

Broken Branches

“Take courage! God has healing in store for you; so take courage” (Tb. 5:10)

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Queensland Galaxy Poll shows most oppose abortion.

A Galaxy Poll just released in Queensland shows that an overwhelming majority of people in the Sunshine State (72%) believe that abortion should be restricted to the first trimester of pregnancy, and are concerned about the extent of abortions. This is surprising, in light of the fact that abortion is widely available, and has been for the past 40 years. Nevertheless, there is widespread unease in the community over it.

The poll was conducted shortly after an independent MP, Rob Pyne, indicated he would move a bill to decriminalise abortion completely. He has the support of the pro-abortion Deputy Premier, Labor MP Jackie Trad. The Opposition Liberal National Party has opposed legislation in the past. The last amendment to the law took place under the last Labor government in 2009, following a case in which a young Cairns couple was charged with importing and using the abortion drug, RU-486. The amended law permits the use of the abortifacient.

The Galaxy Poll was commissioned by the Australian Family Association, and involved polling 400 people from Queensland, chosen at random. The poll asked a number of questions about people’s attitudes to abortion.

Among the most significant results:

- Most voters in Queensland (55%) believe abortion involves the taking a human life. This is most strongly held by women (56%), and by people living in rural areas (58%). 37% disagreed.
- It is widely accepted by 84% of Queensland voters that abortion can harm the mental and/or physical health of a woman. Those aged 18-34 years (90%) are the most likely to have concerns about the harm done by abortion to the physical and/or mental health of the woman.
- Most voters in Queensland (72%) would not allow

abortion after 13 weeks. This includes 50% that would allow abortion up to 13 weeks and 22% opposed to abortion at any time. 85% of Queensland voters would not allow abortion after 20 weeks. Only 6% support abortion at any time until birth.

- There is widespread belief in Queensland (94%) that before having an abortion a woman should receive free independent counselling and information so that she can make a fully informed decision. Only 5% disagree.
- Eight in ten voters (79%) support conscientious objection provisions allowing doctors and nurses to opt out of having to perform abortion operations against their will.
- Around half of all Queensland voters (48%) say that if their local Member of Parliament voted in favour of decriminalising abortion it would influence their vote. More would oppose their local Member if he voted in favour of decriminalisation.
- Those that believe abortion should not be decriminalised (49%) outnumber those in favour of the decriminalisation of abortion (43%).
- 79% support Conscientious objection. That means that those polled believe that if a medical practitioner or nurse has an objection to being involved in an abortion they have a right to be absented without having their careers impacted as we have seen happening.

In light of this, it was surprising that in answer to another question, 42% of Queenslanders think that the existing law is about right, 37 per cent would like the abortion law liberalised, and 11% believe it should be more restrictive. The figures seem to suggest that most voters think that abortion is relatively rare, an unfortunate misconception which arises in part because abortion remains a criminal offence, and abortions are carried out in clinics rather than the state’s major hospitals.

In light of the low standing of the present Queensland

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government, and the fact that it depends on pro-life MPs on the cross-benches to remain in office, it is uncertain whether the government will give time to debate the Bill in Parliament.

Pro-life organisations in Queensland are gearing up for a fight, strengthened by the fact that they are supported by a majority of their fellow Queenslanders.

Dear friends, when we look at these figures and the responses then why is it that abortion is open slather? When 84% of those polled believe that abortion harms mental health of woman. Imagine 84% believe that abortion harms the mental health of woman. This I know, I see it every day and yet there is the push for more and easier abortion. Why? Who is it that will benefit from the calls for more liberal abortion? Except perhaps the abortion industry. 72% said they would not want abortion post 13 weeks. Why what changes to a baby after 13 weeks? It is still the same baby after 13 weeks as it was at 12 weeks and 10 weeks and 8 weeks etc. and 20 weeks and 24 weeks. It is only a matter of size. Nothing has changed but size but dear friends in the privacy of these results spoke much. They spoke that still people oppose abortion.

Infant viability Bill Rejected!

Dear friends, on May 25th the Legislative Council voted on the Infant Viability Bill, with a majority of members choosing not to support the Bill. The final vote was 11 in favour and 27 against the bill. The prolife politicians gave fantastic witness through their testimonies to the value of every human life and expressed the hope that through this Bill there will be more support for pregnant mothers. Sadly, their words and sentiments were not shared by the greater number of MPs who persisted in claiming that late term abortion is a necessary medical procedure, a women's choice and something that is a "good" for our society.

These august politicians continue to be deluded and to perpetuate the myth that mothers and fathers will suffer less grief post termination of a disabled baby than if they allowed the pregnancy to continue and allowed the child to be born, welcomed the child, held the child, loved the

child, named the child and held the child while it died. In this way the child's dignity would have been so completely honoured and as parents they would have done all possible for their little one. In pain. Yes. But still honouring their little one. Even if just for some minutes. But still honouring for the child's whole lifetime.

How short sighted of these idiotic, cold hearted, self-serving, job protecting politicians! How cold hearted... These same MPs failed to address the after effects of abortion grief on mothers which is intensified when the "intentional" factor is involved. I suppose they didn't bother looking up the DSM V and read what it says about the "intentional factor" and abortion definitely has the "intentional factor." These same self-aggrandised MPs who played with the life of viable babies didn't bother thinking about the bonding factor or even reading past women's magazines. Had he done so they might have found out about the work of Professor Salvatore Mancuso from University of Rome:

Professor Salvatore Mancuso, head of the gynaecology institute, said: "We have proofs that beginning in the fifth week of gestation, in other words, when a woman realizes she is pregnant, an infinite number of messages pass from the embryo to the mother, through chemical substances like hormones, neurotransmitters, etc. Such information serves to adapt the mother's organism to the presence of the new being.

"Moreover, it has also been discovered that the embryo sends stem cells that, thanks to the mother's immune system tolerance, colonize the maternal medulla, and adhere to it. What is more, lymphocytes are born from here and remain with the woman for the rest of her life." Mancuso continued: "From the fifth week there is clearly a passing of cells, but messages begin at conception. Even during the first phase of cellular subdivision, when the embryo is moving in the fallopian tubes, there are transmissions through contact with tissues touched by the moving embryo.

"Later, after implantation in the uterus, the dialogue is more intense through the blood and cells, and chemical substances enter the mother's bloodstream.

"Finally, the child's stem cells pass to the mother in great quantity, both at the moment of birth, whether spontaneous or Caesarean, as well as at the time of abortion, whether spontaneous or voluntary. These cells are implanted in the mother's medulla and produce lymphocytes, which have a common origin with the cells of the central nervous system; they have receptors for the neurotransmitters and can make messages pass that the maternal nervous system understands." He added, "An astonishing area of research is opening up. This is information of enormous importance on the first phases of life."

When asked whether it was difficult to make rigid divisions of the phases of the embryo's development, Mancuso said, "It is a grave error to make distinctions between the embryo and pre-embryo. It is such an initial phase - one cannot of course speak of a central nervous system - but the messages the embryo sends to the

mother express manifestations that are proper to the human species. The instruments used are highly specialized chemical substances and cells, such as stem cells.

"It should be remembered that if communication was lacking, the maternal organ would reject the embryo. The dialogue makes possible the perfect acceptance of an organism that is 50% foreign to the mother's genetic patrimony. In fact, these chemical substances, which express nutritional and metabolic needs of the embryo to the mother, cause an immune

depression in her that facilitates the acceptance of the new being."

When asked how long the foetus' influence on the mother lasts, the professor answered: "Stem cells have been found in the mother even 30 years after the birth. It could be said, therefore, the pregnancy does not last the 40 canonical weeks, but the woman's entire life."

<http://www.gentlebirth.org/archives/maternalBond.html>

Imagine dear friends cells of children remain at the base of our brain stem for up to thirty years. I have written about this in past newsletter.

As I said had these representatives of ours read anything other than cartoons or women's magazines or been less influenced by political correctness of feminist ideology perhaps the outcome might have been different.

Dr Rachel Carling -Jenkins the author of this Bill sent out this message to her supporters and I sense a note of sadness.

"I have always believed that this bill was about doing what is right. It is right to stand up for mothers and their babies. One day we will look back on this Bill as a starting point in turning the tide on abortion here in Victoria. It is our first proactive stand. It is not our last.

Dear friends please make an effort to thank those members of our Parliament in Victoria who stood up for mothers and their babies. Contact them. Write to them, email them. Call: send them flowers, do something that says thank you we appreciate your care:

THESE MEMBERS YES FOR THE BILL: Ms Melina Bath (Nat), Mr J Bourman (SFP), Mr B Finn (LP), Mr D Mulino (ALP), Dr R Carling- Jenkins (DLP), Mr G Rich-Phillips (LP), Mr R Della Rive (LP), Mr A Somyurek (ALP), Mr D Drum (Nats), Mr D Young (SFP), Mr N Elasmarr (ALP).

How interesting 9 males and 2 females.

THESE MEMBERS NO FOR THE BILL: Please let them know that they stood by and allowed viable babies to be aborted when they could have been saved. They had the power to help the babies and didn't.

Mr. B. Atkinson (LP), Mr G Barber (Greens), Ms G M Crozier (Greens), Mr. P Dalidakis (ALP), Mr J Morris (LP), Mr E J O'Donohue (LP), Mr C.P. Ondarchie (LP), Ms F Patten (Sex Party), Mr David Davis (LP), Ms S Dunn (Greens), Mr K Eideh (ALP), Ms M Fitzherbert (LP), Ms C Hartland (Greens), Mr S Herbert

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Dear friends please note that of those who were in favour of the Bill 9 were males and 2 were females. Of those who said against the Bill, 14 were females and 13 were males. Does this remind you of Emily's List and their purpose of getting candidates into parliament for the purpose of manipulating the abortion laws? If this doesn't spell it out nothing ever will.

In a recent article Ms Fiona Patten who was instrumental in getting the Helpers of God's Precious Infants removed from offering help outside the abortion facility, said that this Bill doesn't protect women and children. I suppose her way does. She has ensured that they are ushered in without interruption to them and ensures that they do not leave without being damaged for life. I didn't see Ms Patten voting in favour of the Bill



she voted "Nay"

Dear friends we have the politicians we deserve. They are there because we have voted them in. Let's determine to vote all 27 of them out. We have an election coming up in July. Let's show them that life matters. That babies have value.

Victoria is descending into a state of absolute ugliness. Please let's start changing it. You know dear friends I don't normally get involved in political matters but this time it was so easy. It was to save the life of babies who are viable. So many people want a baby and can't have one and here we have them killed. It should have been an easy choice and an easy vote but it wasn't. You please make yours count. Anne.

What has happened?

It is a great irony and a great sadness that in Victoria, Australia, dolphins, blue tongued lizards, sharks, trees, moths, ducks, special eggs, whales and any number of species are listed as endangered and protected by law. And indeed we often hear on news services of human individuals who risk life and limb saving an animal species entrapped in some dire danger (and rightly so) and we hear this on a weekly basis, and we hear of ducks being protected and a war being waged against duck shooting and shooters and people chaining themselves to trees so that an ancient tree is not cut down.

And many other rescue missions carried out to help imperilled creatures. And yet.....it has now become illegal to help to save a tiny human baby from being killed. It has become illegal to pray outside an abortion clinic. Not inside the private facility and thus trespassing, but outside on public ground, on footpaths.

It has become illegal to pray outside abortion facilities leading to jail if anyone is found praying anywhere within 150 metre radius of an abortion facilities anywhere in Victoria. Indeed if I am walking up and down the street and recognised as a pro-lifer I would be deemed as stalking the place and the police be called. That's the lunacy that this state in Australia has become involved in. This is the Government that we Victorians have elected.

Here in Victoria it is permitted to save all other species but not the human species. It is now a crime to prevent a heinous crime from being committed. It is a crime to prevent a murder from being committed. It is a crime to pray for those who are dying.

Imagine! In Victoria it is a crime to pray for the dying baby. It is a crime to pray near an abortion facility. It is a crime to pray in a public place. And mention the word abortion or life near an abortion facility and you could end up in jail. It appears that pray-ers enrage people why? Is it a conscience problem or issue?

In Victoria, Australia, unions and other protestors can bring the entire centre of the city to a standstill and

gridlock the whole city centre and yet one to two dozen prayers will bring the police vans to arrest those prayers. Why? Because this pricks the conscience of a society and says that there is a wrong being done inside the premises and society does not want to know about the wrong.

It is a work/wrong which is being done and is demanded to be done but no one wants to know that this horror is being done. It's the head buried deep in the sand business. Abortion is so endemic that nearly every family is somehow touched by this scourge and because this is so, no one wants to discuss this blood stained business. It has become the true silent holocaust of our era.

I am reminded of the Jewish problem in Second World War. Surely people in Germany must have known that something was happening but what to do about it? And so remain silent while the holocaust continued unabated. It is the same around the abortion facilities.

I won't call them clinics because clinics are places of healing these are places of death. Just as surely as those facilities which spewed out smoke and a putrid smell of burnt human flesh not long ago and people went about their daily life whilst a horror went on inside. So today we have the modern death dealers. The new modern death camps and still people go about their daily lives and still do not want to be disturbed whilst the deadly business is carried out. We have not learnt anything have we? Those who survived the holocaust had hoped that nothing like that would ever happen again and it is their hope that gulags and camps won't arise again but these modern ones are sophisticated ones. First, two generations ago we had the visible holocaust today we have the invisible one. Indeed we did not learn.

This new law removing of freedom of simple prayer, of simple assembly, of simply gathering is the new lunacy! Something doesn't feel right we have lost rights here! Why have the pro aborts, pro choicers won every step of the way since 2008?

Why has every move they made been successful till they have managed to get abortion legal to full term without question asked and managed to have pro-lifers removed from outside abortion facilities so that prayers or help cannot even be offered for mothers going in for abortions? Why is their story to be listened to and believed? What has happened to our side of life that we seem to be losing every step of the way? Why is it that our story has no hearers? What has happened to make motherhood so despised that mothers themselves want and choose to take their own children to die?

Dear friends over the twenty years that I have been writing and speaking with you and others all around the world I have often spoken about motherhood and the very special charism which this is. It is not a job. It is not a job like any other job. It is not a job that a man can do. It is a charism. A job is something we can all do. We

can all train to do a job. Anyone can do a job. Any job can be done by both males and females but there are several jobs which cannot be shared. That cannot, I believe be done by other than those with the charisma and those jobs are motherhood and fatherhood.

To do these works there is written within our very being the character of "mother" and "father" and with these characters are inscribed certain ideals and knowledge and behaviours. A mother has written within her being an intimate knowledge and dialogue with which she dialogues with her child. A child hears the voice of his/her mother recognises it and is comforted. Is safe.

A child hears the voice of his/her father and is strengthened and secure. There is a dialogue which ensures that those two charisms safeguard the work of creation and continue the work which the Creator began and then entrusted into the hands of male and female when he commissioned them to be fruitful and multiply. (Gn 1:28). This commissioning has no decree to destroy the fruit of their love without destroying their blueprint. This is the same aberration as the fratricide of Cain. We are seeing Cain arising. Brother against brother, mother against child, father against son.

Ezmeralda's Special Place:

Dear friends in one of the recent issues of the newsletter I showed you a photo of a plaque which I took at my Parish at St Leonards Church and explained to you how important the plaques are and how much I would love every parish to have a place where children who have died in the womb (abortion, miscarriage) in the parish are remembered by everyone for all time: Now I would like to share with you a mother's own words when she and her (aborted) child's father saw the plaque. Please see and hear the emotion and see and hear why it is that I would love for every parish to honour all babies who pass away in the womb and maybe have no one installed in their own parish to remember them so as a parish they are always remembered and never forgotten.

Herewith Viola's story in her own words:

On the 28th of April I woke up to a bright sunny peaceful Sunday, overwhelmed with emotions and anticipation that I was going to celebrate my baby Ezmeralda's anniversary. Ironic as this may sound I felt an inner strength to go and show my love and utter compassion to my baby since one year ago exactly on this day I chose to abort my baby.

This same day a year later I needed to make Ezmeralda know that I love her deeply. That I was going to show strength beside my ex-partner (her father) near me sharing this glorious yet painful day with him to feel Ezmeralda has her mummy and daddy celebrating, mourning and having a little memorial for her.

She deserves it. She deserves us as parents to remember little one and show our utter respect for she didn't decide

or ask to be aborted. It was us the parents too broken and too damaged to realise the pain we will endure for our beautiful unborn.

Oh this day was special.

Organizing 2 sets of flowers 2 red roses, one violet one and purple one laying one by the side of Ezmeralda's plaque the other by Mother Mary's feet to thank our Holy Mother for keeping my baby safe, gave me chills, tears and took a deep gasp of breath, feeling my sadness run down my eyes. But the air was peaceful. My Ezmeralda's plaque gave me a sense of comfort.

My ex-partner felt the pain as a mourning father can feel, he felt a sense of peace seeing me smile and celebrating Ezmeralda.

While walking towards the Church my ex-partner saw a white truck with the word "Emerald Hill" writing on the truck and he turned to me saying "babe do you see the sign? I was in my own thoughts but slowly realizing the word Ezmeralda on the truck, I said "Emerald" yeah it stands for "Ezmeralda" I smiled and asked him "do you now believe me our baby is a girl?" he had a smile and a surprising look on his face and he said "yes I believe it."

We then went into the Church and lit 3 candles, prayed and I can assure you as hurt as I am for what I have done I feel God's Mercy, I feel Ezmeralda has forgiven me.

I feel baby Ezmeralda in me she has given me strength. I can almost hear her laughter. Can see her character and as much as I want to kiss her forehead and little hands I am certain she is at much peace with our heavenly Father.

I cannot express the gratitude and appreciation I feel for Anne for her compassionate work with me, her patience and her resilience. For helping me organise my baby's plaque. I am so honoured to be in Anne's presence and to be able to open my heart and life experience because she's the only woman who has made me realise and help heal my inner self.

I'd like to thank each and every person who helped pay for my baby's plaque (VOA donor-thank you) even though I don't know them personally I am grateful for my little Ezmeralda's Special Place.

Since having Esmeralda's plaque I have a little place to show my baby love, and it comforts me as a mourning mother. So thank you, and Anne, thank you my Lord, My God.

Life Dinner.

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Life Coalition Dinner 2016. Dr Rachel Carling-Jenkins MLC gave a rousing address on the importance of the Infant Viability Bill and the pro-life struggle inside the Victorian parliament. The bill will be debated on Wednesday 25 May. Please keep Rachel in your prayers but also keep all our prolife politicians covered in prayer please. It is difficult for them to hold firm so we need to support

Letters

Dear Anne,

Thank you, Anne, for an excellent Broken Branches Issue 110.

The article on the connection to mental health, suicide and abortion was sad to say the least – what harm we do to one another and it is not a war but clinical destruction.

May the new law being advocated change the abortion industry in Victoria

I liked the plaque for the unborn at the Church – I will try to push for the same at our local parish.

Prayerful support for more attendees at the forthcoming dinner.

God bless

Br Christopher.

Prayers always for you, and especially now, Dear worthiest Anne.

And can you keep our Diamante on your list, also her husband Lionel? It's over a year now they have not been allowed to see their four children. I have taken them in under my roof and given them both work contracts.

They have a wonderful woman lawyer who already has won a case before the European Union's Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. But are treated very badly by Social Assistance for being Roma.

Love
Julia

Thanks Anne for the Newsletter and your wonderful ministry.

Les & Bev Jones.

Dear Anne

First of all thank you for your newsletter and we enclose a cheque for a donation to help you to continue with your wonderful work.

We hope and pray that your health allows you to do so.

Yours

Jack and Carmel
Mackay Qld

Thank you for your kind words Jack & Carmel. Prayers please would be appreciated.

Dear Anne

Your newsletter is as usual interesting. I am passing them on to my daughter. I meant to send you my donation earlier sorry for delay. I'm sending you also lots of encouraging love for you and your "girls" and prayers and His peace.

Yours
Bridget.
Victoria.

Dear Anne,

Thank you for the recent Broken Branches. The political issues were well explained and the "Abortion and Suicide" article very moving and informative. I particularly like your Bible quote "Take courage! God has heling in store for you: so take courage" (This come from the Book of Tobit in the Old Testament.) I am applying it my life.

God Bless,
Frances M. (Albury)

Thank you dear Frances for your ongoing love and support, Anne.

them in all ways possible.

Congratulations this year go to Fons Janssen who was announced as the winner of the Charles Francis Life Award among a list of very worthy nominees. Well-deserved Fons. Also congratulations to the other nominees are also so worthy and so hardworking. It seems very difficult to have to choose one person because the other nominees are such huge talents and such hard workers. Hopefully a new one next year.

Thank you also to those who sat at my table. As always thank you my precious friend Charles L, and Franca, Marilyn, Margaret, Willie, Lucy and Bill loved having you there even for a while. I was so sorry to see that my stalwart Fr Gerard and Mary couldn't make it. Hopefully next year. It was a very interesting and fun night as usual with John Canavan as the boisterous auctioneer. I thought of his poor wife Karen. Imagine trying to win an argument with him! Motor mouth! And it was really lovely meeting people whom I know through newsletter and to meet them face to face. Thank you to those who came and said hello to me I loved meeting up with you. Hopefully we will do it again next year. If God permits of course.

Dear friends as I come to end of another newsletter I would like to thank you for your ongoing care and support, I'm sorry if this issue sounds like I am upset but the reality is that I am. It seems that we have in Victorian society gone further and further backwards. We are given many opportunities to redeem ourselves but somehow keep messing them up.

This Infant Viability Bill was an opportunity that should have seen all sides rally together because it meant saving visibly real, viable babies. Not tiny ones where it often is said that they are a "bunch of cells" but these are very real saveable babies.

Babies born prematurely at this age and "wanted" are saved at all the hospitals. This because the parents want them so all effort is made to help them. So it was possible for all sides of politics to come together for this Bill. But it seems not. It seems that evil will continue to have its day.

I am heartily sick of hearing news stories of violence and domestic violence, and one king hit violence, and stabbings, and murders, and it doesn't seem to me that

no one is connecting dots. No one wants to connect that we have a legalised violence being committed every day. We have a violence perpetrated against the family and the future. If we tell children that if they are not wanted they can be killed what's to stop them from taking cues to pick up weapons.

If a young person hears that if a baby isn't wanted then all that has to happen is to be taken to a facility and it can be killed then what's to stop them from impregnating and terminating? This is the message society is giving the young that only the wanted are acceptable. The unwanted are disposed. There are facilities for that.

We have a society enmeshed in violence beginning with the violence we commit against our smallest ones, the babies. These were the ones who were ones protected. Women and children were once protected. Today they are victims of horror. Sadly, women themselves are party to the some of the violence. They have demanded the right to this and they have demanded the right for violence to be committed against the babies of their bodies.

Please dear friends continue to support this work it's getting harder and harder to find support and above all continue to pray for my health and for my clients. Thank you to those helped me after last issue of newsletter.

Thank you Mary P. Fr John C (Syd) Fr Brendan for support Fr Michael S for support, Laurie, H, thank you to those who remembered to send donation. Thank you Margaret G. Thank you Tim, and Michaela and & Paul, Judy R. Anna Flora Zanelli for lovely stuff for re rosary for the unborn, Patricia, (new) Irene (new) Clare, Diamante Frances, Anne, Kathrine, Lucy, Bec, (very much) Cameron (much please) Bernadette (much much please) Eve, Marie, Bette, Christine, Clara, (new) Viola, (much please) Sandy, Kerrie, Maria (very much please deep chronic grief), Joanne Anna.



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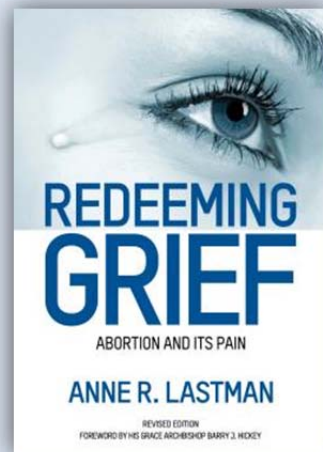
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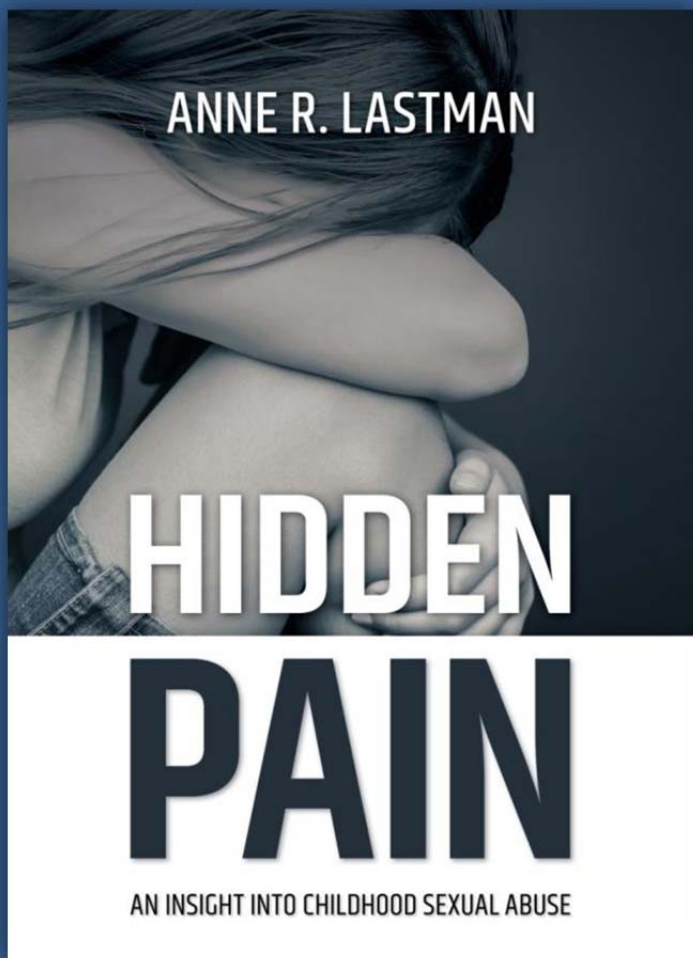
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