer before God and your souls for what we will have done - or failed to do - to remedy this state of unprecedented sacramental emergency. The Lord will say to each shepherd: *“My son, I appointed you shepherd of my flock. I embedded in your soul my own divine powers to offer the redeeming sacrifice of the Mass and to beget souls to life of grace again through Holy Baptism and Confession.”*

The Lord will ask His shepherd – the Lord will ask me:

- My son, what exactly did you do to feed my flock with my Flesh?
- My son, what exactly did you do to cleanse my flock with my Blood in Confession?
- My son, what exactly did you do to warm my flock with my Eucharistic presence?
- My son, what exactly did you do to enlighten my flock with my word of truth?
- My son, what exactly did you do to fortify with my Last Anointing my flock in agony?

Dear friends, pray for us your shepherds. Pray for me. What will I, still a junior pastor, answer to the Lord, when He asks me these questions? Much as I give thanks for doctors and nurses helping patients in hospitals, will it suffice if I answer: “But Lord, Lord, I thanked the NHS!”

“For saving lives, well my son. But did you praise the IHS?” - the Lord might respond.

“O Lord, what is the IHS? I never heard of IHS. It is a new crisis healthcare scheme? Surely that IHS cannot be ‘the beating heart of this country,’ since the NHS is, I am told. O Lord, I led my flock in thanksgiving, publicly, for the NHS. I clapped every Thursday for the NHS. Also, I said Mass before a camera. Was there more I should have done, Lord?”

Dear friends, if you are watching LiveMass from outside the UK, know that NHS means ‘National Health Service’. If you are watching LiveMass from outside Chris-

tendom, know that IHS means ‘Jesus Saviour of Men’ – ‘I.H.S.’. The IHS acronym is displayed on countless churches, altars, chasubles, chalices, paintings and sculptures. Jesus Saviour of Men. The IHS is a summary of our faith, of our identity, of our hope. Jesus Saviour of Men. Felicitously, the IHS acronym is displayed widely at the very centre of the coat of arms chosen by His Holiness Pope Francis, the Vicar of Christ. Praise to the IHS: Jesus Saviour of Men.

Good shepherds will stamp their every thoughts, words and actions with the IHS. Jesus Saviour of Men.

Good shepherds will invite their flock daily to proclaim the IHS. Jesus Saviour of Men.

Good shepherds will see it as their chief duty to facilitate sacramental encounter between their flock and the IHS. Jesus Saviour of Men.

Good shepherds will praise the medical efforts of civil society in dependence of the IHS. Jesus Saviour of Men.

Good shepherds will remind their flock that our bodies are made for our souls; that time is given us for eternity; and that one virus only, one virus only, can kill our souls and its name is S-I-N: SIN. And its only remedy is I-H-S: Jesus Saviour of Men.

Good shepherds will gladden their flock, teaching that the Lord redeemed us through suffering in His Passion and Death on the Cross, so that our sufferings can redeem us and others if offered up with and in the IHS. Jesus Saviour of Men.

Good shepherds will proclaim the IHS as Lord of history, whose Providence encompasses everything, even pandemics. Jesus Saviour of Men.

Good shepherds will invite their flock to embrace trials in reparation for their sins and for the sins of scandalous clergy and of apostate Christians, and for the conversion of the heathens, as IHS said in today’s Holy Gospel: “And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.” Jesus Saviour of Men.

I conclude with two calls. First call: pray for all of us your clergy. Pray for Pope Francis, for cardinals, bishops, priests and deacons. Some of us are fallen. Some are gravely fallen. Some are mediocre. Some are in doubt. Some are afraid. Some are tired. Some are sick. And also, some are doing well, by God’s holy grace. You are the flock of the Lord, entrusted to our fallible care. Please pray for us all to convert, to repent, to improve, to be saved. To be pastors according to His Heart. Jesus Saviour of Men.

Second call: pray for our wonderful seminarians. Pray for these thousands of young men, all over the world, preparing to become shepherds of souls. Many of them this year will have spent Holy Week alone, sometimes quarantined. In particular if you are among the 7,000 members of the Confraternity of St Peter, pray for our FSSP UK seminarians: pray for Roger, Gwilym, Emmanuel, Miklos, Henry, Tom and Conan.

Some are watching us now on LiveMass. A word to them: My seminarian friends, you should have been here today, serving this Holy Mass. Guidelines prevented it. But we pray for you and with you.

Lastly, friends, pray for many, many more young men to follow those. Pray for many more Rogers, Gwilyms, Emmanuels, Mikloses, Henrys, Toms and Conans to hear the call of the Good Shepherd: FOLLOW ME! Pray for thousands of good young men to answer that call: Here I am Lord! Young men, I say to you, on this unique Good Shepherd Sunday behind locked doors: Don't be afraid. Answer the call. Christ will not let you down. He will be with you every day. Surrender to Him and to His Immaculate Mother. They will make you pastors according to their Sacred and Immaculate Hearts.

THE BRITISH POLICE - AN UNFUNNY JOKE Developed from an essay by James Delingpole

The left corrupts and taints everything it touches. One of the saddest things in my long life is watching the British Police Force go from being the scourge of rogues, the friend of decent citizens, and the envy of the world, to a unfunny joke in just a couple of decades under the influence of the hard-left.

The Tweet on the right from the Northumbria Police should send a shudder down the spine of anyone who believes in equality under the law: a British police department openly admitting that it intends to give special, favourable treatment to the Marxist front organisation, Black Lives Matter.

Note the use of the left's weasel propaganda word 'vigil.' Presumably this comes from the same phrase book of politically correct left-wing jargon that led the BBC to describe Black Lives Matter's violent demos in London – in which 27 police officers were injured – as 'largely peaceful.'

It's not only a lie, it's an insulting lie at that. Vigils are what angels keep. Vigils are what military men keep by the bodies of their fallen comrades. Vigils are what Catholics keep at the shrines of saints. Vigils are honourable, solemn, ancient, silent and prayerful. They have absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with a bunch of mostly



white middle class, nasty, violent, Godless, Marxist agitators causing mayhem on the public streets under the pretence of fighting ‘structural racism.’

Note: Northumbria Police are brazenly declaring a two-tier policing system. Protest gatherings – even make-believe ‘vigils’ – are illegal under the draconian legislation which was rushed through by the UK parliament in response to the current flu virus. Yet here are the Northumbria Police explicitly – and unilaterally – announcing to the world that they consider Black Lives Matter are exempt from the law and will “facilitate” them breaking the law.

How can this possibly be just for any police department to turn a blind eye to (or indeed, in this case, actively encourage) the hard-left, while simultaneously threatening anyone who wants to protest against this injustice with arrest? Also, what the hell are the police doing giving unjust and illegal privileges to a Marxist organisation which not only wants the police defunded, but preaches that All Cops Are Bastards?

I doubt – or at least hope – that no rank and file police in Northumbria (one of the more down-to-earth regions of Britain) support this insanity. But then I suppose I wouldn’t be altogether surprised if some did, because policing in Britain these days seems to be so heavily in thrall to the Social Justice Warrior values of Common Purpose and the radical left generally that they may well believe their job is to promote ‘anti-racism’ and has very little to do with uphold the law or keeping the peace.

Some of us could see this coming a mile off. Police cars redecorated in the colours of unicorn vomit (in solidarity with LGBTQ etc.), policemen being encouraged to wear high heels and paint their finger nails (in solidarity with something or other), policemen obsessed with hurty tweets but not with preventing knife crime or burglary or underage non-Muslim girls being gang-raped on an industrial scale by organised Muslim child rape gangs, policewomen getting the top jobs as a reward for being lesbian, rather than for their talent. We saw all this happening and asked ourselves: but will this buttercup, emasculated police be capable of responding if it all kicks off and some actual, old-fashioned law enforcement is needed?

Well over the last few weeks we’ve had our answer: police in Bristol looking on (apparently) as statues are dragged by mindless, hate-filled, ignorant mobs and dumped in the sea; police in London running away from the mob and being beaten up by more uncontrolled mobs.

Home Secretary Priti Patel has been talking some tough talk, saying she’s going to haul the head of the Metropolitan Police Cressida Dick over the coals for failing to keep order. But does she really have the appetite for the root and branch reform that’s actually needed? And where, among all the milquetoast, right-on, sociology graduates that now form the upper echelons of the police is she going to find officers with the mettle and backbone to restore the police to its original purpose?

I would suggest that maybe it’s time to put the Army in charge of law and order – except they’re now also commanded by politically correct bedwetters. Britain, I fear,

is toast. And to think that, up until quite recently, right-wingers like myself who pointed out that we were losing the culture wars to the radical left and that all our institutions had fallen to Social Justice Warriors, were treated like tin-foil-hatted loons.

Such was the fate of Cassandra. Nothing changes. All I know is that if Boris Johnson's administration doesn't get its act together soon on the law and order front, then you ain't seen nothing yet. Come October, when the economic consequences of the government's utterly pointless coronavirus lockdown begin to make themselves felt, and unemployment starts to bite, that is when the brown stuff is really going to hit the fan. And you can bet your last penny that when working class men begin demonstrating against job losses, they will not be treated by the police with the kid gloves reserved for Marxist agitators.

Priti: if you wanted to be the next Margaret Thatcher, now's your chance.

FROM THE MAIL BOX

NB Because of the toxic atmosphere in which orthodox priests have to work in the modern Church, we never publish their real names. All priests are called Fr Ignobilis and reside in Stat Veritas for the purposes of this mailbox

"... causing the amputation of both my legs"

Dear Graham,

Owing to a very serious accident on Friday March 9th 2018 when a double-decker bus ran over me, causing the amputation of both my legs well above the knees, and other injuries, I spent many months in three different hospitals. Hence the reasons for me not sending a donation up until now.

I enclose £■■■■ as a donation. God bless:

Margaret Anne Stewart (Fife, Scotland)

This letter was so moving. No one reading such a simple statement, could possibly believe that humans do not have souls. Only a creature made in the image of God would writes apologising for being late with their donation because they had just lost both legs. Lets all commit to at least one rosary for Margaret. God bless you Margaret. You are an inspiration.

Keep up the good work.

Please find enclosed cheque for £■■■■. Thank you for always sending the Flock, even though it is sometimes since I made a donation.

Keep up the good work. God bless you.

Rita McCluery (Eston, Middlesbrough)

“... I enjoy so much reading [it]”

Dear Mr Moorhouse - Thank you for this issue of the Flock that I enjoy so much reading. You always say all the right things - especially about Pope Francis!

Until I got your newsletter, I had no idea of all the good work that you do. I am full of admiration for it.

I enclose a donation of £■■■■, and I am going to send a direct debit every month from now onwards. Yours sincerely,

Mrs Agnes McKenzie (Nottingham)

“Such sad and troublesome times in which we live!”

Dear Mr Moorhouse, Sending a wee donation to help with your vital work.

Such sad and troublesome times in which we live! It is truly appalling that Holy Mass is not available. We cannot make the Five First Saturdays or nine First Fridays, no May devotions, Way of the Cross, First Communions, etc. In all my 75 years I have never experienced such a dearth of spiritual matters. Thank God I attended an Ignatius Retreat at St Saviours last August.

Praying earnestly that the church of darkness leaves Rome so that the consecration of Russia may be carried out.

God keep you safe. With prayers:

Claire Conlon (Dunoon)

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