

# Broken Branches

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

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## The Bird and the News

Recently a media storm broke out in Perth, Western Australia. A Kookaburra (one of our native birds) was killed in a really violent manner (head ripped off). There was a massive media outcry at this very cruel act by an adult man on a very small bird and indeed it was right that this outcry occurred both because it's a beautiful creature and because of the violence with which it was treated. Perhaps a symptom of the violence within our society but this time brought to the attention of the public in a very vocal and volatile way. (Television news nightly)

The reason why I bring this to the attention of my readers is because the kookaburra was thought to have suffered much pain (though a member of body involved in animal welfare said it was too fast to be thought to have caused pain.) but the irony for me was the media involvement with the story. That same media will not report on the dismembering of an in utero infant of all gestational ages including late term abortions.

The media refuses to become involved and engaged in the abortion story because it's a right of the woman (a so called human right) but they will engage in a story over many news bulletins and "breaking news" episodes for days about a bird which was brutally killed. Yet the same brutality occurs in every abortion facility every day of the week including Saturdays, year in and year out, and yet not a sound is heard from same media but condemnation when the opportunity arises.

How is it possible that a fury arises because a bird is violently killed (and rightly so the condemnation) but an infant being dismembered arouses no fury either in the media or the population. How is it possible that giving an injection into the heart of a later term baby in order to cause its death is not considered a violent act. Or dismembering the earlier gestational infant bit by bit and removing the bits to be thrown into a bucket, not considered a violent act. How is it possible that an aborted infant born alive is not tended to with all the care very apparently shown about a bird, but is left to die in dish out of sight because a dead baby was asked for?

How is it possible the "Kevin" the kookaburra is given attention and name and something of a story but a "Kevin"

human infant is not accorded the same respect, attention, name and honour and notice of its death blasted throughout all TV screens for at least 3-4 days and made lead news story? How come a beautiful infant isn't accorded dignity as obviously the bird was?

What has happened to a society which dresses pets in "clothing" treats pets like children with all the attention and love reserved for a child and the necessities for a child, but actual children are disposed of in "buckets." Are the pets replacement children? Because women especially have a need to nurture?

Women have been created to love children/others/those vulnerable. Could it be that not having children or allowing children to be brutally killed arises in them a way to express that indelible imprint of loving another small one? Even a bird?

Could it be that those teenagers outraged over "Kevin" the kookaburra" have an innate sense of the fragility of life because of the ongoing discussion about the normality of abortion and disposal of babies?

Could it be that "Kevin" the kookaburra's decapitation evokes information, emotions deeply embedded within human heart and mind and a revulsion is experienced? There are many questions and ironies in this story and perhaps for some there is a sense of guilt. Only guilt could evoke such fury.

I am not trying to diminish the seriousness of the violence against the Kookaburra because it is another of God's creatures, but it also is a sign of the times. However I do want to draw attention to the media's handling of the differences and how they handle these differences.

The man who reportedly did this violence to "Kevin" and did it in front of young children, according to a witness has reported that threats against him made him flee into hiding. He fled into hiding for fear of being abused or even killed, but the father of a preborn infant destined for abortion idly waits outside the abortion facility, smoking and his ear glued to mobile phone.

It was reported that the bird incidence was witnessed by a few dinners at the venue (restaurant) where this occurred. As I heard and read this about "Kevin" being "thrown like trash" under the table an image came to mind about conceived babies of all gestational ages being "thrown in

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buckets" (like trash) already dismembered or in dishes and left whimpering to die alone.

What contributes to the differences? One, the bird, was dismembered in public place and seen by onlookers, whilst dismembering of human infant goes on in a sterilized, white gowned, closed facility in a security protected situation. Behind doors and walls so it cannot be seen by passersby including children. So the whole procedure of dismembered babies is "sanitized" and happens behind closed door and can be passed off as a woman's "right".

When will it be permissible for media outlets to actually show the dismembering of a child so that abortion maybe seen for what it is and not a word "abortion" which has found a place within our language and dictionaries in our time and society?

It appears that "Kevin" (bird) and other species have inalienable "rights" demanded and protected by societal laws but infants in the womb do not have the same rights and protection. Their personhood removed so abortion becomes possible and yet "Kevin" the kookaburra is not a "person" but laws against its destruction are enforced.

The tavern's (restaurant) operators apologized for the "despicable" act and apologized to those who witnessed the incidence. "We are so sorry for those who witnessed this despicable act and whilst for many (especially the children) the memory of seeing such a thing will remain fresh for some time yet, please take comfort in knowing that the whole community is standing together against this type of behavior," they wrote.

What about the memory of a fully developed infant (late term abortion) left to gasp for breath and some caregivers not permitted to assist? How will they (nurses) remember the image of the beautiful infant struggling for breath? Or the woman who sees a small arm, leg, head, torso of her baby in bucket. (client told me this)

The RSPCA WA (to (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Chief Inspector, confirmed the incident was reported to the organization's Cruelty Hotline and inquiries had been made. "Sadly, right now under Western Australian law, it does not appear that this horrific act constitutes an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 2002" she said. Another time the word "horrific" This act against

the kookaburra horrific but the act against a small infant isn't?

It was also interesting that the police were involved and yet the police will not be interested in any of the in utero babies being "decapitated" "dismembered" "killed." And why? Because the woman has a "right" to a dead baby and no one can interfere with that right.

"Kevin" however, that's a different story. Kevin has "rights" and the RSPCA and public to call out cruelty to full notice so that "rights" maintained.

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Not long after the Kevin story I read this story in one of news services which comes into my computer every day and realised that indeed we have reached the time when "good is called evil and evil good" (Isaiah 5:20). Headline:

## Orangutan granted Personhood.

It was reported in USA a judge granted an orangutan the legal status "personhood" and was relocated to a new "home" in USA. The 33-year-old orangutan who was granted the legal status "personhood" by a judge in Argentina is reported to be "settling" into her new surrounds. This orangutan (female) has been given the name Sandra and is said by director of Sandra's new home to be "very sweet and inquisitive" and adjusting to her new home.

"She was shy when she first arrived, but once she saw the swings, toys, and grassy areas in her new home, she went out to explore," the director continued. Now dear friends we get to the interesting part.

"Judge Elena Liberatori's landmark ruling in 2015 declared that Sandra is legally not an animal, but a "non-human person", thus entitled to some legal rights enjoyed by people, and better living conditions. "With that ruling I wanted to tell society something new, that animals are sentient beings and that the first right they have is our obligation to respect them," she told The Associated Press.

And this is where I find myself controlling my cortisol levels. (stress hormone).

We in pro-life have battled the Roe v Wade (1973) a decision made the Supreme Court of USA which opened the door to other countries doing likewise and declaring the in utero child is not human and as a result of this over 1 ½ billion infants killed in the womb. A quarter of the population of our world at this moment. A child is not considered a person and thus without “personhood” and therefore no legal status to protect its rights but an ape is now “human” with “rights” accorded to human? And a human baby has no human rights?

According to the judge the ape is non-human person but not an animal either and so it deserves its rights protected that like any other human? What is wrong with this female Judge? Non-human but not an animal but its rights as human being protected?

What is wrong with the judicial system of our nations and especially of the female variety judges? Is this how woman governs or are we seeing clearly that woman cannot

govern? Is it the garden story again that woman messes up when she gets involved? Or the Sarah and Hagar story when woman decided she'd help God and devise a way for a child to be born as promised and today thousands years later we are still seeing the fruits of feuding brothers? Woman who should be the protector of humanity becomes its “judge, and jury” lunacy again. Is it guilt at what the system has permitted woman to do? How in heavens name is a child in the womb when it is clearly a human child and before that still a human from the moment of its conception when all information to “self-grow” have been given to it by its parent. This is a sentient person. When given the genetic material with instructions it follows the instructions and self grows. Nothing else has to occur by the parents). This is sentient.

It is said that a baby in womb is considered not “sentient” and yet it self grows. It follows instructions. It knows and initiates its own birth. How much more sentient does it have to be to be called a person? Yet it's not. But an ape is sentient and deserves its rights as “human” protected? Lunacy. And yet there isn't an uproar about this. there is not an uproar over an ape accorded dignity but in utero infants are slaughtered without a whimper from the society which has lost its way and sacrifices infants and idolises non-human creatures, beasts.

I no doubt will get a massive rebellion and cancellation of newsletters by women readership but it doesn't matter. My work is a work where woman has returned to her “feminine” and in her feminine she grieves deeply over her decision to consider her own body but not the body of the new person (son/daughter) which she permitted to take residence there.

The grief changes her “feminist” to “feminine” and in her feminine she hurts. So if I get rebellion from my female readership remember that the so called “non-human” baby has left an indelible mark in the mother's being. In her heart and in her cells, just as the originating sin left a stain on every 30 or more trillion cells. The intentional death of her baby now permanently inscribed as a moment of failure.

<https://www.news.com.au/world/breaking-news/orangutan-granted-personhood-now-in-us/news-story/06b665879287e9c573e23fbd1910967f>

### Three parent IVF Babies.

About 3 years ago we read about the world's first three parent child had been born (Mexico) Children born through the 3 person IVF would have some genetic material from the parents involved. The reason given about why this was necessary was to ensure that no mitochondrial diseases (which are believed to be incurable) were passed on to child.

Is this procedure ethical? No. Because a large number of human eggs will be needed for the research, involving ‘harvesting’ which is dangerous and invasive for women donors. How many desperate women, very poor, will be exploited by being offered money for their eggs? And how many thousands of human embryos will be destroyed with these procedures? And what will happen to the surviving child and his or her emotional psychological, spiritual and identity issues? Whose child is it? The woman carrying the child, the woman whose mitochondria the child carries? Who is the mother of the child with the three genetic parents? When will it become 4 or more parents?

Fifty million abortions per year of healthy babies aborted mainly for social reasons and scientists are playing with the material of life? There is lunacy afoot and a going again for that “fruit” of the garden which should not be touched...Life, who's the generator of this life?? Does it belong to the Scientists who casually manipulate the tiny cells to begin the cell division processes thus putting in motion a human being with a soul? Does it belong to the doctor/scientist who tell pregnant mothers that her child has a disability and best decision to stop the child from being pain is to abort and perhaps try again? Is she supposed to forget this aborted one? Just so easy according to the bearer of such news. To whom does this “designer” child belong to? Perhaps even the parents who have it within their control the power to end a disfigured life. Or finally could it possibly belong to God who has had a huge say in its conception wonder if these questions ever cross the minds of scientists.

I wonder if we have become such a society which feels “entitled” to our every want and need. Even a designer baby. Is this the most selfish of societies which demands

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everything according to specification? What's happened to the "I and Thou" (Martin Buber). Has the possible conception of a disabled child now demand designer children? Is this what is being said? Is this the false compassion? Is this the utilitarian society which says that unless a person is of use then there is no place for them?

Is this the reason for the manipulation of genetic material, to create the perfect child so that if it is found un- useful it can be disposed of? Are we dealing with Hitler's ideas and dream of the Aryan race? The creation of the three parent child ostensibly sounds good but is it? That slippery slope gets steeper with each new manipulation?

The work of these scientists reminds me of Prof Ian Donald of ultra sound fame. His work/invention (ultrasound) was to assist in utero babies and assist them in utero if needs be. Today it's used to identify gender or disability and terminate. Indeed to use the words of Prof. Donald the use of ultra sound machine technology for this purpose is "unfortunate and worrying."

Australia and other Western nations often boast and are proud of their "diversity." Is this diversity just colour of skin and nationality or does it also include those who cannot contribute financially to society but contribute to growth in empathy love, compassion, inclusion? Or are these attributes no longer desired.

The scientists who are playing with genetic material to create the kind of child demanded by parents and society are playing into the hands of evil because once begun, this intrusion into the artificial generating life becomes too difficult stop. Now it's three parents child. What next? Human and beast? Hybrid? I suspect this is next on the agenda and reason cited is for good of humanity. It always begins with reason sounding so good.

**This story can be found in *The Weekend West (Nov 7-8 2019)***

## Loss of Innocence

In a recent discussion with a friend we set out to fix all the world's problems (as you do!). This emerged as a result of a report of fires burning throughout Australia causing loss of life and homes etc.

As the conversation developed, we each added to the dramas coursing through our world and were rendered silent as we thought about all these ills.

We began reminiscing about the "good old days" when it seemed that the world was a quieter, slower, and saner place to live. A gentler place. A secure place.

Yes we acknowledged the past wars and that criminals always existed but both of us wondered at the escalation of anti-life and violent actions at least over the last 50 years. One by one what were sacred understandings have slowly had the sacredness removed from them and made them "normal"

New life, if wanted then it's a baby and if not it's a bunch of cells, tissue, product of conception, etc. If unwanted it became possible with these euphemisms to be disposed of. If wrong gender then the available disposal. If there is something different disposal. If a baby interferes with life choices disposal, if baby interferes with holiday plans disposal. If baby interferes with career disposal.

At the other end of life, what used to be safe place to be, that is, respected, honoured, valued for knowledge, wisdom and experience has become negotiable and that which once was called murder has been sanitised and new language used, death with dignity, peaceful death, assisted suicide, mercy killing and ultimately the demand to end the life which had become cumbersome for family and costly for the state.

At another level we have a violent society with all forms of violence carried out without thought or rancour.

At a global level we have civil wars, terrorism, abortions, violent deaths, identity confusion, irregular couplings and manipulation of genetic material, and no respect for authority (parents) world or spiritual leaders. This for me is a reflection of something deep within the rebelling and disordered generation. The loss of respect for the dignity of human beings is gone. (starting with not human) Loss of respect for authority. Gone. For parents and elders. Gone. For life gone. And biggest loss is the relationship between God and human beings. At seems that we are trying to fulfil Nietzsche's words that "God is dead"

This makes sense because as someone said "if you don't believe in something you'll believe in anything" and today that's what we are doing. Believing in anything. The human being is not vacuum and with loss of our real identity there is a need and when that need is forsaken then a new need is needed an all things become possible.

So how did we get to this place where newly created babies not wanted and killed, teenagers walk around with knives and weapons when going out on a social event, one punch hit which ends up killing one and ruining 2 families? And list is endless. so what might have caused such a change in societal mores in such a short time span. 50 years or less. I would posit two changes which had a huge negative impact on all of us.

The first would have to be the introduction of television into the home. With this came a slow change of morality which was shown and viewed by whole family. The family no longer sat with each other and talked. No longer went out for a walk together and meet with others along the way. From on screen viewing children slowly learned what was being shown and done on screens showing what appeared "normal"

Movies brought so much violence. Nightly TV strengthened what was being learned. TV became the babysitter. The news services brought into family living space not only occasional history making events but information about all sorts of violence being committed locally and globally. Information about new moral beliefs were fed to families and children.

I remember many years ago someone said that with the loss of the “tablecloth” the family was very much affected. Symbolically the “tablecloth” meant certain family rules, traditions, behaviours and gatherings. The family was held together with an invisible glue ...Mum. And her preparations for the table (and the tablecloth) for her family.

And “Mum” was the big change in society which I believe led to some of the situations we have today. With Mum going to work, the “tablecloth” was not on table anymore. Meals in front of TV. Mum away after school so children with a carer or to an empty house. The arm home gone.

With carer no one to oversee the tablecloth ideal. The children home alone in front of TV and news services and movies and TV series which became slowly more violent with children and even adults ingesting that violence. In this period we have the sexual revolution, the rumblings about need for abortion, first slowly then as you know to now full term and soon post birth. The children were first separated from their parents (work) and then became easier to reject them and terminate their life for what is considered an inconvenience. All these changes were bit by bit. Nothing spectacularly large just insidiously and without being even noticed. And the loss of innocence? How?

We generally look on loss of innocence as something which occurs when a child becomes adulted. When what was quiet time of growth suddenly became an openly genital period, with its consequences, and further development seems to have seized and this loss continued into adulthood. Through the sexual revolution and its hyper sexualisation of the young and not so young, what was held as deeply personal, sacred, untouchable, suddenly became viewable at any time desired and available on demand and “normal”

There seems to have been a slow forgetting of what were “goods” of the past. What kept families growing and thriving. Pornography/drugs/trafficking/abortion became possible because both the family and society had been weakened by the changed norms and beliefs and understandings.

A “Holy” inherent innocence had been disturbed and eventually lost and/or forgotten so that today we have a society immersed in “death talk” with each new demand a demand for more sophisticated methods.

Loss of innocence has meant loss of awe. Loss of grandeur. Loss of understanding that each human is God’s idea of human. God’s reflection of Himself and His Son. Loss of knowledge of who we are in this created order. Our loss of innocence has a precedence, that is, loss of innocence because of the refusal to believe and honour God. And the necessity for “fig leaves” and the expelling from the “garden” of truth. Our loss of innocence came from the slow and imperceptible change of woman who came to refuse her role as “helper” and lover of children and became lover of “things”

Woman has been called “God’s Masterpiece” and indeed that is her design but her design over this past generation was corrupted when she distanced herself from her own

“masterpiece” and agreed voluntarily to its death. With this then came the thought “I want it or I don’t want it. It’s my choice”

And it’s that choice which led to the first loss of innocence and in our time and society the new loss of innocence. This loss of innocence is drastic because the first loss of innocence brought into society was death for all (invisible) and the second loss of innocence again brought death....death of her child. (Visible) death of others through many means. Loss of sense of awe, wonder, love.

Loss of innocence has blanketed our society with wounds, pain, guilt, guile, and torrents of blood through abortions, wars, euthanasia, murders, etc.

A replay of the first loss of innocence.

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*Dear friends for something lighter I share with you comments about a presentation I did recently. The feedback was really good*

Dear Anne,  
Congratulations on your successful presentation. Your overall activity rating was 4.8 out of 5.  
*Some general comments:*  
\* Very thought provoking. Extremely important information  
\* Anne is very passionate about this issue & area of work. As a male I was not aware of these issues.  
\* A very challenging topic covered sensitively and effectively.  
Anne, I hope this confirms your valuable contribution to our conference.  
Cheers.  
Clare K.

*I wondered where I lost the two points. Maybe I spelled my name wrong? ☺*

## The year that’s been

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to thank you for your support of me particularly this past year. Never in my wildest dreamings would I have thought that I would be delivered such horror and pain but it did come and slowly bit by bit being managed.

My son’s affairs have been difficult to be finalised, it just seems that it’s a closing of the door to him. (Mark). I know it’s not but it’s how it feels. Going through his stuff was horrible. And my spinal surgery was totally completely out of nowhere and naive me thought 4 weeks or even 6 weeks recovery and all will be back to normal. Not so.

Because of the stress the epilepsy and seizures developed a mind of their own making appearances when it choose. And other health issues which were not in any way within my radar. What all of this helped me to see clearly that body and mind connection is so strong.

When the heart, mind, emotion are in pain it’s reflected in the body and when body in pain reflected in the emotions, mind. It helped me to see more clearly the pain of sexual abuse and its lingering talons. It helped me to see clearly

# Letters

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Dear Anne,

Just received your latest newsletter and I am so pleased for you that slowly, slowly you are getting started. Please find enclosed a donation to help you get started. A drop in the ocean but it always helps in little ways. You are always in my thoughts and prayers and you are included in a novena of Masses for your spiritual and physical needs. Our Blessed Mother and her Divine Son are always walking with you during your time of suffering. With much love and prayers. Yours in Christ  
Rita (Vic)

*Rita, thank you for both donation and prayers thank you for remembering. Anne*

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Dearest Anne,

Please find enclosed donation for your worthwhile cause. Thank you for another inspiring newsletter. Thank you for your words of wisdom about marriage. You're really a light in this dark world we live in. The Holy Spirit guides you and you were chosen for this a long time ago! You poor thing and you have suffered so much this past year. Yes will pray for you and your son Mark. God rest his soul. Bye for now may you be guided always in your work and all you do.  
God bless you  
Love and prayers  
Trudy Scremin

*Dear Trudy  
Thank you for your kind donation and kind words and prayers all very much appreciated.  
Yes its ben the most horrible of years (as Queen Elizabeth said annus horribilis). However with much prayer from my friends and readers bit by bit getting through.  
Thank you for hanging in there with me. Anne*

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Dear Anne,

God bless you for your ongoing work in helping souls touched by abortion, sexual abuse etc. – despite your own sufferings and loss this past year. It is truly heroic and inspiring. Praise God.  
We were very excited to hear that you've found such a suitable counselling space over in Perth. It sounds perfect.

Please find enclosed a donation to help set it up with the necessities to make it warm and welcoming place  
You and your "girls" are always in our hearts and prayers  
With deep affection

J & J. G NSW.

*Dear J & J thank you so much for your kind words and help materially to set up office. The owner has undertaken to repaint the whole place and remove ugly worn out carpet And other smaller repairs. When he's done that I will purchase the chairs, desk (for my computer) coffee table and some greenery.  
The owner has been quite happy to paint in colour I suggested for brightness and flooring as I suggested so it will be nice. I'm still seeing 2 full time and off and on young lady and they will be happier in office.  
I am going to soon begin to network with other pro-life facilities here and see if I can be of use to them.  
I recently went to Melbourne and saw my ongoing clients there and indeed saw two more new ones both sexual abuse. Now I have in all 9 clients still in Melb. I didn't stay long just to give them 2 sessions each and to see my two sons whom you know personally one of them and came back to keep going with rooms.  
Again thank you I have appreciated all your care for me these years.  
Tell your "treasures" haven't forgotten them*

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Dear Anne,

All I can say about your article "Conjugal Honour"  
OH Wow!!  
Nothing else is needed to be said. I'm sorry I didn't go further in that issue of newsletter. I just keep reading and rereading that article so that I could understand for myself.

OH Wow.  
Grace K. (Qld)

*Glad you like it Grace. The remarks on this topic have been good. No one has cancelled. Yet ☺  
Anne*

that abortion/abortions touch and wound deeply not only woman but the male. The male becomes other than himself, the protector, the provider, the lover. He becomes instead the runner, the evader, the angry man, the non-responsible man. It helped me to see that euthanasia is a cop out for a "soft" society which cannot view or endure pain.

Abortion and sexual abuse emotions come from the same root. Abuse of sacred life area. Sexuality where life is created. When wounded, sexuality grieves for "what might have been" grieves for the time of innocence and order. Wounded sexuality imprints its own sin of origins because with the first murderous act (abortion/sexual abuse) nothing will be the same again.

Dear friends this past year I haven't done as much as I would probably have done in past. I needed time to hold myself and my family together. In 23 years I have worked at times till 2.30 am when someone needed to talk. Saturday nights (worst night) spent talking to young women who don't want to socialise anymore but choose Saturday night to maybe think about suicide.

I've got in my car and drove (when I was allowed to drive) to the edge of a park to meet a young client who was determined to "walk through a dark park and wait to be raped" Countless weekend sessions (including Sundays) especially when they couldn't come during the week. Many and varied different acts to try and save someone from harm. This year I had to deal with matters at home with help and blessing of my few remaining Melbourne clients and new ones here in Perth.

As my beloved (husband) said when I said I didn't do much this year. His response "you've earned long service leave" trust him to come up with an answer I hadn't ever thought of it!!

However, I did do some work as I could. I've been seeing 2 young women full time and one on and off mainly because I hadn't had an office till about 5 weeks ago so I haven't really put myself out there. I have written six issues of the newsletter and quite a few articles for publishing. I have travelled to Melbourne 5 times and gave 2 counselling sessions to each of my existing clients there and indeed last time (October) I started 2 new clients who are happy to wait for me. I plan to go every about 5-6 weeks or approximately. Of these two new clients one is a male (sexual abuse) and the other female (abortion).

As the office here in Perth is being renovated so it's light and bright and airy I will slowly move into there and start quietly going to meetings and gatherings.

I have continued to go to conferences, (delivered papers) have only this past week (in new place of work) helped a woman who is being abused in her relationship. Domestic

violence. Have continued to go to seminars for my ongoing professional development and give me an opportunity to meet other counsellors and mental health professionals. I need to attend these seminars to give me the amount of points I need to maintain my registration with peak counselling body. Recently spoke at a medical conference and it was well received.

Normally when we come to this end of the year I write an appeal letter but for this year I won't do that. My appeal to you is that you help me to keep going as you can. As you know I have an arrangement with my BIG BOSS Jesus that if He wants me to continue he will supply the money needed and I will do the work. If it comes to an end and there isn't sufficient, without my poor hubby continually propping me up, then I will understand that He is saying that it's time to "play golf" (don't know how but can learn). So the Christmas appeal which is the only appeal I do annually I leave in your care. You know the work I do and the needs of VOA.

As this is the Christmas edition I wish for you so many beautiful blessings for you and all your loved ones. Hold them tight and don't forget to say the words that should be said. There might be a time you cannot say them.

If all things go as hoped I will have a beautiful office soon and in next newsletter will put a photo in it so you can see it. Please continue to pray for me, I don't want so much back pain anymore. Or seizures any more. I'm afraid I'm not stoic and I don't know how to suffer well. And please pray for my girls and young man. Please continue to pray for my son's (Mark) eternal rest, and pray for my family who stands by me, my husband and three boys, and grandies and others in family. Please pray for Bel, Daniel, Chris, Frances, Bec, Kate, Tania, Helen, Mel, Sharon

I wish for you all dear friends a safe, happy and blessed Christmas. Till we meet again. Bless you abundantly.

**Dear friends please check that you have my new address because I have stopped the redirection notice. It was costing a fortune because it had to be in both names VOA and Anne L. Thank you.**



**Anne Lastman**



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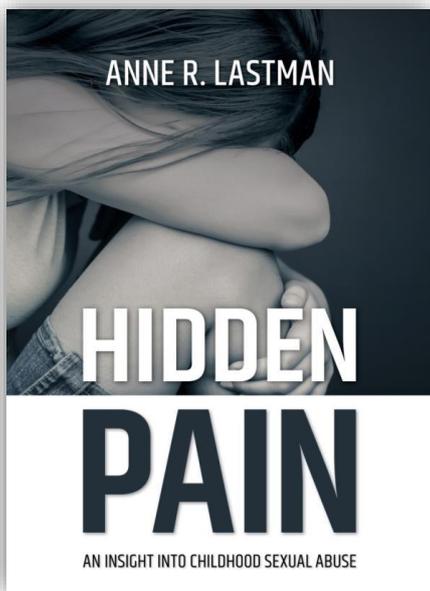
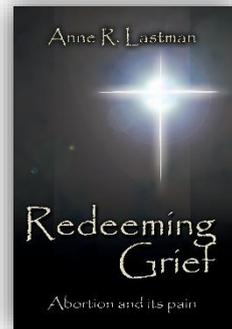
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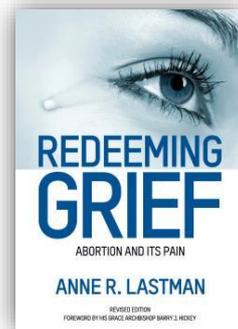
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