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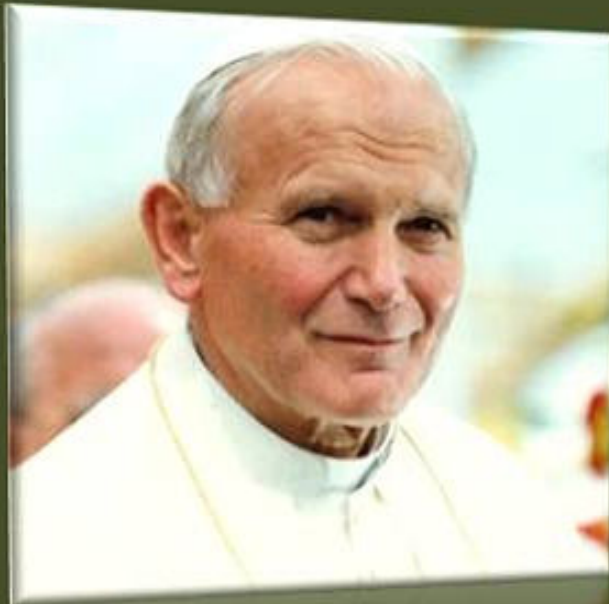
HUMAN RIGHTS,
HUMAN LIFE,
HUMAN DIGNITY

The Children Test



“The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children”

The Child In The Womb: 600 aborted every day



"a nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope"

*"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying,"— **John Paul II***

Life Begins At Conception But It Doesn't End At Birth



Thrown away like
litter on the
streets of Brazil



Talk will fall into 3 parts:

1. Human Rights

2. Human Life (the human embryo, abortion, euthanasia)

3. Human Dignity

1. Human Rights.

Don't ask where was God at Auschwitz, ask where was man...our 20th century understanding of human rights begins here:



ПОТ ПОТ

1948

- General Assembly of the United Nations in December 1948 passed the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. The preamble to which demanded:
- *“recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world...”*
- *Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,*
- *Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,”*

The first three articles of which make clear that human rights are not subject to territoriality :

Article 1.

- ⊙ All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2.

- ⊙ Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

Article 3.

- ⊙ Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

These, and twenty seven articles which follow, remain the basis for our discourse on human rights today.

“Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.” – Article 18

THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
OF **H**uman **R**ights



ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT
ITS 1890 MEETING, HELD IN PARIS ON 10 DECEMBER, 1948

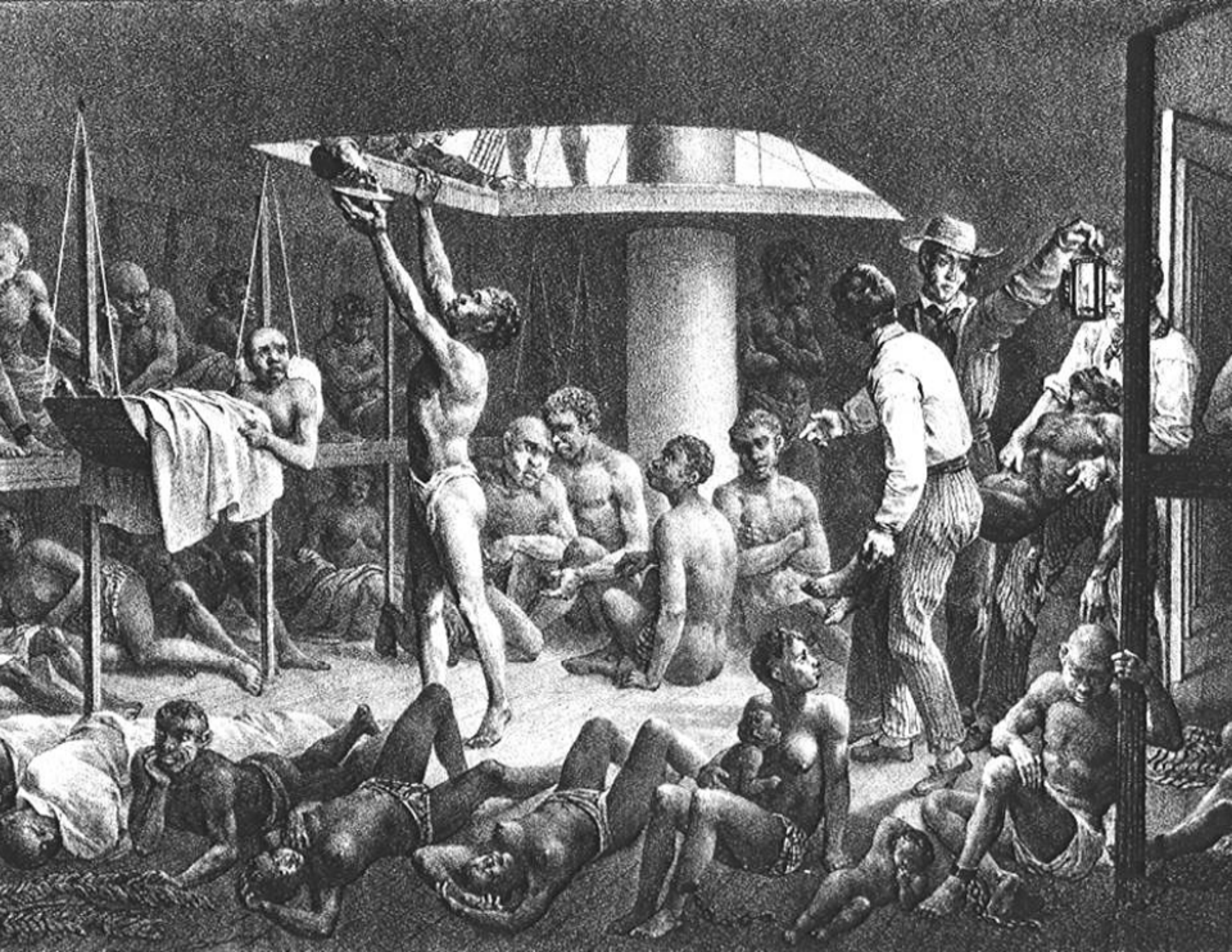


The first parliamentary campaign for human rights was in the 19th century = William Wilberforce:

“We can no longer plead ignorance. We cannot turn aside.”

– the first parliamentary human rights campaign





The Quakers, William Wilberforce, Thomas Clarkson, Granville Sharpe, Olaudah Equiano, Josiah Wedgwood, John Newton, and the Liverpool MP William Roscoe: a powerful and persistent alliance.



The first Human Rights Campaign

- Research
- Newsletters and Leaflets
- Fundraising
- Publicity and Marketing
- Logo
- Posters
- Press
- Public Meetings

The first Human Rights Campaign

- ⦿ Lobbying
- ⦿ Petitions
- ⦿ Boycott
- ⦿ Publications
- ⦿ Political Action

Persistence and Prioritising Paid Off and Achieved Victory



“If to be feelingly alive to the sufferings of my fellow-creatures is to be a fanatic, I am one of the most incurable fanatics ever permitted to be at large.”



Human Rights 2012: a case study – North Korea



Hearing in the Moses Room Of The House of Lords Taking Evidence From North Koreans

Human Rights 2011



Yoo Sang-joon: a Korean Raoul
Wallenberg

The Plight of Men, Women and Children Where I was Just 10 Days Ago



300,000 people held in North Korean gulags



Shin Dong Hyok – forced to watch as they executed his mother and brother





ESCAPE FROM CAMP 14

One man's remarkable odyssey
from North Korea to freedom in the West

BLAINE HARDEN

Jeon Young Ok “They tortured Christians the most.”

Jeon Young-Ok: “They tortured the Christians the most.

They were denied food and sleep.

They were forced to stick out their tongues and iron was pushed into it.”





Refugees who don't die making the crossing are often repatriated and then executed



U.N. Special Rapporteur Speaks Out



Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn estimates that 400,000 have been killed in the past three decades, about 200,000 are detained in the camps, and a likelihood of a new famine, following 2 million deaths in the 1990s.

Gorbachev Consigned the Gulags To History



Human Rights and the Helsinki Process Brought Down The Walls



What Do We Need To Learn And What Might We Do?

Change Doesn't Happen By Itself

"I have a dream..."



Martin Luther King, Jr.

1929-1968

For the first time in the history of the United States, the civil rights movement has achieved a major victory. The Supreme Court has ruled that segregation is unconstitutional. This is a landmark decision that will have a profound impact on the lives of all Americans. The King's dream is a vision of a more just and equitable society. It is a dream that is shared by all people of good will. It is a dream that is worth fighting for.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a Baptist minister and a leader of the civil rights movement. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. His death led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. He is remembered as one of the greatest leaders of the 20th century.

In a speech to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1963, he said, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live up to the true meaning of its creed: 'Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.' I have a dream that one day the sons of the South will be able to join the sons of the North as brothers and sisters."

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"A promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the "inalienable Rights" of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note, insofar as her citizens of colour are concerned."

Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom. A man can't ride you unless your back is bent."



2. Human

Life. - the human embryo,
abortion, euthanasia

LIFE



Unprecedented
photographic feat
in color

**DRAMA OF LIFE
BEFORE BIRTH**

Living 18-week-old
fetus shown inside
its amniotic sac—
placenta is seen at right

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Dr Alveda King, the niece of Dr Martin Luther King – who herself had three abortions – speaking at Westminster in 2010 said “*in our age the greatest human rights struggle, following in the footsteps of Wilberforce and my uncles’ civil rights movement is the battle today for the unborn – the pro-life movement*”.

Four Leading Embryologists

- ⊙ “Almost all higher animals start their lives from a single cell, the fertilized ovum (zygote)... The time of fertilization represents the starting point in the life history, or ontogeny, of the individual.”

(Carlson, Bruce M. Patten's *Foundations of Embryology*, 6th edition. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1996, p. 3)

- ⊙ “The development of a human being begins with fertilization, a process by which two highly specialised cells, the spermatozoon from the male and the oocyte from the female, unite to give rise to a new organism, the zygote.”

(Langman, Jan. *Medical Embryology*, 3rd edition. Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins, 1975, p. 3)

- ⊙ “When does an embryo exist, when does it occur. I think, as you know, that in development, life is a continuum.... But I think one of the useful definitions that has come out, especially from Germany, has been the stage at which these two nuclei [from sperm and egg] come together and the membranes between the two break down.”

(Jonathan Van Blerkom of University of Colorado, expert witness on human embryology before the NIH Human Embryo Research Panel – Panel Transcript, February 2, 1994, p. 63)

- ⊙ “Although life is a continuous process, fertilization is a critical landmark because, under ordinary circumstances, a new, genetically distinct human organism is thereby formed.... The embryo now exists as a genetic unity.”

(O'Rahilly, Ronan and Müller, Fabiola. *Human Embryology & Teratology*. 2nd edition. New York:

Wiley-Liss, 1996, pp. 8, 29.)

***Nature Magazine July 2002 –
‘Your destiny from day one’***

“Your world was shaped in the first 24 hours after conception. Where your head and feet would sprout, and which side would form your back and which your belly, were being defined in the minutes and hours after sperm and egg united.”

Since 1990 over two million human embryos destroyed or experimented upon in UK – just 4% see the light of day; therapeutic cloning made legal; By 2011 155 animal-human hybrid embryos had been created.



1998: Warnock Committee: human embryo should have “special status” and “respect”

The Scientific Justification for the 2008 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act

Dr Lovell-Badge said:

“I cannot think of a good experiment to do now but I am sure someone will think of a good experiment”.

Professor Bobrow said:

“We are also not aware of any pressing scientific reasons at the moment for creating such entities, but who knows what tomorrow might bring?”

Professor Smith said:

*“At the present time we have not been able to identify such a particular reason”—to make true hybrids—
“but that does not mean that they do not already exist and that there are not people already in the scientific community who would have appropriate grounds or that they would come along in the future”.*

Chief Medical Officer

Disagrees:

Sir Liam Donaldson, Chief Medical Officer, said in his evidence Parliament, on 6 June 2007, concerning true hybrids:

“There was no clear scientific argument as to why you would want to do it, and, secondly, a feeling that this would be a step too far as far as the public are concerned”.

Nobel Laureate, Sir Martin Evans, who originally discovered mouse embryonic stem cells said:

“The writing is on the wall for stem cell research that depends on using human embryos”.

“creating human clones for no good reason is wrong.” They added: “Like stuck records, ministers and policy makers continue to enthuse about therapeutic cloning even though the majority of bench scientists no longer think it’s possible or practicable to treat patients with cells derived from cloned embryos.”

Nature Biotechnology editorial:

"Meanwhile, forward steps continue to be made in the field of adult stem cell therapy."

"One estimate is that there are currently over 80 therapies and around 300 clinical trials underway using such cells".

..not a single cure or therapy in use anywhere in the world using human embryos

Professor Shinya Yamanaka



“When I saw the embryo, I suddenly realized...”

*– this was after he looked down
his microscope –*

“...there was such a small difference between it and my daughters ... I thought, we can’t keep destroying embryos for our research. There must be another way”.

October 2012: Two pioneers of stem cell research have shared the *Nobel prize for medicine or physiology*. John Gurdon from the UK and Shinya Yamanaka



MRC's supported Dr Keisuke Kaji at the University of Edinburgh and a colleague from Toronto in obtaining human skin cells to act like embryonic stem cells without needing to use viruses, and with the introduced genes successfully removed after reprogramming.

The MRC says on its website, research teams now state that, *“their discovery could ultimately spell an end to the need for human embryos as a source of stem cells”*.

The Coming Peril

...genetic screening-out on grounds of IQ, sexuality, behavioural traits or disability will be demanded by consumers, insurers, State planners and politicians. This is the coming peril – in all its deadliness - where the mystery of life is replaced by a commodified view of life – where the human embryo is treated as just another accessory – to be created, bartered, frozen, experimented upon and destroyed.

Prophetic Writing of C.S. Lewis



In 1943 C.S Lewis published *The Abolition of Man*; in 1945, *That Hideous Strength...foreseeing* what he described as “technological brutalism”.

Lord Feverstone, the creator of the National Institute for Coordinated Experiments in *That Hideous Strength*, a Member the House of Lords, says his aim is: “Quite simple and obvious things, at first—sterilization of the unfit, liquidation of backward races ... selective breeding.”

Ultimately, he will create: “A new type of man.”



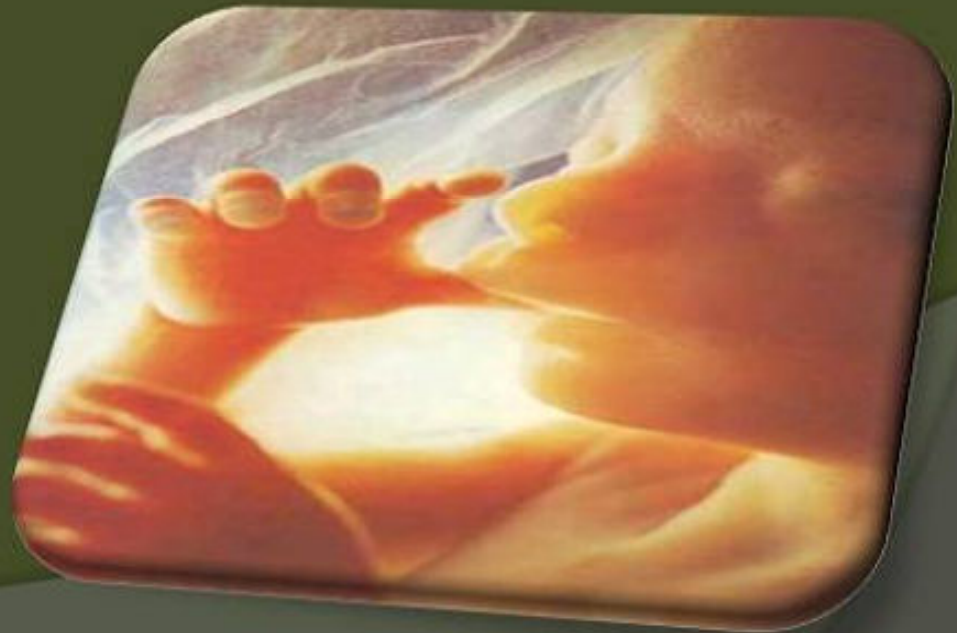
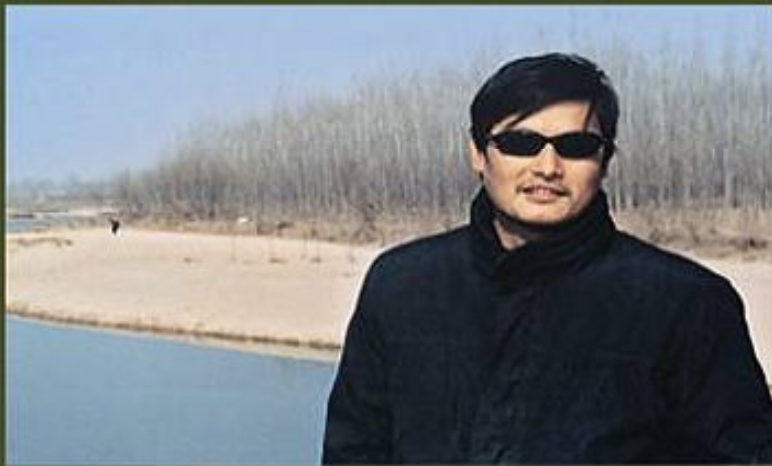
“ Destruction of the embryo in the mother’s womb is a violation of the right to live which God has bestowed... The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this nascent human being has been deliberately deprived of his life. And that is nothing but murder.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Human Life:

Abortion

- ◉ 42 million abortions annually throughout the world ;
- ◉ 115,000 every day.
- ◉ 600 in Britain every working day; approaching 7 million over 40 years.
- ◉ In the past 12 months there were 189,574 abortions.
- ◉ We have exported our culture of death



Abortion up to birth on grounds of disability

- 2,290 abortions on grounds of disability were performed last year; 147 of those after 24 weeks. Seven were undertaken on the grounds of a cleft palate, a condition which can be rectified by surgery, and 181 were attributed to musculoskeletal problems such as club foot.

Abortion: Big Business:

The link between abortion providers, abortion advice, and vulnerable women generated some £75 million for the providers last year alone.

In 1991 the NHS funded 9,197 abortions. By 2010 the number had risen to 111,775 (more than half of all abortions) – an increase of 1100%.

Mary Wakefield: *The Spectator* “In Germany the physician must be separate from the counsellor and a woman must wait three days between her decision and her op. Their abortion rate is half ours. So, what is wrong with offering independent counselling?” – September 2011.

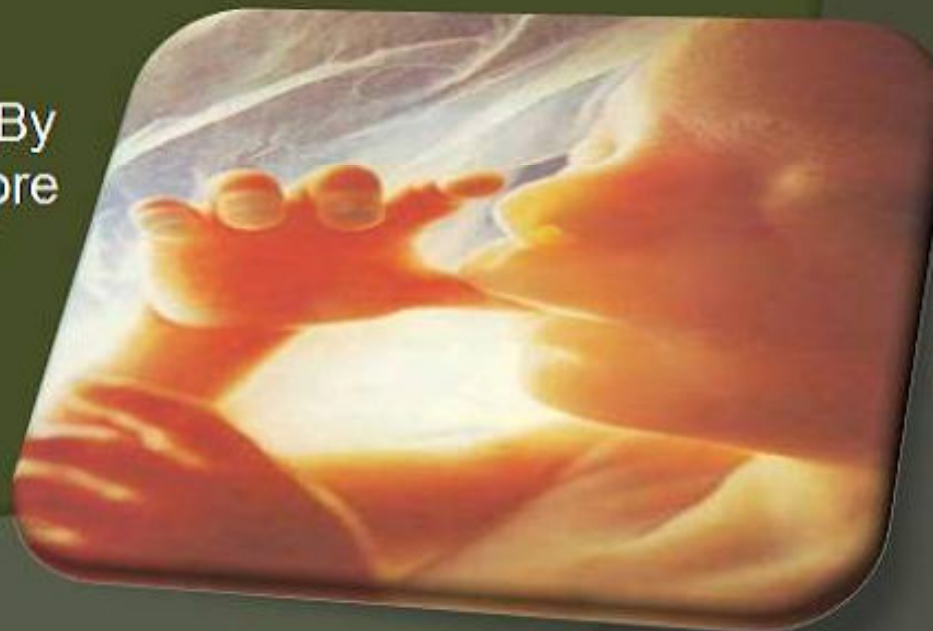
**THE
SPECTATOR**
Est. 1828

The Child In The Womb: multiple abortions

The latest abortion statistics reveal that taxpayers spent £118m on abortions in 2010, of which £75m went to private clinics; that of 6.3 million abortions, just 143 were where a woman's life was in danger; and that 48,000 people have had more than one abortion -

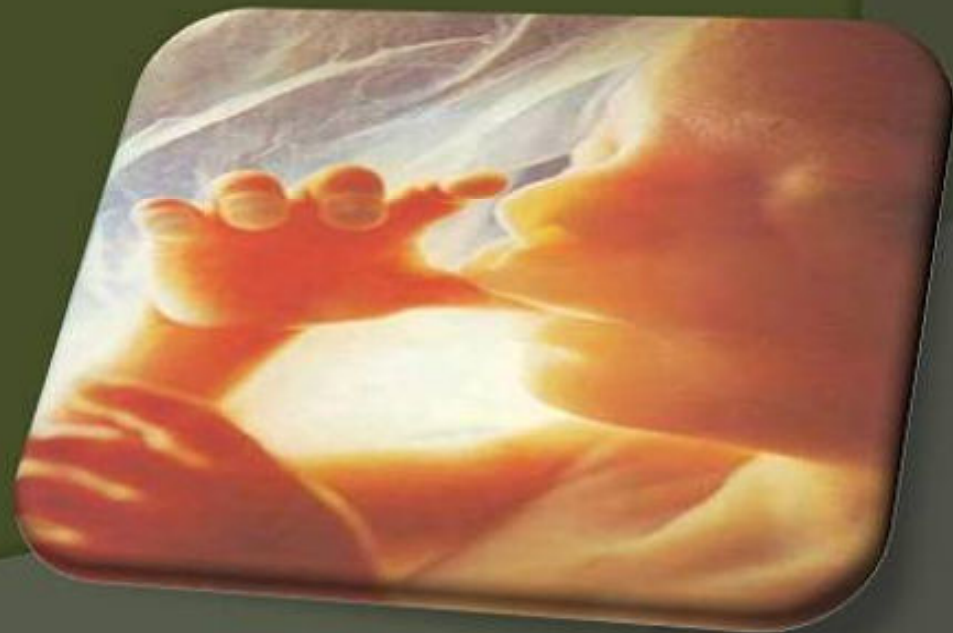
some as many as eight

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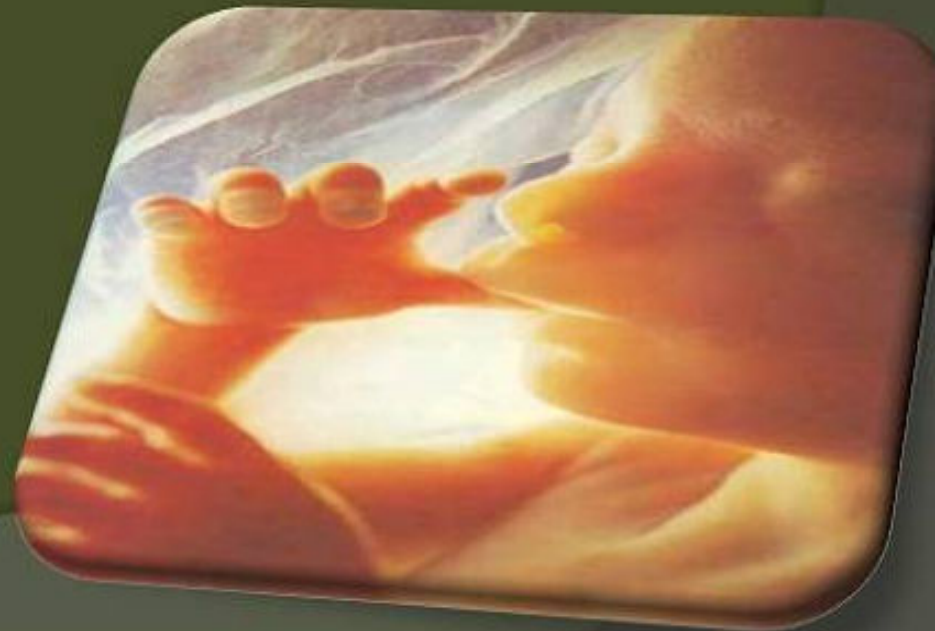


The Child In The Womb: “after birth abortion”

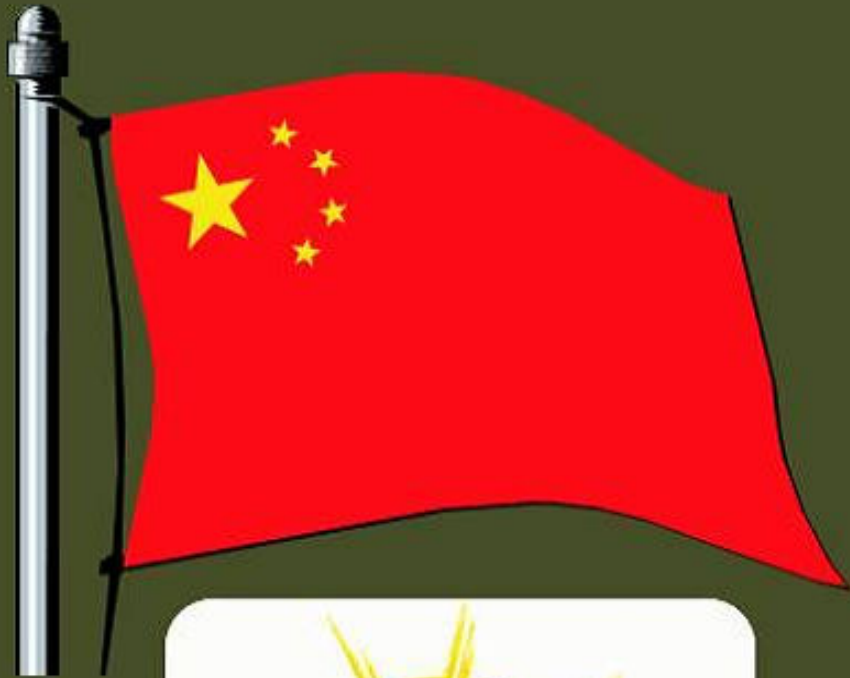
Oxford “ethicists” - newborn babies are not “*actual persons*”, don’t have “*a moral right to life*” and can legitimately be killed after they are born



The Child In The Womb: gender abortions
nine British abortion clinics
were willing to abort babies on
the grounds of their gender.



China's One Child Policy



1983 - Coercive Population Control in China: One Child Policy commenced.

21 Million Sterilisations

18 Million IUDs inserted

14 Million abortions in one year alone

Collaboration with IPPF and UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)

China's Gendercide

117 BOYS BORN FOR EVERY 100
GIRLS: 35 MILLION MORE MALES
(JANUARY 2010).

70,000 CHILDREN STOLEN ANNUALLY.
FEMALE SUICIDE HIGHEST IN THE
WORLD (W.H.O)

WEAPON AGAINST ETHNIC GROUPS –
TIBETANS AND UIGHURS.
SOCIAL UNREST.



The Story of Jin Yani



**9 months pregnant:
pinned to her
bed by five officials,
injected with saline
solution.**

**Loss of blood nearly
killed her.**

Now in hiding.

China's One Child Policy

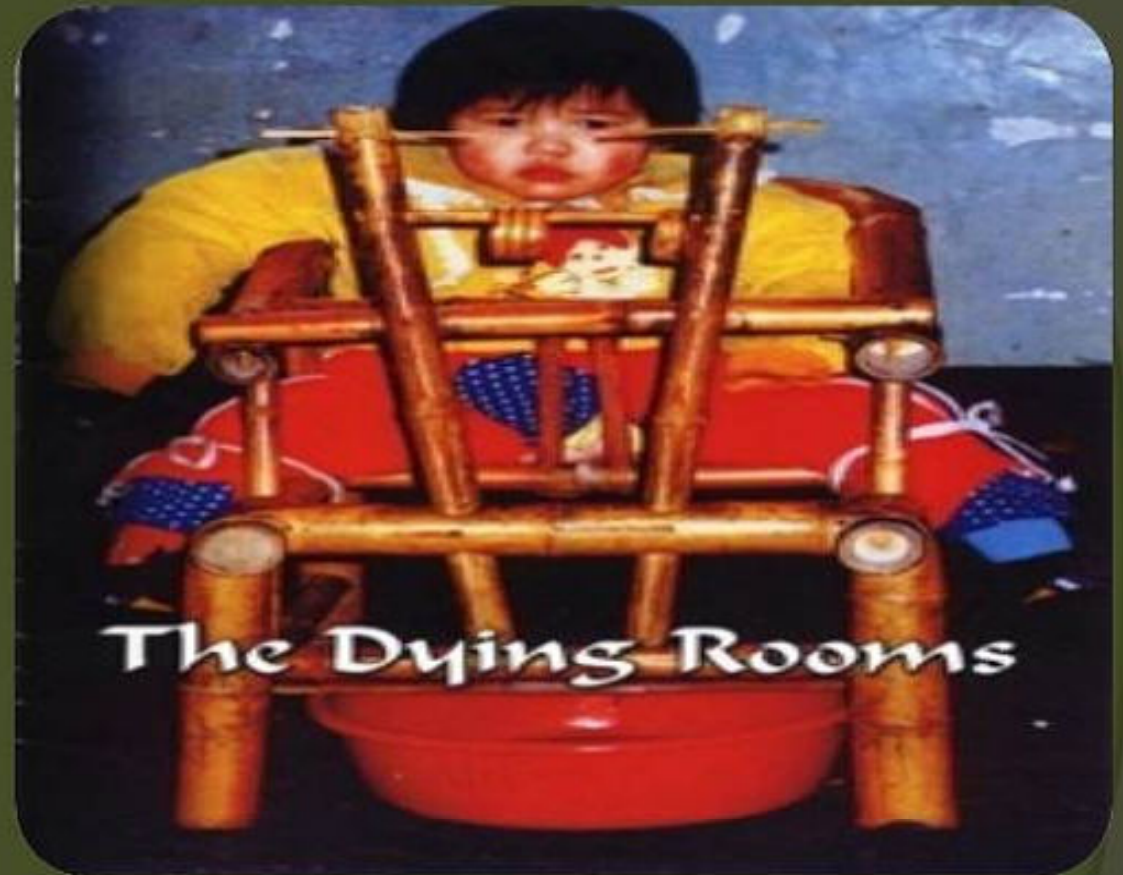


1998: Mrs Gao Xiao Duan:

“A baby of nine months gestation had poison injected into its skull and the child died and was thrown into a trash can.”

- Congressional Hearing.

Abortion overseas funded by us: The Dying Rooms of China



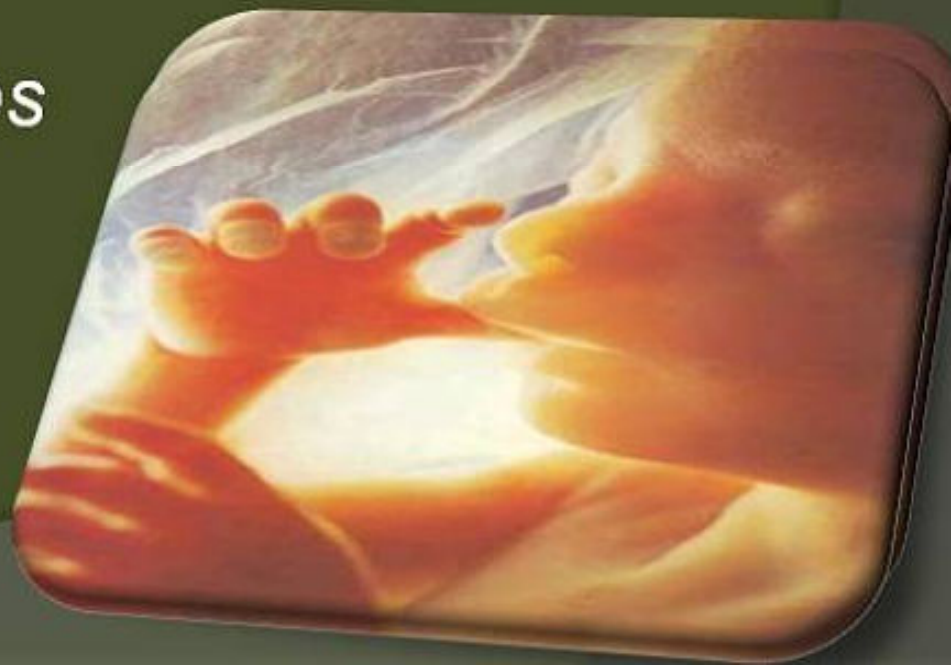
The Story of Chen Guangchen



Chen Guangcheng: 4 years in prison - it takes a blind man to see what we fail to see: 120,000 forced abortions and sterilisations in Shandong Province.

The Child In The Womb: gender abortions

*“Our Kingdom”, a group which includes doctors, says
“... sex selective abortion is not gender discrimination.
Gender discrimination applies only to living people.”*



The Child In The Womb: Disability

Apply those words to the eugenics used to kill 90% of babies with Down's Syndrome in the womb – 90% of whom are now hunted down and aborted before their births. Now we're now seeing attempts to eliminate them and to let them die rather than treat them in our NHS Hospitals.



Alternatives to killing the unborn – A Culture of Life



Saving life in the womb



Hospices and palliative care



Samuel and Zachary Armas



Saving life at 21 weeks gestation

The pain and suffering of the unborn



Abortions at:
11 weeks,
21 weeks and
24 weeks

incontrovertible evidence
of pain ...Anand



The Suffering We Permit

“Whereas evidence for conscious pain perception is indirect, evidence for the subconscious incorporation of pain into neurological development and plasticity is incontrovertible. Scientific data, not religious or political conviction, should guide the desperately needed research in this field. In the meantime, it seems prudent to avoid pain during gestation”.



**Professor K,J.S.Anand, one of the world's
Leading experts on foetal pain.**

-Channel 4 Despatches 2008.

Psychological and Physical Damage to Women

- ◎ “There is also overwhelming evidence that induced abortion greatly increases the risk of subsequent miscarriage and premature delivery”

- Professor Jack Sacrisbrick

- ◎ “Abortion and other pregnancy related risk factors in female breast cancer”

- Professor Joel Brind and Patrick Carroll

28 out of 37 world wide studies have independently linked induced abortion with breast cancer. In 2005 number of breast cancer cases reached 40,591 in the UK (a 3.5% increase).

Royal College of Psychiatry

We Regret Our Abortions



We are no longer silent about the pain our abortions caused us.

We have struggled emotionally, physically and spiritually. We have dealt with eating and sleeping disorders, substance abuse, relationship problems, suicidal thoughts, depression, and more.

Now we are breaking our silence and letting the world know, abortion doesn't solve your problems. It only creates different ones.

If you or someone you know is having after an abortion, please know help is available. You are not alone.

We found help and you can too.

Call 1-800-395-HELP day or night

DO YOU?

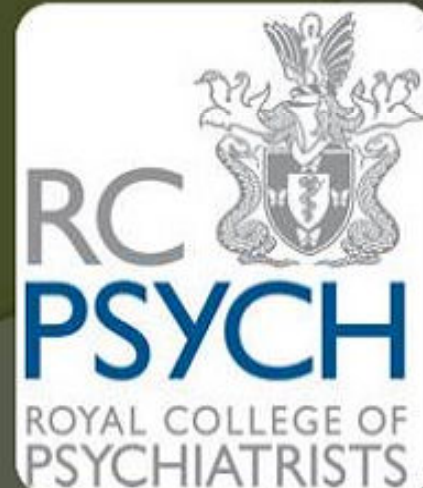
If so, there's Help
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www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org

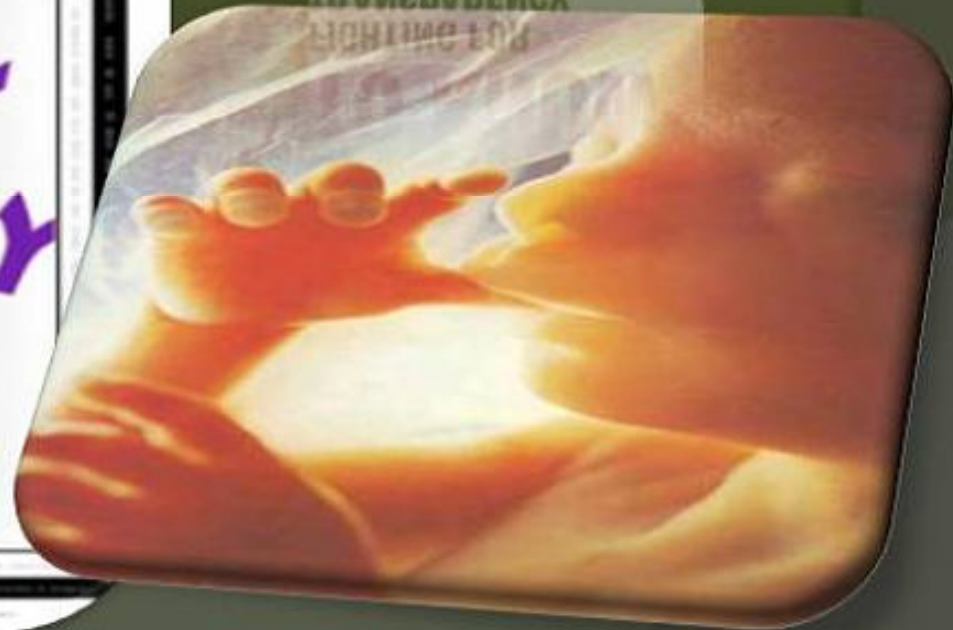
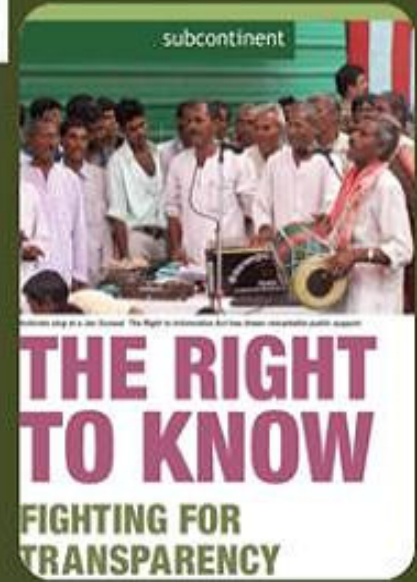


“Some studies indicate no evidence of harm, whilst other studies identify a range of mental disorders following abortion.”

-2008



“my right to choose” - the slogan against which all our values are now shaped



The new ideology: My Right To Choose



**HAVE IT
YOUR WAY.®**

You have the right to have what you want, exactly when you want it. Because on the menu of life, you are "Today's Special". And tomorrow's. And the day after that. And... well, you get the drift. Yes, that's right. We may be the King, but you my friend, are the almighty ruler.

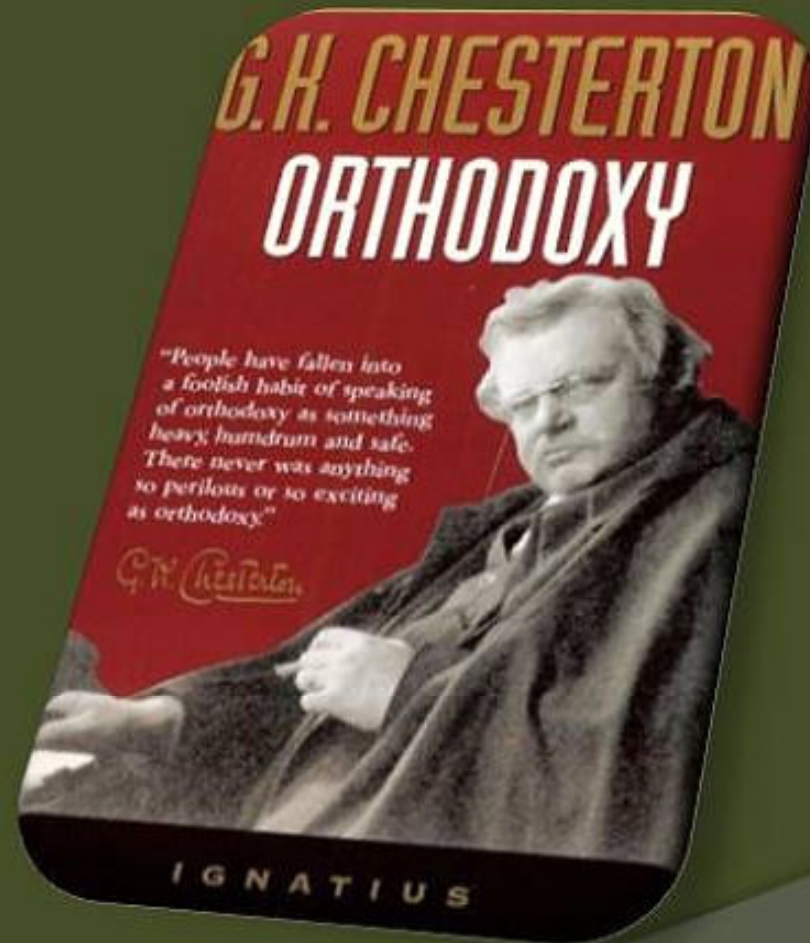
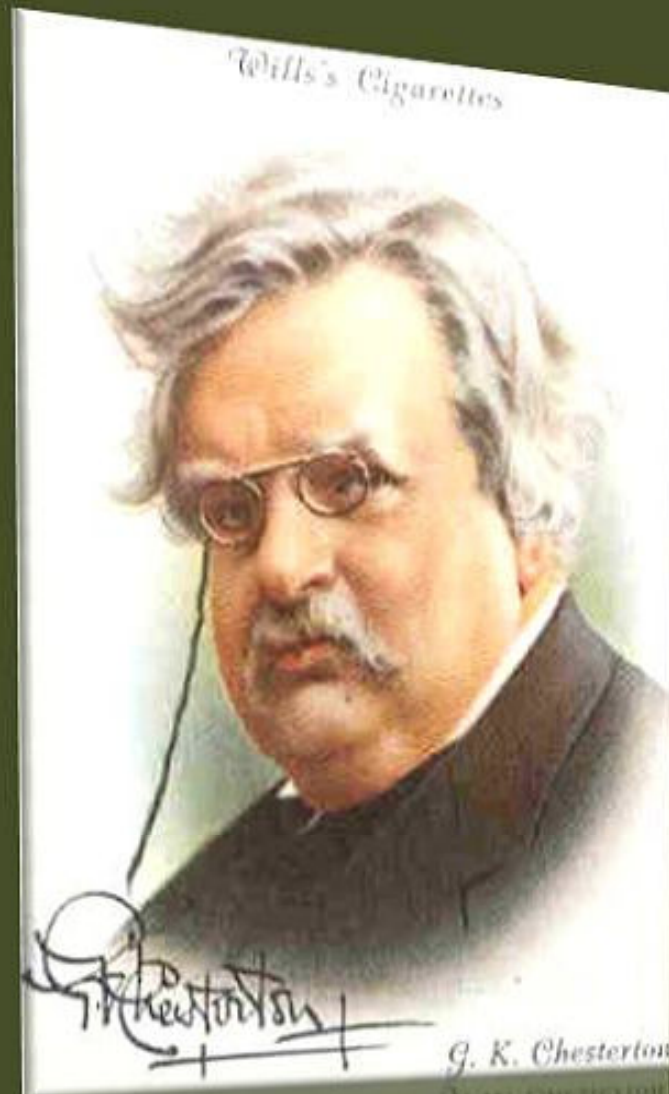
EST. 1954

**"Me" or "I"
rather than
"You" or "We"**

**Rights
Not
Responsibilities or Duties**

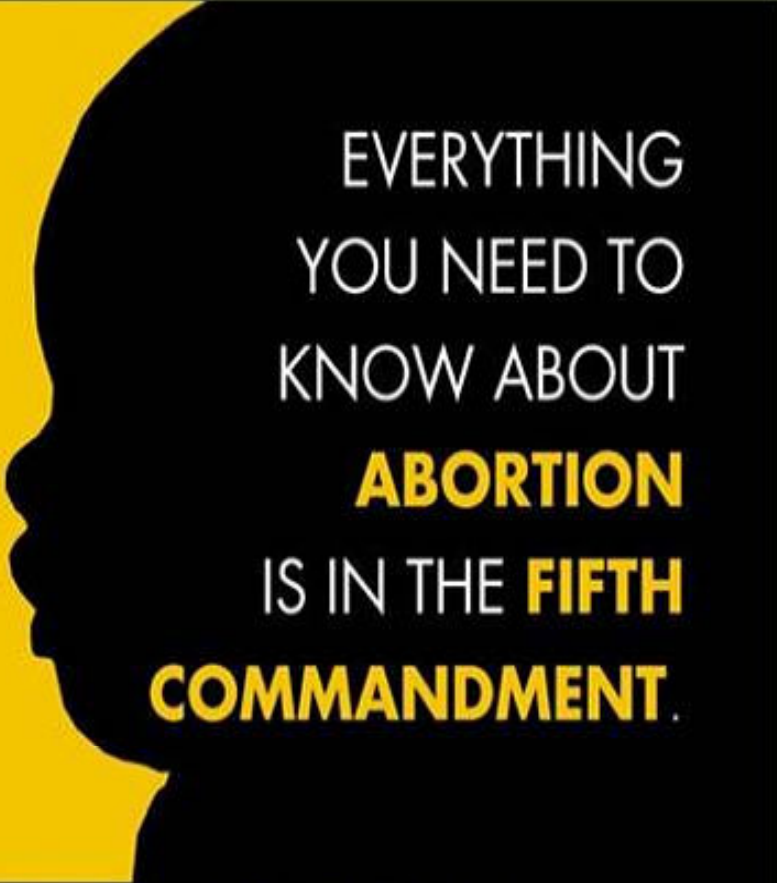
**Choice
not
Consequences**

G.K. Chesterton



"To admire mere choice is to refuse to choose" – Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*, 1906

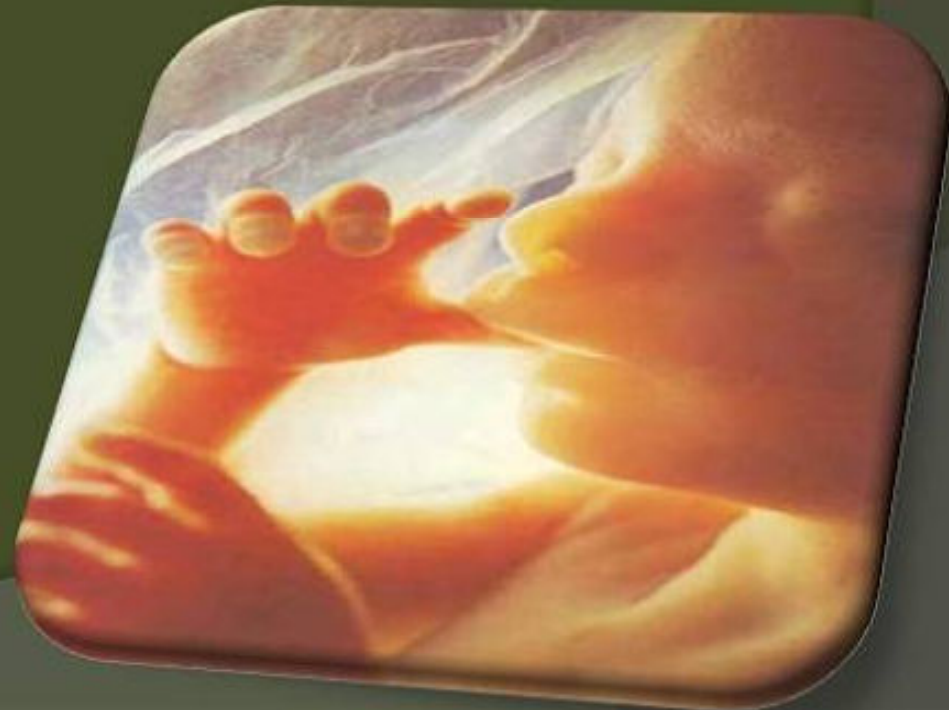
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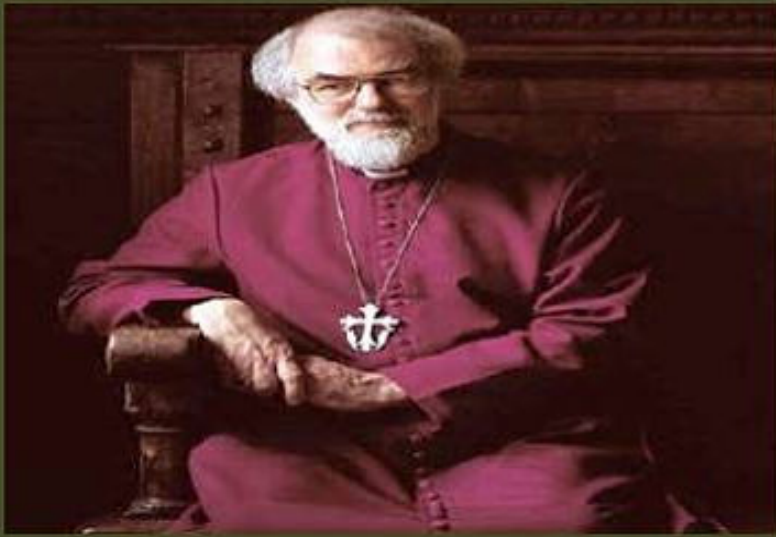


EVERYTHING
YOU NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT
ABORTION
IS IN THE **FIFTH**
COMMANDMENT.

CHRISTOPH CARDINAL SCHÖNBORN Quoted in **YOUCAT**

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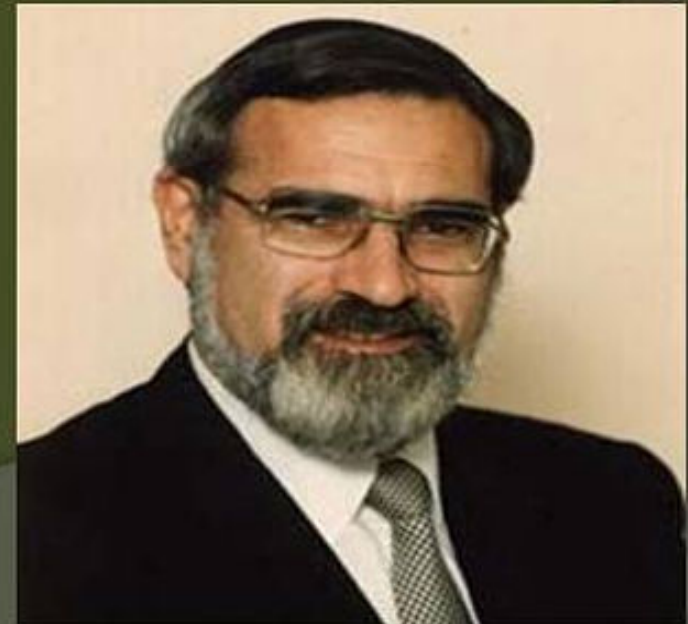


'it is impossible to view abortion as anything other than the deliberate termination of a human life.'

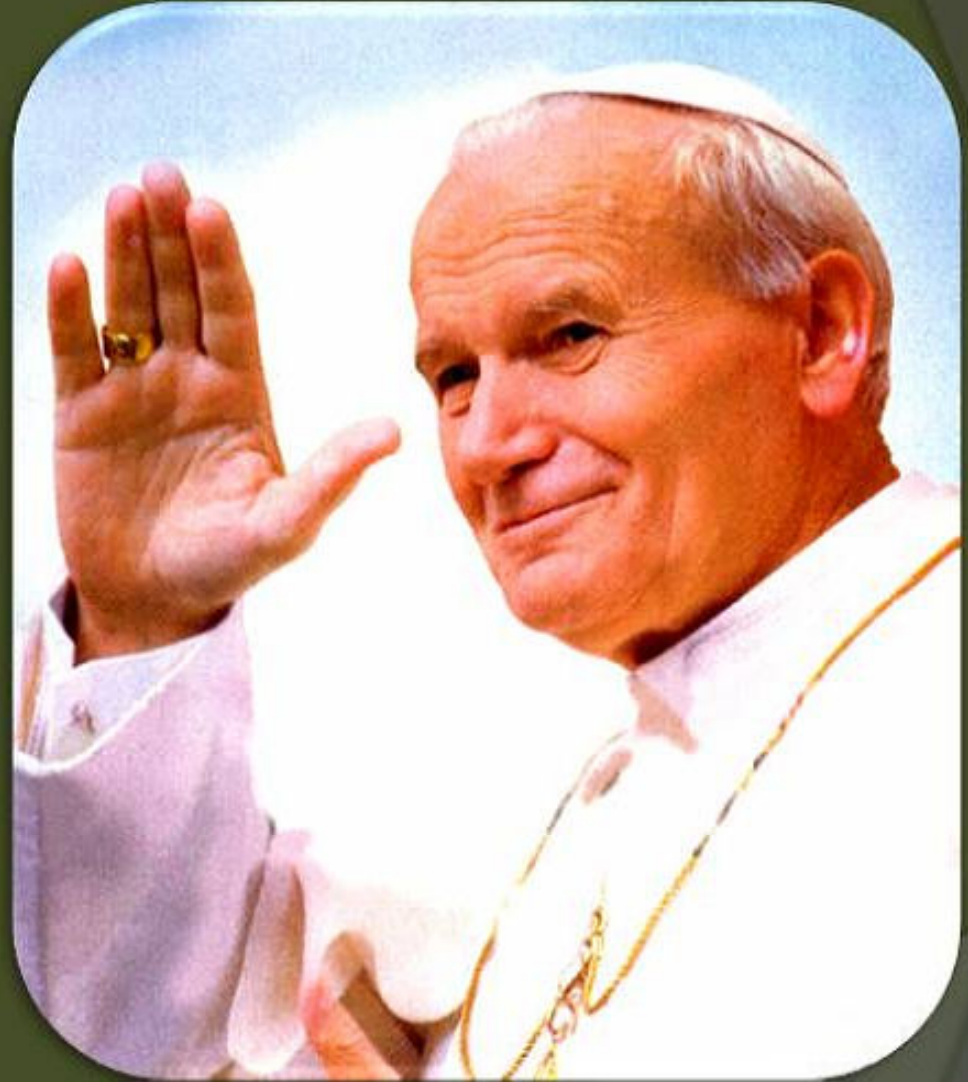
Rowan Williams,
Archbishop of Canterbury

“Moral issues like abortion and euthanasia, which had always been subject to an overriding sense of the sacredness, or otherness, or givenness of life, are now reduced to property rights: the right freely to dispose of what one owns, from a foetus to a life.”

– Dr. Jonathan Sacks,



*“ nation that kills
its own children
is a nation
without hope.”*



Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

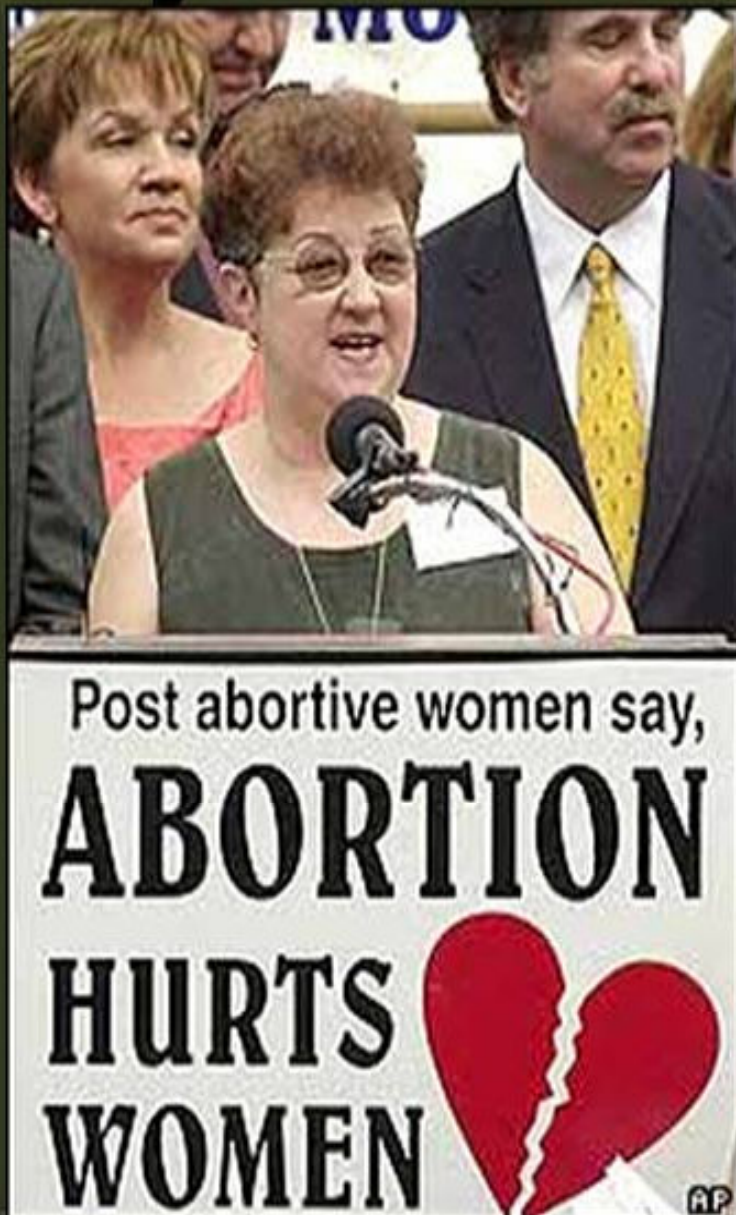


“Life is being deliberately destroyed by war, by violence, by abortion.... I have often said, and am sure of it, that the greatest destroyer of peace in the world today is abortion.”

“Life is the most beautiful gift of God. That is why it is so painful to see what is happening today in so many places, around the world”

-Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Roe v Wade – Jane Roe’s Story



"I kept seeing the picture of that tiny, 10-week-old embryo, and I said to myself, that's a baby! It's as if blinds just fell off my eyes and I suddenly understood the truth--that's a baby!"

I felt crushed under the truth of this realization. I had to face up to the awful reality. Abortion wasn't about 'products of conception'. It wasn't about 'missed periods'.

It was about children being killed in their mother's wombs.

All those years I was wrong. Signing that affidavit, I was wrong.

Working in an abortion clinic, I was wrong.

No more of this first trimester, second trimester, third trimester stuff. Abortion—at any point—was wrong. It was so clear.

Painfully clear."

If you abuse and kill the child in the womb you are unlikely to have much respect for the child after birth.



“sometimes the unfinished are among the most beautiful of symphonies.” – Victor Frankl

Alternatives: Last year, for every baby adopted, **2,702** children were aborted. Put another way, every working day we abort **600** babies. That's every day. And in the whole of last year there were only **70** babies available for adoption

Human Life:

Euthanasia

How we treat the elderly: better off dead

“If you’re demented, you’re wasting people’s lives - your family’s lives - and you’re wasting the resources of the NHS... putting it rather brutally, you’d be licensing people to put others down.”



The Times, October 10th 2008



How we treat the elderly: better off dead

In Belgium euthanasia has now been used for prisoners and it is reported that they have been harvesting organs from people who have been euthanized.



How we treat the elderly: better off dead

- In Holland statistics indicate that the number of euthanasia deaths in 2011 in the Netherlands increased by 18% to 3,695. This follows increases of 13% in 2009 and 19% in 2010. A 2005 House of Lords Inquiry predicted that Dutch-style laws would lead to 13,000 euthanasia deaths annually in Britain.



How we treat the elderly: better off dead



4,000 deaths every year through euthanasia – 2,700 of whom are in the early stages of dementia. 1,000 of the 4,000 euthanasia deaths in Holland each were reported in the 1990s as done without the patient's consent.

Not content with this, the Dutch say that 80% of people with dementia or mental illnesses are being '*missed*' by the country's euthanasia laws.

In March it was announced that mobile units would be used to carry out euthanasia.



BMA and Royal Colleges Oppose Changes To The Law

Oregon - case of Michael Freeland:

*“This man was not in pain because his pain was not treatable; he was in pain because *nobody bothered.*”*

This was *“just one case among many”.*



Dr. Gregory Hamilton

Professor Timothy Maughan

Professor Timothy Maughan, Consultant Clinical Oncologist at Cardiff, says that in the last four years 3 patients had “asked me for a way to end it all quickly. All three of these have been in the throes of depression at a the time and with good communication, treatment of depression and ongoing support, have changed their opinion and gone on to face their future in greater peace.”

Professor Maughan says a change to the law is “a dreadful prospect.”



Professor Baroness Finlay

In Oregon, there is a culture of doctor-shopping. The pro-assisted-suicide organisations link patients to a compliant doctor. The Oregon health department's report showed that a tiny number of doctors provide all the lethal prescriptions. Such doctors from pro-assisted-suicide organisations are hardly going to be unbiased in their "in good faith" assessments. Let us not be fooled into thinking that a second, independent doctor is a rigorous check. Dr. Shipman's cremation forms were all signed by doctors independent of him. That safeguard failed in several hundred cases. More than 90 per cent of doctors in palliative medicine in this country want nothing to do with this, as we work day in and day out with those with end-of-life diseases, on their management and care."

– Prof. Baroness (Ilora) Finlay,
Past President, Royal Society for Medicine
Professor of Palliative Care



Don't Waste Our Resources

“If you're demented, you're wasting people's lives - your family's lives - and you're wasting the resources of the NHS”.

- Baroness Warnock, The Times, October 10th 2008.



Culture of Death Extends To The Elderly



Right To Die Becomes A Duty To Die

The British Medical Association (BMA), the Royal College of Physicians (RCP), the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), the Royal College of Anaesthetists, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the British Geriatric Society remain strongly opposed to any legal change.

95% of the membership of the Association for Palliative Medicine of Great Britain & Ireland, which represents over 800 UK specialists in palliative care, is opposed to any change in the law

The Disability Rights Commission Oppose Change



“Disabled peoples’ lives are invariably seen as less worthwhile than those of non-disabled people. Descriptions such as tragic, burdensome and even desperate are routinely used without objection. Unless one is extraordinarily strong, this negativity impacts on the individual disabled person. If suicide were a legally and socially acceptable option, too many would succumb to this fate believing being ‘put out of misery’ to be expected of them..... This Bill is dangerous and threatening. I and many other severely disabled people will not perceive your support for it as an act of compassion but one founded in fear and prejudice.”

– **Jane Campbell, who has spinal muscular atrophy, Commissioner of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, now Baroness Campbell of Surbiton.**

Lord (Alex) Carlile QC

“I want to challenge the assertion that the present law lacks clarity.

I suggest that the present law could not be clearer than it is...”



“You may be prosecuted if, first, there is enough evidence to sustain a prosecution and, secondly, that it is in the public interest for a prosecution to occur. What could be clearer law than that?”

How we treat the elderly: better off dead

When votes were then taken in the House of Lords it resulted in large defeats for the proposed new laws (148-100 and 194-141).

The Select Committee Report covered some 246 Hansard columns and two volumes of 744 pages and 116 pages respectively, 15 oral sessions, 48 groups or individuals giving evidence, with 88 witnesses giving written evidence; 2,460 questions were asked and the committee receiving 14,000 letters.



Autonomy and choice not the only issues at stake

“Dying is not only a personal or individual affair. The death of a person affects the lives of others, often in ways and to an extent which cannot be foreseen.

We believe that the issue of euthanasia is one in which the interest of the individual cannot be separated from the interest of society as a whole”.



– House of Lords Select Committee

How we treat the elderly: better off dead

The World Health Organisation remind the media of the incredible impact which it can have in informing attitudes and behaviour:

“Media strongly influence community attitudes... media can also play an active role in the prevention of suicide.”

In this country 550,000 people die each year. Very rarely do any make the newspapers or the media. Why does one lethal cocktail – but not 549,999 deaths – warrant wall to wall campaigning coverage?



How we treat the elderly: better off dead

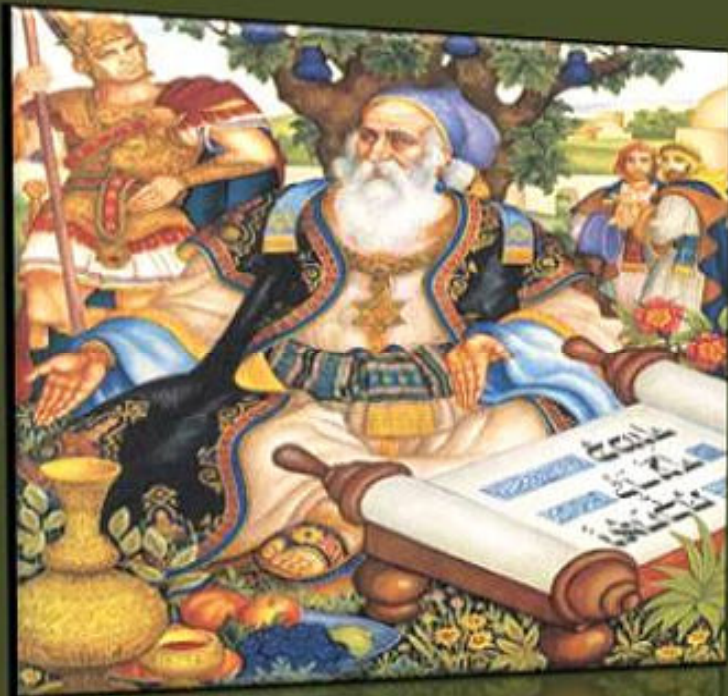


“why” Mother Teresa asked “does everyone sit looking at the door?”

She received the reply “It is because they are looking for the relatives who never come to visit them and who have no time for them”. Care and kill should never be used as synonyms and have no place in the healer’s art.

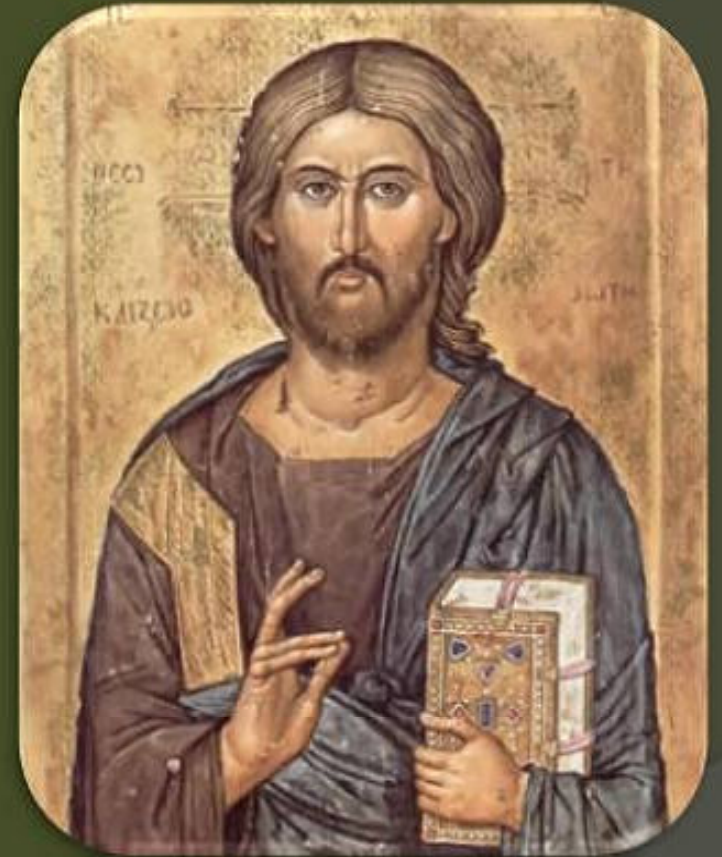


We have created a dehumanised society where we breed unrealisable demands, a cult of selfishness and materialism. The Jewish sage Hillel said: *"If I am not for myself, who will be? But if I am only for myself, what am I?"*



Choose Life

“I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, that you and your children may live.”



- Deuteronomy 30:19

From the womb to the tomb...

**Defending the sanctity
of human life at every
stage...**

3. Human Dignity.

Darfur and South Kordofan 2012

<http://davidalton.net/2012/10/20/baroness-cox-and-lord-alton-highlight-the-continued-killing-in-south-kordofan-and-darfur/>



1,000 people die each day, victims of small arms.

95% of the Kalashnikov rifles used in these conflicts come from outside Africa.



*800 million live below any
rational definition of human
decency*



Rio, Brazil, Our Lady of Candelaria: 8 boys shot dead - some as young as 11 - as they slept outside.

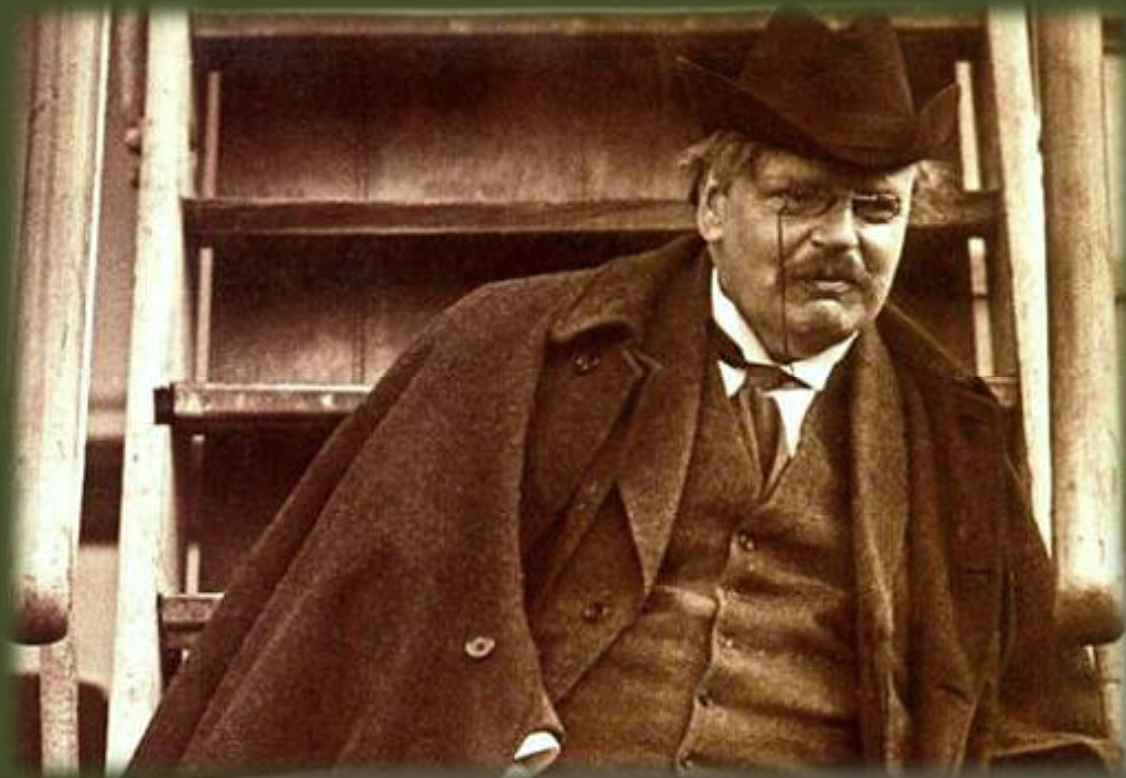


From the womb to the tomb...we must promote the dignity and worth of every human being

We must be positively pro-life, from the womb to the tomb, for the mother and the child, for the sick and the dying, for good medicine, ethical science, just laws. This is a daunting challenge but our world desperately needs to rediscover the beauty and mystery of life and to uphold a culture of life in place of our contemporary culture of death.

In the struggle between the prevailing culture of death and the culture of life in which we believe there can be no neutrals; and we cannot opt for a quiet life.

“When people begin to ignore human dignity, it will not be long before they begin to ignore human rights:
G.K.Chesterton”



Faith and Humanism: Imago Dei- the image of God

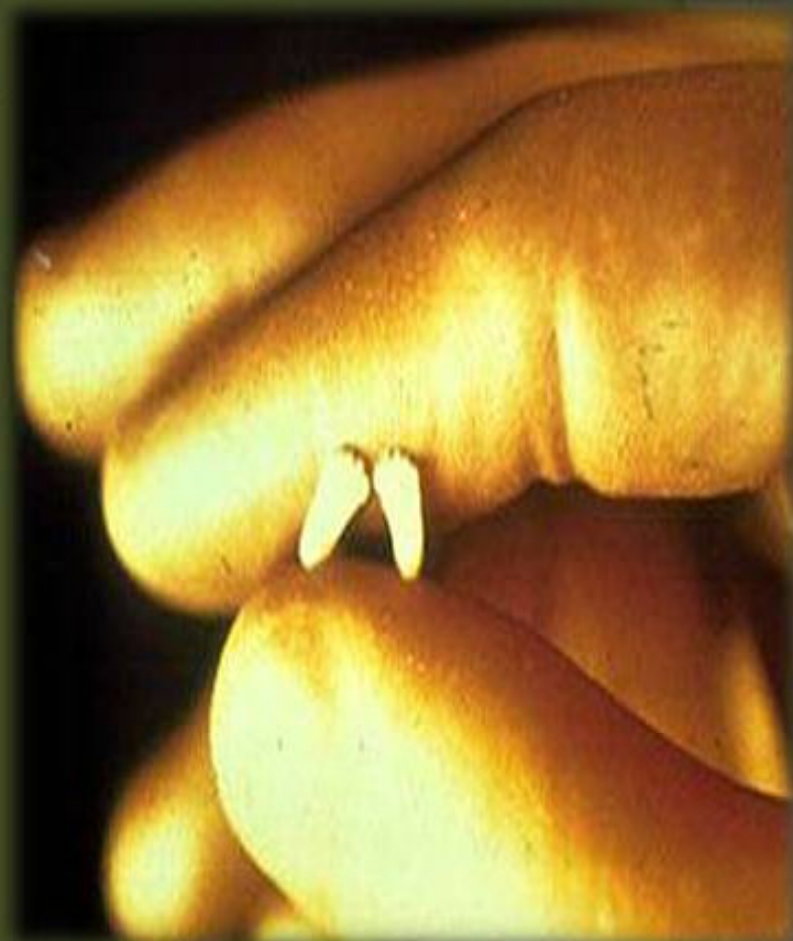


“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them – Genesis 1: 27”

The Psalmist's reflection on the beauty and mystery of life...

**“For you created my innermost being;
You knit me together in my Mother’s womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;
Your works are wonderful;
I know that full well.
My frame was not hidden from you
When I was made in the secret Place.
When I was woven together in the
depths of the earth,
Your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me
were written in your book
Before one of them came to be.”**

- Psalm 139 13-16.



Evangelium Vitae, 1995, John Paul II

"The cultural change which we are calling for demands from everyone the courage to adopt a new life-style, consisting in making practical choices - at the personal, family, social and international level – on the basis of a correct scale of values: the primacy of being over having, of the person over things. This renewed lifestyle involves a passing from indifference to concern for others, from rejection to acceptance of them. Other people are not rivals from whom we must defend ourselves, but brothers and sisters to be supported. They are to be loved for their own sakes, and they enrich us by their very presence"



**The Story Of The Star Fish:
don't be overawed by the
scale of the challenge**



It Made A Difference To
This One



Not anti-abortion, anti-science, anti-euthanasia... positively pro life, promoting humane alternatives.

**“The person
who saves a
single life
saves the
world”**



Does it have to be like this?

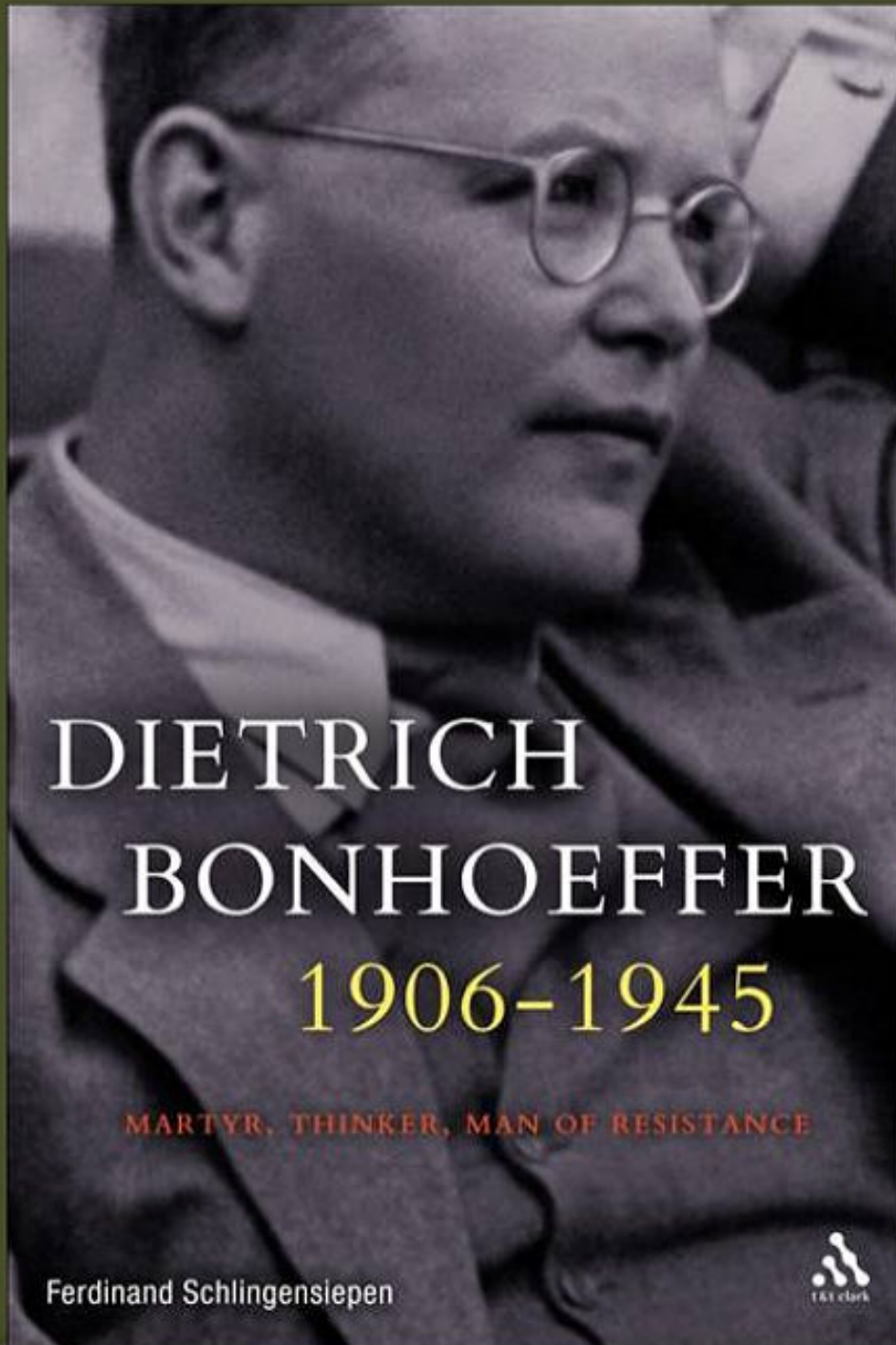


“The most important question for the future is how we can find a basis for human life together, what spiritual laws we accept as the foundation of a meaningful human life.”



- ***“We have been the silent witnesses of evil deeds. What we shall need is not geniuses, or cynics, or misanthropes, or clever tacticians, but plain, honest, straightforward men.”***





“Silence in the
face of evil is
itself evil” -
Bonhoeffer”

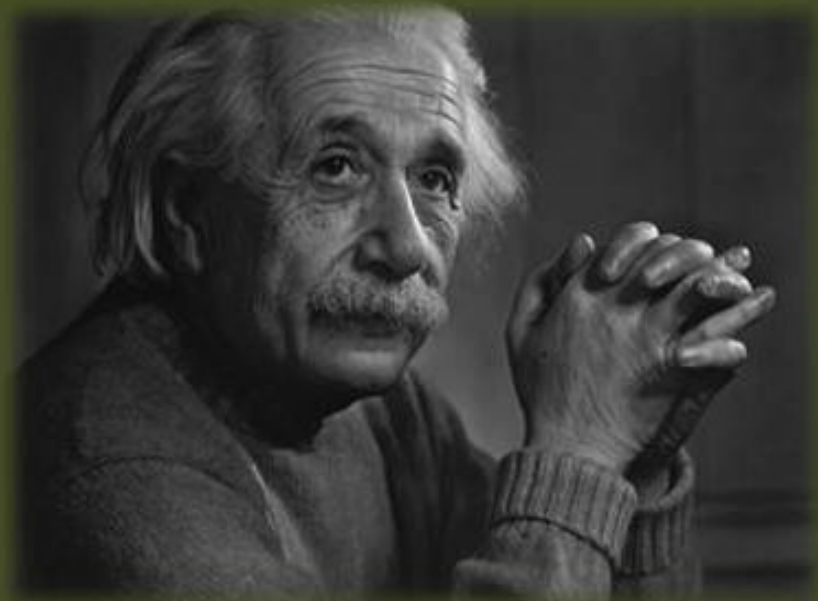
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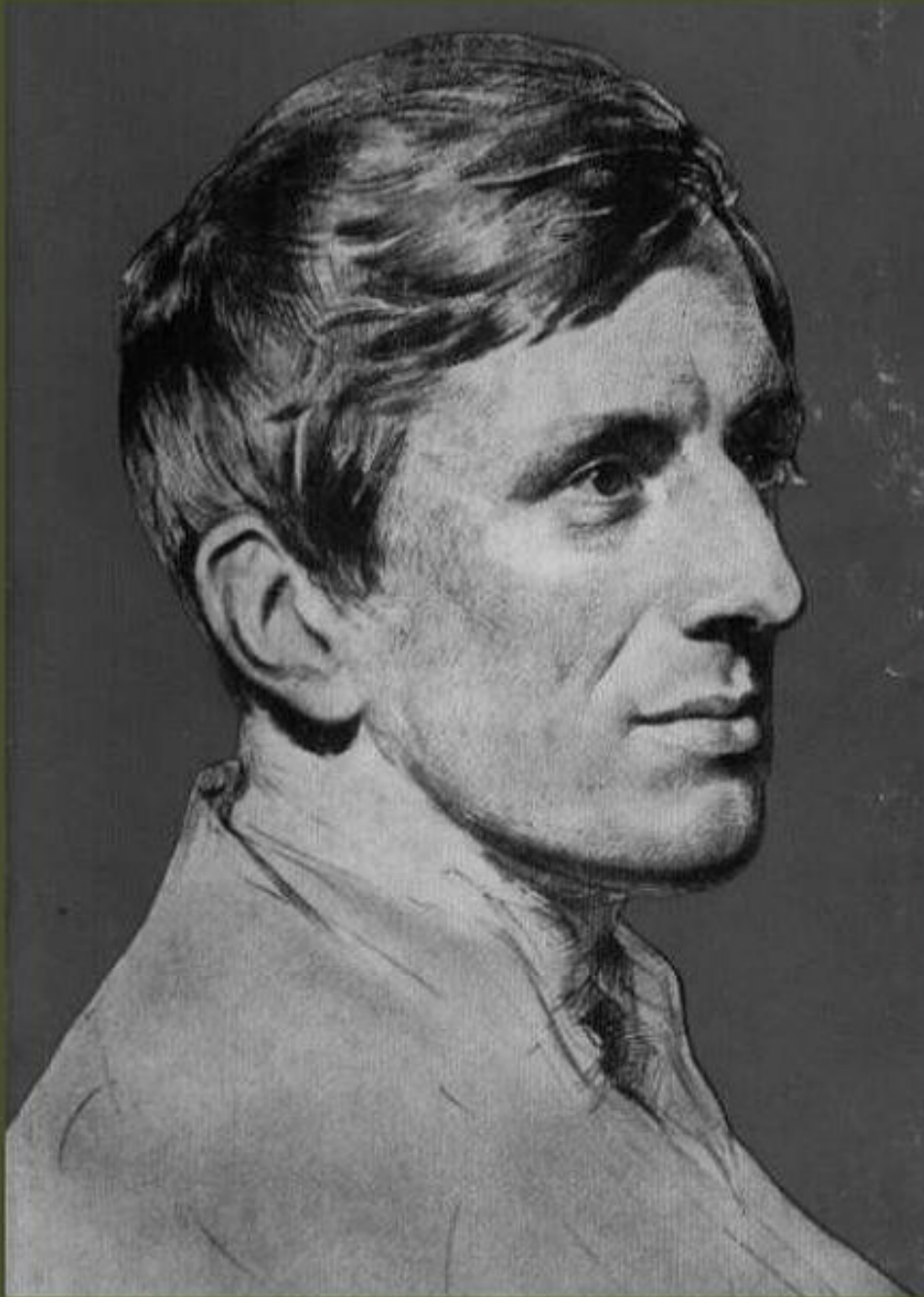
Edmund Burke warned that evil triumphs when good men and women do nothing

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Edmund Burke



"The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it."



“Good is never accomplished except at the cost of those who do it, truth never breaks through except through the sacrifice of those who spread it” –

“Don’t hide your talent ion a napkin”

“If a man waited until he was perfect he would wait for ever.”

John Henry Newman

St. Maximilian Kolbe

“No one in the world can change Truth. What we can and should do is to seek Truth and serve it when we have found it. The real conflict is within.

Beyond armies of occupation and the hecatombs of the extermination camps, two irreconcilable enemies lie in the depths of every soul.

And of what use are the victories on the battlefield if we are defeated in our innermost personal selves?”



“In Germany they came first for the Communists and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a communist. Then they came for the Jews and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Jew. Then they came for the trades unionists and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a trades unionist. Then they came for the Catholics and I didn’t speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me – and by that time no one was left to speak up for me.”

Rev. Martin Niemoller



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