

Broken Branches

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

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And God said it was very very good.

God’s ecstasy is the creation of the universe. In an ecstatic moment He made visible His inner world and declared it very good. Continuing in this ecstatic state he created human person “in his own image and likeness” and declared that it was very very good. This we can confirm also when Adam saw his companion Eve and exclaimed in such delight “this at last bone from bones and flesh from my flesh” His ecstatic delight in her creation was palpable. At last one like himself. Male and female He created them and His deep sigh at their beauty still echoes throughout the universe.

Ireland and abortion Results

Women matter, Stop policing, Yes Yes Yes, My body my choice, so said hundreds of posters demanding the right for women to be free to kill their children.

With a landslide victory and a very loud hooray to be heard across oceans women can now say proudly “I am free to kill my baby, legally, free, proudly and no one can tell me otherwise.”

I am reminded of that Hollywood actress (who played the role of a nun in several movies) who says “I am proud of my 6 aborted babies” Irish women can now say similar.

Ireland’s status as a “catholic Nation” has now been demoted to just another ho hum country whose women are free to take their unwanted child to be killed.

We can next expect the mob (or maybe rent-a-crowd) to begin plotting the euthanasia/assisted suicide campaign and then this once blessed country which used to send missionaries to all corners of the world can claim a trifecta. Abortion, Euthanasia, SSM.

In the words of the prophet Amos 8:11

The days are coming says the Lord when I will send a famine in the land. Not a famine of bread nor water but of hearing the word. (Amos 8:11)

And so the famine across the land is being witnessed by all who care to see, and this famine has spread all across the globe. The famine which has no “word” is the worst possible famine because without the “Word” there is a loss of a protecting hand. Loss of direction and a withdrawal

The concluding vote was 66% for to 34% against. It appears that the County Donegal didn’t go with the trend.

Their leader the Prime Minister Mr Leo Varadkar spoke these words “we as a people have spoken and we say that we trust women and we respect women and their decisions. No more doctors telling their patients that there is nothing that can be done for them in their own country. No more lonely journey across the Irish Sea. No more stigma. The veil of secrecy is lifted. No more isolation. The burden of shame is gone.”

Immediately laws to 12 weeks to be enacted and to 24 weeks if danger to woman’s health.

It has been said that the story of Savita Halappanavar was used as the ideal “for pro abortions” to push their agenda to change the abortion laws and indeed this happened.

It was reported that Mrs Halappanavar died in Galway hospital due to septic miscarriage at 17 weeks gestations.

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It has been further said that doctors had denied her an abortion because the baby's heartbeat was heard but also that it was expected that the baby would die anyway.

According to the then Irish law the baby's heartbeat was equally valuable as that of the mother.

Much fury was experienced over the death of this woman and the pro-abortion lobby latched on to this to use as their "poster" girl to achieve their desires to overturn their strong anti-abortion laws.

This young woman was reported dying as a result of sepsis following her miscarriage and the doctors failed to pick up the difficulties immediately.

The medics who attended to her misdiagnosed the situation and thus handed on a platter the story which would lead to monumental law changes and unfettered abortion and death of babies.

What for me was very distressing were the words of the Prime Minister, "we respect women and their decisions. The veil of secrecy lifted. No more stigma. The burden of shame gone."

What a tragic, pathetic leader.

Since when in the last 50 years has there been shame about an abortion. Or since when in the last 50 years has there been a "veil of secrecy" with abortion facilities openly advertised and does approving abortion laws mean that "we respect women" to make the right decision or to be compliant with the decision or even to be coerced into the decision.

I wonder when the large number of post abortion grief women start complaining and knocking on his door how much respect will he have for them?

When the mental health of his Irish women begins to decline as it has throughout the world will he be available to fund and to console the women. Will he respect them that much?

What about when suicides start because "I can't live with what I've done I want to join my baby" will the honourable prime minister be there to ensure that the suicide doesn't happen? I wonder how caring he will be when this happens.

I suspect not much because by then he will have gone into history but the laws to kill babies will have remained and the women who called "my body my choice" or even "women matter" (rent a crowd) will have moved on to the next job. Who will then deal with the grief?

And as for secrecy? What secrecy? The word abortion is openly touted. The procedure is discussed openly and ad nauseum and women openly boast of their one or many abortions.

So for that prime minister his words ring hollow. There was not one skerrick of truth. He sold his female population an empty promise and sadly they bought it.

*"A lie told often enough becomes the truth" (Lenin)
"If you tell a big enough lie often enough people will believe it (Hitler). Abortion industry about human baby.*

Euthanasia

Many years ago I remember Fr. Paul Marx (RIP) founder of Human Life International saying that if we accept abortion, that is, beginning of life murder, then end of life will be next anti life demand for legalized death, Euthanasia.

Sadly his words have been prophetic. Abortion to full term in most countries and now the euthanasia lobby is working towards its desired result.

Recently a story has filtered through the news outlets that in Belgium which has legalized euthanasia since 2003 three children were euthanized.

The deaths of the children who were living at home were among the over 2,000 reported for the year 2016-2017.

The lives of these children were ended via the cold sterile injection.
The law in Belgium changed to allow child euthanasia in 2014.

The first story I heard about was a young teenager (14 years) who demanded euthanasia because of depression. And these three mentioned above are believed, or we have been told were euthanized for cancer.

It has also been said that healthy older individuals also sought euthanasia because fed up with life.

I became so saddened that these healthy individuals opted out of life when healthy and able to spend some happy years and there are others who struggle and so much want to live but cannot.

Belgium now has the dubious honour of having euthanized nearly 9,000 people since the laws were changed 2003 and in that same year there was a request by 235.

It seems that as Fr Marx prophesized euthanasia, like abortion is stealthy wending its way globally with now Belgium, euthanasia, UK, Colombia, Luxemburg (catholic country) legal and some states within the USA having legalized Dr assisted suicides.

My deep worry is that Australia seems hell bent on following the trend and because it has a strong lobby group the outcome looks dangerous for life affirming people

I am so mystified, why this rush towards ending of life? Who will benefit by this? Who will remain? What sort of creature will emerge from out of this death rampage? What about the recently mooted post birth abortion? Will this mean euthanasia of babies born but having a mole or wrong colour eyes or hair and disposed of because of this?

This is not unthinkable.

Thirty years, 25 years ago abortion to full term unthinkable. SSM unthinkable. Euthanasia unthinkable. Will next be euthanizing of children when unwanted because child cries too much? Euthanizing for inheritance sake. Extra corporeal conception?

Where have we permitted to allow society to descend to?

Where did our false compassion lead us to?

When did we become such an isolated society with no care for our nearest kinsman?

Somewhere along the line we forgot.

Hello baby Noah and thank you Jane Byrne for keeping me informed over the growth and development of the recent baby who we have reason to rejoice because of his birth.

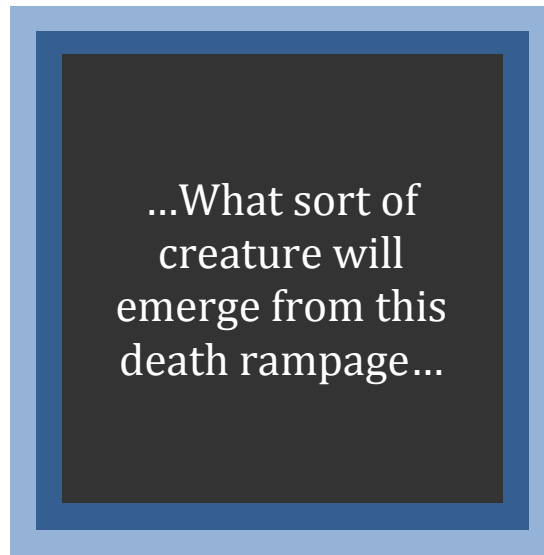
When I look at this photo of a nearly three month baby I am horrified at the thought that this is what we do in Australia to about 100,000 babies a year.

Imagine this is what they would have looked like. This is how their development would have been. Rescued and loved and wanted and happy parents. What a tragedy of immense proportion that this is hidden from the eyes of the aborting woman.

I wonder what would happen if the abortion facility was lined with beautiful images of happy babies instead of the silent, sombre, downward looking girls

and women and sterile conditions waiting to dismember their baby.

We will never know because the facility has chosen instead sterility and tears rather than beautiful babies and laughter.



Abandonment and Abortion

In a recent new case of a client with three abortions I have seen her about 6 sessions and has had me stymied. Whilst the reason for her to see me was the abortion issue and was referred to me because of the abortion issue, from the very beginning I have had doubts.

Yes three abortions exist but other issues I believe are stronger and perhaps led to the abortion. Issues of personal other losses.

This client has had me pondering deeply as I felt that I was missing something but couldn't see what it was that I was missing. And then viola

Try as I might I was not able to have her hold onto to the abortion discussion it kept reverting to deep difficulties with her mother.

Fear of abandonment by one's parents is one of the most primal of fears because without the care and protection of one's parents then life was in danger or more for the human person emotionally stunting.

The pain of abandonment is overwhelming right from childhood and leaves an indelible mark for the rest of life. The sense of rejection felt by one who feels abandoned is deeply paralyzing. Is deeply deeply wounding and seizes what should have been normal emotional development. Betrayal felt. Shame felt. "Unwantedness factor experienced". Can we see these in the post abortive woman? Yes!

Abandonment doesn't necessarily mean someone important leaving some else, it can also mean loss of anyone through death, heart pain of broken relationship, all manner of pain which involves a sense of the inner "I" having lost someone of great importance to it. It can mean early childhood abuse, violence, neglect. These are means of abandonment.

Other means can be repeated relationship failures which lead to separation hinting at something which says that stability is not possible.

Love relationships which terminate instantly because "love has gone" or even "mum doesn't love me and dad is too busy with his own life"

Abandonment's wounding can come from many different relationships and even circumstances and relationships.

Being abandoned by someone important can open up early childhood wounds which have not been understood or even dealt with.

Having felt unloved, uncared for, abandoned in early childhood will set the pattern for future behaviour of accepting any violence in order not to be abandoned again. Not to be invisible again. Not to be told that "you are not important-your brother is" Not to be least favoured because you are a girl and only boys matter.

To a child the need for intimacy and nurture and care are part of the emotional development. When this stage of development (Erikson 5 stages of Development) is missing confusion is the outcome. Loss and of sense of being worthy and good and loved.

We always want, yearn for the affection of the other, the affection of the one who has abandoned us.

Abandonment is a child's very first felt fear. We see this when a mother goes out of sight of a child and the child becomes totally distressed. This is what we might call a primal fear. A fear embedded into our being and hardwired in our brain. It's an important need not to be left forever alone.

Abandonment is a deep fear that we will be left alone and no one will care for us. This fear is experienced by every child whose attachment is not secure.

Abandonment is insecurity being played out and deeply felt and because there is a memory of alone a child or adult will do anything not to be left along.

I suspect that this is the case in a domestic violence situation where a woman stays knowing that the violence will continue but having an innate knowledge of abandonment and never wanting to experience that again, she stays knowing that this is not good and even dangerous. But there is that memory that won't be merciful towards her and let her have enough strength to leave the violent relationship.. Abandonment to her is worse.

In this situation there is even the desperate need to "feel loved" in order to know what being loved is all about. Indeed this is where self-blame comes in. "What is wrong with me? Why can't he love me, because if he could love me then he wouldn't violent" (Kelly)

The echo of the memory of early childhood emotional abandonment resurfaces every time that there is a crisis in a relationship and she remains in the relationship so that abandonment won't happen again.

What I have seen and understood is that abandonment of any kind (sexual abuse, emotional absence, neglect etc) seizes development when a child first really begins to understand emotions. I would say 6-7 years and onwards. And so a 6-7-8 year old grows into a mature body but emotional need of a young person in the latency stage and throughout life and adult life he/she appears adult but with emotional deficits due to early childhood abandonment and its many many losses

including the loss of affection and this followed by other growing to adult losses.

The one experiencing abandonment issues does not see that the other is at fault or even negligent but sees herself as being deserving of lack of love and care. As not being worthy enough to be loved and so with this schema all relationships are treated the same irrespective what is done to hurt and wound her. It is "always my fault. I'm not loveable. If my mother couldn't love me why should anyone else" (Mel). Her undeservedness was deeply hidden by her constant abjectness.

Children with deep abandonment issues and later as adults live with intense fears, doubts, insecurity and sense of failure and with each new failure or rejection the self is more deeply wounded and confused. It never occurs to a person with abandonment issues that the other maybe responsible for the failure of a relationship but feels that it is her fault because she is "unlovable"

Abandonment issues are not only the domain of females but males also experience deeply this emotion. For the male who feels they have never been wanted or never been preferred over other siblings or felt treated differently than the other sibling/siblings then growing into teenage years and later into adulthood carries with it much baggage.

One of the most obvious behaviour which is damaging is persistent wrong choices both in dating and deeper relationships. Samuel constantly was attracted to women who seemed to him to be above his level of worth but they appeared to like him so continued, only to realise that the choice had been because they might be able to give him (or his inner little boy) the attention and love and care he needed and which was denied him by both of his parents. He was looking for little boy love and not adult man love.

He was looking (outward of the body of an adult male) but the emotions of 7 year old boy) to be told that he is wanted, loved, appreciated but these words never came and hence he has been looking for the words all the rest of his life into maturity.

The worse that the new date/partner treated him the more he felt that he had to do better in order to be accepted and cared for by them. A sycophant, which obviously led to the end of the relationship.

For a child to feel unwanted, unloved, unappreciated, neglected especially in the emotional area is devastating. At times I worry for the young of today who are placed in day-care facilities (good as they are) and their sense of abandonment becoming deeply embedded so that as age and maturity of body occur the inner child is still

asking the question "why did I have to go to that place? Where was my mummy and daddy? I didn't want to go there every day" I wonder if the acting out we see is connected to abandonment issues, and still governments offering monies for more day-care centres so that women can go to work.

What abandonment issue of the children. Imagine a 12 month old child being left in the hand and care of strangers for years and then we wonder what went wrong.

Now I would like to explain why I have spoken much about abandonment issues and tie this to abortion.

My new client, as I said, came to me re abortion issues but for some reason I had a feeling that there were other more important wounds to her and which may have led to the abortions.

What led to this "lightbulb" moment in my trying to work out what might be the deeper problem and looking back through my notes it occurred to me that the several words I heard many many times were "why can't my mother like me? She loves my other brothers and sister but not me. I don't remember her ever loving me and treating me like them. She's even said she doesn't like me. She won't even call me or lunch with me. I just want my mother to love me"

And so here we have the answer.

Abandonment issues. Abandonment by the most primary parent. Abandonment by the one whose body she had lain in. Abandonment by the one who should've loved her most and if she couldn't love her then she must be unlovable. This new client was suffering from a deep emotional hunger which she sought to assuage through relationships even if they were wrong relationships and she knew it.

And true to form her choice of relationships was not good. She chose partners who would not be around long and in three different cases drove her to the abortion facility.

Today we have discussed her fear of being alone forever (she's very beautiful and young I don't see that happening) but a slight breakthrough has already happened even after 6 sessions. She has understood that she wants to get to the root of what is the problem and why she makes wrong choices, and I totally agree with her.

When she understood that I knew that we were making some headway.

The abortions I don't think it's possible to deal with until we have first looked at early life experiences and how to cope with and integrate into this into her personal history and be able to accept herself as worthy and worthwhile and loveable just for who she is

Letters

Dear Anne,

My prayers are with you on your big move to Perth. It is a big job changing homes and living arrangements.

God bless

Frances M

Dear Frances, thank you for your ongoing support and ever supporting words. I hope you will still be with me.

Dear Fr Anthony G.

Thank you, I appreciate your care.

Bless you

Anne

Dear Anne

After reading your last newsletter I very much understood your decision about Dr Leah Torres. She was a one off listener from the "other side"

Yes Anne we keep praying, for God loves her too and we ask him to change her heart.

God also sees your heart, dear Anne, so be strong and yes Jesus also had accusations. You are in good company.

God bless and love

Bridget. S

Dear Bridget,

Thank you for your lovely and comforting words. I also hope that Dr Torres finds the strength and courage to leave the abortion industry and become a very loud voice for God, mothers and babies.

Dear Anne,

It's been a while since I have been in touch with you. I really love your magazine it speaks the truth when everyone else sits on their laurels and does nothing. Thank you for your courage.

I would love to go to the dinner and sit at your table but I have difficulty walking too far and standing too long. I think old age is creeping on.

I am sending you a donation so hope it arrives Okay.

I will ask the Blessed mother and angels to protect it for you.

God bless you and what you are doing I keep you and those you help in my prayers every day.

Sincerely. Coral B.

Dear Coral,

Thank you for your kind donation (yes Angels delivered it) I appreciate your support and kind words. I feel for your aches and pains. Me too aging!!!

Bless you.

Anne

Dear Anne,

So good to get your last newsletter with great information and wisdom for us trying to heal this troubled society.

I loved your words about mother/child dialogue and your reflections on the Abortion Summit we both attended.

You are doing wonderful work for God and nation and it's very taxing and I pray for you so that you can continue relaying to us all you are learning and that the well of love and wisdom continues to be replenished in you.

God bless

Anne R (Qld)

Thank you Anne glad you liked newsletter and it was good seeing you again. You keep going in what you are doing.

Remember its slow work.

God bless

Anne

Dear Anne,

I was deeply impressed with your article relating to His Holiness Pope Francis and his concern for all pro-life issues-inside and outside of the womb.

God bless you in all you do.

Sincerely

Frances M (Albury)

And after this has been worked through then the abortions will be dealt with.

I have a suspicion that she had abortions partly because of wrong choice of partners but also her own abandonment of the children, just as she has experienced abandonment. I have great hope for her recovery.

Dear friends' today I received a thank you card which I feel I would like to share with you, it touched my heart deeply and I even shed a tear or two.

"To my darling Anne,
Thank you for helping me to change my life. Your love, great care and kindness feel like the eyes and heart of Jesus holding me close.
The Japanese art "Kintsugi" comes to mind. You are helping me repair the broken pieces of my life. Piece by piece. Mending me with lacquered gold. Now whole and even more beautiful than I was before.
Love
Di.
Ps Anne thank you for helping to save my life.
You are a "gift from God"

The envelope it came in was filled with gold stars. I think it was these more than all else which brought tears. After recent persecutions the Lord must have known I needed something beautiful.

Thank you Di and my Lord.

Dear friends as I come to the end of this newsletter I want to say thank you to those half dozen who donated since the last newsletter. It has become difficult because I am still in Melbourne till at least the end of October as I want to finish with all my clients myself.

I have asked if any of them want to be referred on and all have said emphatically no.

I am still seeing 11 clients (I haven't taken on new ones this year except early on two both six session clients) So I still want to finish with what I've got, and as I explained earlier about the client with abandonment issues I will start and see her twice per week even after hours so that we can get through.

I feel a little sad that the response for \$ help was ignored because as I had hoped that as soon as I got to Perth (after settling in) I would look for an office and begin again, including the newsletter, all unchanged. Just a different location. No name change, mobile change, just address and PO Box number.

However without support I will not be able to restart as I don't want to ask my poor husband to finance VOA as he has done quite a few times in the past when rents and stamps couldn't be funded by VOA.

I leave this matter in the Lords care and your care. The tin, as they say, has some coins in it but otherwise empty.

Please continue to pray for me especially the cancer and epilepsy issues. I am managing both with medications

And I ask please pray for Bel, Frances, Chris, Dee, Anna, Josephine (S/A) Natalie, Jodie, Hailey, Tash, Rebecca, Wendy.

Till we meet again,
May God keep you in his care.



Anne Lastman

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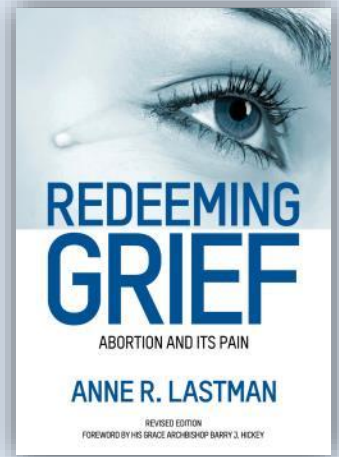
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