

Broken Branches

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

Issue 119– Oct/Nov 2017

The Words “Rights” and “Equality”

Over the past 50-60 years the word “rights” has gathered so much momentum that today whenever there is a desire to change something the word which will send shivers through spine of legislators is “rights.” It’s my “right” to abort. It’s my “right,” to call myself male when I am biologically female. It’s my “right” for me to evolve into any of the prescribed hundreds of newly founded and named genders. It’s my “right” to have myself euthanized. It’s my “right” to suicide if and when I want to and if I can’t carry out my suicide then it’s my “right” to demand that someone does it for me. All of this because of my dignity and so I can die with dignity and so I can be who I am with dignity and so on and on and on.

On the rights issue is the reality that children lose their right to know surely and securely who their mother and father, and all their preceding generations are. That they were not just placed in a gestational carrier, or artificial womb and then handed over to someone who ordered their “life” But have a mother who has carried them in her body beneath her heart, and a father who has engendered their life and to be protector

Children have a right to a father who will model manliness for them. To a son will be shown how to be a boy and then a man and to daughter the type of man she chooses for the future because her father was a wonderful role model.

The transmission of life is written in the cells of each parent and they complement one another to give life and this belongs in the human race to a man and a woman, irrespective of what “rights” are demanded.

Right to die when I say I want to die. I also demand that another help me in my dying. Irrespective of the fact that the other has then to live with the fact that he/she did the pulling of the plug or helped with poisons administered and you died.

And what about those who are not ill but simply want to jump ship because it’s a bit hard. Their desires must also be same as the others who have the right to the demanded rights.

Then there is the emerging new word is “equality” Ah yes!! The new word which has found favour with the light, green, different “rights” seeking mob.

I demand to be recognised in my same sex “marriage” because otherwise my rights will be trampled on and I will be seen as different and I won’t be equal to everyone else. It’s even my right to be seen as equal and to have my relationship accepted as equal as the rest of society. I demand this right to equality. Even television commercials tell us that we are not equal until everyone is equal.

It’s characteristic of a group of people which is blinded by tragedy which has befallen them. These people have created a new tower of babel. The confusion which these two new words, “rights” “equality” is causing is nothing new but a return to primitiveness. Returned to re-create the voice of babel again. This voice cannot be understood and a disconnection from life and vulnerability and loss of pure joy and even the certain knowing of definite rights and definite equality.

At the core of the tragedy which has befallen modern times is the rejection of God, which has then led to rejection of life first in the infants, and now demanded for the disabled, elderly, frail. The loss of awe for life. Those who would destroy life at every stage and for whatever reason have already lost the idea of “awesomeness” which is life.

Those who argue for cheap life have lost the sight and understanding of that mystery called life. Marriage, sexuality, stability, complementarity, all of which are designed for life are in danger rendering children, who are the future, in grave danger and other vulnerable individuals also in danger.

Name _____

Address _____ P/C _____

Donation _____ I **would/would not** like to be on your mailing list.

Send to:

Victims of Abortion, National Office

PO Box 6094, Vermont South, Vic, 3133, Australia.

Or email: anne@victimsofabortion.com.au

Same Sex Marriage and Plebiscite

Dear friends further to the rights issue we have the equality issue where we find ourselves in the midst of something that I thought I would never ever live to see. We find ourselves in a position where we have to choose whether marriage, that institution which from all time has been between a man and a woman, is now to be deconstructed and the Marriage Act be reframed to incorporate any numeric, any combination of individuals for now and perhaps even other things species later.

We are being asked (violently) to choose to incorporate into marriage what once was whispered about. To legitimise something that once could not be spoken about. To incorporate dimensions which are beyond thinking, for now.

During this debate it has been interesting to see the words used. I am a "word" person (even though at times you wouldn't know it) and I listen and look to see how the population is persuaded. "*Love is love*" is the slogan of the same sex marriage lobby groups. What a huge slogan! What a master feat in the selection of this slogan because these words play to the emotions of human persons.

The advertising agency and the Art Director who are behind the slogans for SSM has absolutely captured the imagination of a huge number of the population, most especially the younger members. Because of these words.

"*Love is Love.*" say it, repeat it, fly it, and call it out, fight for it, play I out in person. Use every strategy, visual verbal, flags, and rainbows, you name it's to be used so it becomes normal. The larger the numbers which show the colours, the rainbows, the flags, the bigger and larger it appears that the numbers of support for this venture is huge.

Who could argue with "love is love?" We all know and want to believe that "love is love" and of course we

would not wish to deprive anyone of love. Would we?

And I have looked at the tactics of the "*love is love*" groups. I've seen little "*love is love*" shown to those who don't see the slogan in the same way. Their violence is anything but "love" Their lack of generosity in allowing those who disagree to have a say without being abused shows their kind of "*love is love*" way.

As I have observed, and even participated on Facebook discussion on this issue, I have seen the tactics being used. Confusion laced with emotion. A recipe for future disaster and I have been left with a huge confusion about this love is love and the demand for marriage especially as marriage has been in decline with cohabitation being the norm. Why suddenly a group who have in past shown visible disgust at marriage suddenly demand to be "married"

I am also reminded of the words of Jesus "I Didn't come to bring peace but the sword" (Mt. 10:34-36). From all time we have seen "sword". There has not been an era since recorded history that a sword has not been present but always that sword, that ideology, took into account other innocents. The swords we have witnessed during the past half a century have not taken into account the innocent. Indeed the innocent have perished. The innocents of this "sword" of death will be the future and its children.

I'm not going to go through a history lesson because I believe my readers know the recent past history but what I will and want to do is to show in a cursory way what has led to the "sword" in our very present day.

It, I believe began with destabilising marriage with the introduction of contraception. This led to a slow rejection of children unless wanted. It led to children becoming a commodity, relative only for something, to appearance, to prove virility. It led to women choosing careers over mothering. It led to abortion. First slowly slowly to save mother, only to very young gestational age, then insidiously raise the gestational period till today abortion and infanticide (late term abortion) on

demand are “my right” The mother expecting and demanding a dead baby because it’s her “right.”

This acceptance of a previous only whispered act (abortion) is a human “right” led the consciousness of human beings to accepting the term “rights” and its application.

Further, as woman has chosen to refuse a child first by contraception and then be able to take her baby to die as her right. I remember hearing at a conference several years back someone say to me that there is movement afoot to ensure the rights of the woman to a dead baby. We have that today.

Running parallel with the rise in rejection of child also we have seen rise in “rights” to ensure this. The word “rights” strongly synonymous with personal demand. The individual rights supersede all other rights.

As the word “rights” gathered momentum so it became the buzz word for demand and it has worked.

Women over the past 50-60 years have chosen to reject motherhood and males also refused to accept fatherhood because after all “she should have been taking the pill so I don’t really want to be with her all my life it was only some fun sex” (a comment made to me) has led to loss of value for the family and what family meant. Which above all meant secure love of the couples, safety and stability for children and a secure safe base for love to be sheltered and protected and launched into time and future.

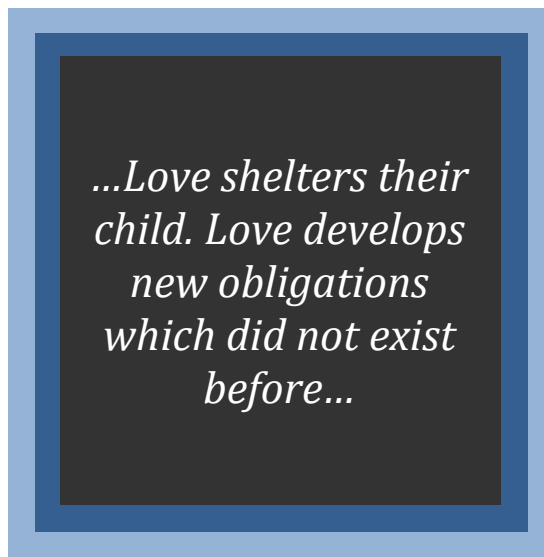
The SSM lobby, the rainbow sash group, other interest groups, who have ensured political support, have slowly worked away, chipping away at the huge “cornerstone” called “marriage”

Like the feminist movement who slowly worked to put into place representatives in governments, in positions of power in order to eventually force through the abortion demands they wanted, so too the homosexual movement. With many in position of power and with B\$\$\$ support from mega moneyed people the moment has arrived to demand their “right” to either let them be accorded the same marriage status or deconstruct marriage completely.

Children, family, ideals no longer matter but the sole demand is that “marriage” is their ultimate demand. Civil union recognition by law not acceptable. The demand is “marriage” otherwise there will not be

equality just like the TV ads say “unless we are all equal then we are not equal” (another masterpiece for advertising). The groundwork for this took many years but it has finally arrived. With the parliamentarians, even heads of nations, the media, the funded it has now become the proverbial David and Goliath battle.

For my part I have tried to explain why marriage in its truest sense cannot accommodate same sex attracted individuals to marriage. I have explained that it has nought to do with love or not love but it has to do with covenants. It has to do with carrying forward the future (children) and not by artificial methods or borrowing another’s body, so that a child ends up not knowing who mother or father is. And we don’t know the psychological effects of this because we not have enough children in these situations we cannot see results of children living in these settings.



Marriage has to do with the complementarity of the sexes which is absent with same sex attracted individuals. Each of the parents brings to the conception a set of instructions to bring life into being and the self-innate instructions to self-grow. With assistance from the mother whose role is to nurture and feed the conception and to dialogue with the child during its development.

I have tried to explain that the design of male and female is because we have been invited to carry humanity into the future and this can only occur when male and

female unite. It cannot occur when two males or two females unite.

A sperm is not and cannot ever be attracted to another sperm. An ovum cannot be attracted to an ovum so it must need the genetic material of male and female to continue the future. This is the human design and this design has from all time been protected by that mysterious gift called marriage. Marriage protects and furthers the genetic material of male and female and the ensuing “future” their child.

I have been so vilified, especially on Facebook when I have tried to put my point across. I have been called the vilest of names. This by the so called “nothing will change” brigade. “We just want to be happily married and our love recognised” say members of the brigade. The “nothing will change after the Marriage Act is changed” say same brigade.

Dear friends it is my humble opinion that very very much will change if the Marriage Act is changed to

incorporate all and any combination of individuals to claim that marriage is fluid. If its template can be changed from its original design, for any group then all other demands must also be accommodated.

This because, the firm fast set in stone mandate, has been split open.

The mandate for man and woman is to be “fruitful and multiply and fill the earth” even for those who do not hold to a religious belief. They still (man and woman) co create because it’s written in their very being. It’s written in every cell of their body. As male and female and the actions required and the genetic material required to generate/create a new human being.

In this action of creation the man and woman have a Godlike function, of creativeness. Marriage has as its primacy the mandate to keep creation going. Like the first template the union of a man and a woman can create a new life. The union of two males or two females cannot ever do that. That mandate cannot ever be fulfilled and God does not make alternatives to His original.

The “*love is love*” mantra so beloved of the SSM lobby has some truism within it because when love is in that union called marriage it’s what we might say “a magnificent bonus.” Love is very important and God encoded love and desire into the marriage act so that the couple “in love” ensure the harmony, peace and security and ongoing protection of the new one that they have or hope to conceive. Their baby.

Love shelters their child. Love develops new obligations which did not exist before. Marriage with its life giving properties safeguards those in its ambit. The unit formed by man, woman and child/ren form a miniature universe not created by governments, or even churches of any denomination but the unit which is formed by the union of the genetic material of the male and the female begins a human being whose history is heading into the future.

Marriage is not “*love is love*” business. Marriage is so much more and this is why it is painful when it fails because those separating know that something more than love has ended. Whatever the reasons, it has ended. The trinity of man, woman and child/ren has ended.

To deconstruct marriage to the degree that it is attempted now is wicked. That a very very small minority, group would wish to deconstruct marriage is wicked. That governments would even contemplate a move to accede to such demands is wicked because the role of government is to protect the strongest unit in society, marriage and family, which includes children born of a union and the parents’ responsibility and connection both to child and society.

Finally on this issue of SSM and should the Marriage Act be changed to allow SS attracted couples to legitimately marry, we have been asked to express our opinion and vote on the matter.

We all have family or friends who find themselves in such relationships and indeed we love them and the request is not to hurt them or not respect their humanity. Or to stop our love, care and concern for them. No, not any of this. But we do them no service, or no justice for “marriage” if we violate its integrity. We are speaking of permanent changes which are being demanded not something for 12 weeks then back to normal. What is demanded is a change in society. A change in “human ness” A change in carrying forward the future.

We need to remember that once we surrender marriage to government for redefinition or determination then all other forms of liaisons will demand to be legitimated because of that redefinition. The state has it in its power to redefine “marriage” to mean anything. This is the greatest problem that once marriage between a man and a woman only is changed then other combinations become possible and will be the outcome.

Today we are seeing the consequences of legalisation of SSM only recently accomplished. Recent news of two gay millionaires in UK to sue the Church of England for refusing to officiate at their marriage. Imagine suing a church because it is refusing to officiate because of its beliefs. The Church of England, the Catholic Church and other Christian denominations, and Jewish faith are asked to go against their beliefs and teachings because these are gay millionaires?

What’s happened to religious freedom? All the other offences against charity, individuals and against personal freedom to choose to do or not do something. The businesses which have been forced to close down or bankrupted because of their refusal to do something for a SSM especially because of their own religious belief which would have been violated. Where is the freedom to refuse?

And what about the children who will be taught about the different marriage ideas in Schools, and be taught that all marriages are “equal”? And parents cannot go against government policy and lose their right protect their child’s innocence and their family beliefs. And once the destabilisation of marriage has been achieved where will parents and parenting stand? Parent 1. Parent 2. Parent 3.

When marriage has been destabilised the question will be asked why my relationship with my fiancé, myself, and my best friend can’t be legitimised as a marriage.

You see dear friends it’s very important to vote NO. So

much of our future for us in Australia and globally will depend on how marriage and the family are honoured. Some will swiftly say, "But Anne look at all the divorces. All the abuse. All bad things found in heterosexual marriage." My answer is sin exists. Woundedness exists. However, we are not redefining woundedness, but sin is given legitimacy. We are redefining and setting in motion the destruction of society as we know it.

The future is in the children we have. The stable environment they are brought up in. The love and gentleness shown to them. How much loved they are and the future which we place in their care. I am not saying that SS couples would not love their children. No I am not saying that but what I am saying is that children have a right to mother and father who models a different dimension of life and nature and nurture and being (the esse).

Male and female he created them. Be fruitful and multiply.

SSM cannot ever promise, or multiply or see this happen. The children in SS coupling, how will they know of the absent mothering and what it would have been like to be mothered by a female? To learn how to be the esse of feminine. Or absent fathering. How will they be able to know what it would have been like to be fathered by a male? To be loved by a male father and taught respect and honour by all males.

I'm not saying that children in SS relationships will be abused or not loved. It's not what I am saying. But in a different way they will be deprived of something which is essential for their development and their right to have. The word "rights" seems to be absent when it comes to children and SSM.

Where the child's right to a balanced life where emulating the feminine and masculine is learned visually? Absent. Because the masculine who would have engendered them is absent and there is no imprinted memory of father's voice. Or the feminine who carried them under her heart, who fed them, whose voice is imprinted as first memory, whose warmth and heartbeat they heard for nine months and is also imprinted as a memory is absent. What wounds do these absent needs create?

There is attempt to change the one and only stable unit which has existed from all time. Long before Churches, religious houses, synagogues, Mosques, and that is marriage between man and woman where together they knew and continue to learn how to love and be fruitful and carry forward life.

Many taboos have existed since time immemorial, abortion, suicide, euthanasia, bestiality, paedophilia and homosexuality, but the one thing which none of these

have ever demanded before this day is the legitimisation of the behaviour. Today abortion is legal, euthanasia is heading in that direction for Australian and legal other nations, paedophilia, there are murmurings, infanticide legal, (late term abortions. Aborted babies born alive not assisted and left to die) and SSM now also demanded.

We are eating of that Tree which causes death not life.

Please, please if you haven't already done so think about these things before you vote. But please vote. Not because we hate, or are homophobic or other derogatory names we NO please have been called but because we know of a love which goes beyond the physical and which finds its deepest meaning in its purity. A love that has life inscribed in its being.

Dear friends a beautiful friend of mine who is a poet wrote this poem especially for the work that I do. I thank Rosalie sincerely and offer it for your pleasure.

THE LORD WAS IN THE GENTLE BREEZE

*I was sad and alone, frightened and confused
My heart was aching and my brain in a muddle
I listened to all the voices around me,
Offering me advice, or telling me what to do.
And somehow, I just felt used.*

*My precious little one is gone from me
So I hide my face and cry alone in my room.
It will be alright soon,
I keep telling myself.
The pain will go away and all will be well.*

*My little one, I love you with a mother's heart.
I'm sorry for leaving you in that place.
I pray and hope you are with Jesus now.
That the Angels are cradling you gently
Can you hear my soft lullaby as I sing so sweetly?
Longing to hold you so closely.*

*Through it all, a small voice in the stillness of the night
"You are my child, and I have carved you
Right on the palm of My Hand.
I will never leave you, even when you turn away.
Come to me and I will calm your fears,
I have loved you all these years."*

*"Your little one is here with me,
Sitting carefully upon My knee.
This precious little one is close to my Sacred Heart,
And we are waiting for the day,
When you will join us and never part."*

*Then I knew my Lord was in the gentle breeze,
His kind and forgiving Word
Put my troubled mind and heart at ease.
Never will I be alone,
For I believe in the promise of my Lord.*

© 2017 Rosalie Annette Bourke.

Letters

Dear Anne

*Thank you for the latest of Broken Branches.
I have just printed it out and will probably read it all
tonight!
It is after 9 pm now!
I am a terror for reading late at night.
God bless you for all your good work.*

Sister Elizabeth

Thank you dear Sr Elizabeth, thank you for your kind words and prayers. Love to hear from you. Anne

Hi Anne,

Just read your lead article, which I agree is a very difficult topic. I believe you "nailed it" when you spoke of 'intent'. God looks at our heart more than necessarily what we do. What is our motivation? If that is sound, then we trust Him to care for any consequential effect, always doing our best to minimize the potential for any negative outcome - in this case for both mother and child.

*A very difficult and sensitive topic that I believe you handled with wisdom and compassion.
Well done!
Tim*

Dear Tim, thank you my friend and hero. Anne

Dear Anne,

Thank you for your article Principle of Double Effect. You made it so simple even I can understand it now. Love Broken Branches and wait expectantly each issue.

Love,
Clare

For you Clare ..hugs.

Dear Anne,

You really are very learned aren't you? And you cover so many topics. Over the many years of reading BB I have learnt so much and I am forever grateful to the person who first put me on your mailing list. I hadn't heard about you before your first BB arrived to me about 6 years ago.

Thank you for being so faithful in continuing to send it to me I am now able to send a small donation. I know its small but all I can afford.

God love you,

Jan K.

Dear Jan,

Lovely letter, glad to hear you like my newsletter Thank you for letting me know. I don't remember who placed you on list but it must have been someone who is/was receiving it also.

As for the "small" donation remember what Jesus said about the Widow's Mite? How very important it is. That's how I feel. Thank you.
Anne

A Win At Last

A beautiful story came out of USA this past week (3/10/2017) which lifted heart and gave some hope of a possible turning point. In USA the vote for banning of late term abortions was successful and abortions 20 weeks was banned which means that 20 weeks and upwards banned.

Republicans (of whom Mr Trump is a member and US President) supported the Bill whilst Democrats (of whom Hillary Clinton is a member) opposed it. The house approved the ban 237-189 votes which is a good margin. Next step will be for the Senate to approve the Bill and then Mr Trump who has been shown to have pro-life ideals will sign Bill into law. That will be a day for some rejoicing. (though we have to work harder for all abortions to stop because all are babies who are killed).

More and more recent studies have shown that during abortion babies have been seen to suffer excruciating pain as each limb is wrench from its tiny body. Separately one by one limbs wrenched and crunched and if in good shape sold.

For those of us who have worked in pro-life areas we have known this but sadly with feminist strength and media compliance the real story about what is "abortion" or showing what abortion does has been stymied. It's because if women especially saw what an abortion does to their son or daughter there would be a huge rethink.

The true nature of abortion has been hidden from society. It's now such a common word and said without seeming emotion. The imagery of abortion is hidden from society and so it has now become a norm with its truth deeply hidden but the loud voices, rent a crowd, and celebrities who boast of having an abortion to further their road to stardom. The word has been given legitimacy through its overuse in society and thus removing its significance.

In Australia we have our own horror stories of babies aborted in 2nd and 3rd trimesters and I can tell you from

experience that the grief of their mothers is even different. And the difference is because of the length of the pregnancy a bonding has occurred. An attachment has formed. Whilst the head was saying and thinking about all the difficulties, the heart had found the other heart and a love developed between the two. The gruesomeness of abortion is incomprehensible, the difference being only the size. It was and is always a baby. The dismembering is same irrespective of the size.

Today when the pregnancy is discovered the physician doesn't say congratulations you're a mother the first suggestion is "there is a way out if you don't want it" and heaven forbid if even a minor disability is found the strong encouragement is abortion and you can try again. The awesomeness of this baby is diminished right from the beginning. I long for a day when not one infant is killed or is unwanted. I guess it won't be in my day but with hope it will come in the future.

Dear friends I have received 4 calls and several emails that I forgot (in my haste of course!) to put in surname of one of the ladies I mentioned who died because they would not have treatment for cancer which would have meant the death of their baby. I am sorry, her name is Chiara Corbella Petrillo. I hope one day she will be named a saint of the Church as Gianna Barretta Molla.

Friends I need to ask for \$\$ help please.

Prayers please. Me, Frances, Paul (much), Belle, Anna, Joann, Josephine (much pls) Rosie, Sue, Chris, (much) Jodie, Marie, Trish, Hailey, Micaiah, (she comes on and off and I'm not sure about her so please prayers for me about this please and add Holly, violet, Natasha.

Till we meet again, God bless your life.

Please could you consider helping me with book sales? Thank you.



Anne Lastman

© Copyright Anne Lastman, VOA, 2017. No part of this publication may be reproduced without permission.

Broken Branches – By email!

Dear Friends,

Please email me at anne@victimsofabortion.com.au to be added to the email list.



REDEEMING GRIEF

NEW REVISED EDITION!

has had for the aborting woman and how this one procedure has been the catalyst for life changes.

REDEEMING GRIEF is a reflection of over 17 years of counselling and study of abortion grief, which is experienced by some women who choose to undergo this elective procedure. These reflections are the result of listening to over 1500 personal stories and listening to the expressions used by the women as they speak about their decision to abort the life of their child. These reflections then attempt to reconstruct the meaning that this procedure

AUD **\$20.00**

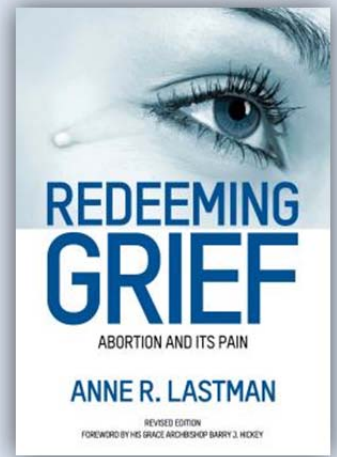
(Including free postage within Australia)

AVAILABLE FROM:

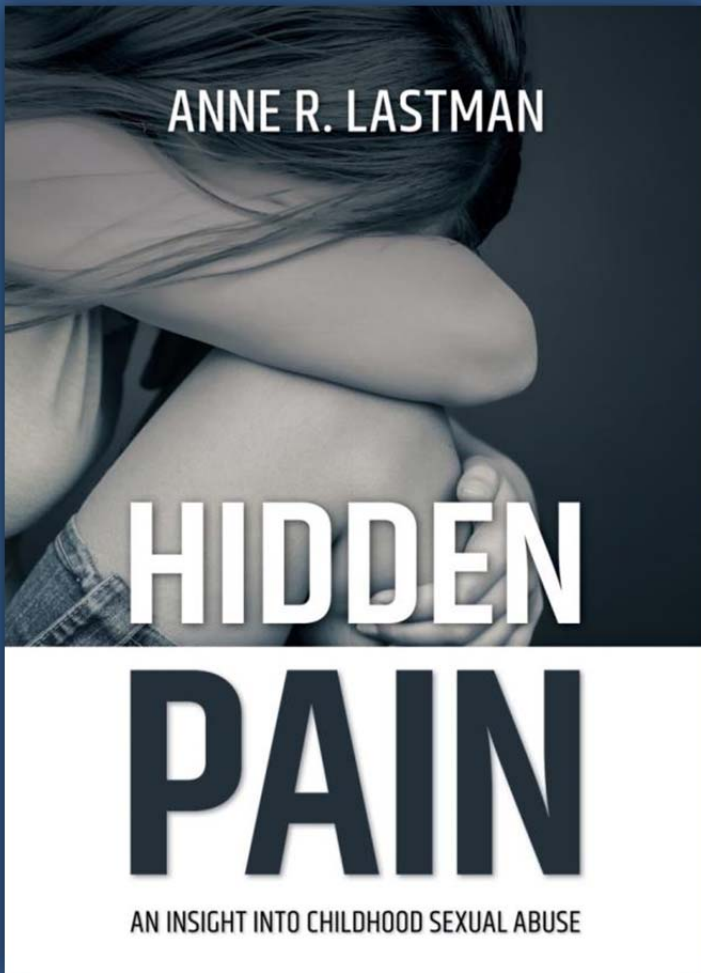
VICTIMS OF ABORTION

Order using the form below
or online (Australia only) at

www.victimsofabortion.com.au



NEW BOOK – HIDDEN PAIN



HIDDEN PAIN is written about memories which are hidden and cannot be spoken out loud. It is a book about shame, pain, sorrow and lives which have gone wrong both for victims, families, and perpetrators. Sexual abuse of children is common in all communities, in all societies, and yet it's still one of the last remaining taboos. It is something which cannot be spoken about because it's so awful, so inappropriate that it cannot be discussed. Yet discussed it must be, because the children are crying and pleading to be helped.

This is not a step by step guide to dealing with abuse. It is the result of my engagement with those who have come to me originally for post abortion counselling and on further investigation it was found that abuse (especially in cases of multiple abortions) existed in their history. It is my hope that **HIDDEN PAIN** can be of help to those who read it and more so be vigilant and not to turn away when a child is suffering.

AUD **\$20.00**

(Including free postage within Australia)

AVAILABLE FROM

VICTIMS OF ABORTION

Order using the form below
or online (Australia only) at

www.victimsofabortion.com.au

Contact Anne via email for international orders.

anne@victimsofabortion.com.au

To order your copies of **Hidden Pain** or **Redeeming Grief**, please complete the form (right) and send with Cash, Cheque (made out to Victims of Abortion) or Money Order to:

Victims of Abortion, National Office
PO Box 6094,
Vermont South, Vic, 3133, Australia.

Name _____

Postal Address _____

_____ P/C _____

Phone:(_____) _____

Number of copies of Hidden Pain @ \$20each: _____

Number of copies of Redeeming Grief @ \$20each: _____

Total Price: \$ _____ (Free postage within Australia)

