

# Broken Branches

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

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## Hello dear friends and welcome to 2017.

How quickly the Christmas break came to an end. Time seems to have sped up. Either that or I must have slept a lot! It was really good this break because I only received two new phone calls which I have already started seeing. I guess so much for me slowing down!

I would like to write about something which I think is really important. In fact I got into a “serious and at times angry” discussion with this topic during the break. I was talking to a really good friend (really prolife) and we came to an impasse over “the law” regarding abortion.

Whilst I absolutely, completely, totally believe that we have some of the worst abortion laws in the world, and whilst we must try and reverse that 2008 law we have here in Victoria, Australia, and try to stop further of these laws throughout Australia. This law which in fact permits abortion to birth, even just prior to birth, so something definitely needs to be done about this. Why? Because what this law says in plain English is not that the baby isn't a human being or that it is too small to be seen as a human being but it says more than this. It says that a child has no protection at all because it is thought that if a child cannot breathe or take care of itself then it isn't a human child and therefore doesn't deserve the protection of the law, as even the worst of criminals are given. This of course says further that those disabled who need help with breath are also not human. Where on earth have we descended to!

These types of laws say that an in utero baby is at the mercy of the bigger one involved (mother/father/others) resulting in the child having absolutely no voice, rights, meaning as a human being. This reasoning which is very flawed as a baby who is born also cannot take care of itself, a sick person cannot take care of itself, and even a disabled person cannot take her of her/himself. So the argument is fallacious and should be utterly destroyed.

This is what that 2008 laws says. I am reminded of the “dog in the manager attitude” I cannot have you so nobody else can. This 2008 law gives permission and enshrines permission for this to happen. Not implies but states this.

Because even if a woman cannot keep the child then it is possible (without the need to kill it) to give birth to it and adopt the baby out to someone who has desperately wanted a baby and couldn't have one, rather than demand its cruel death. This is the death of another human being. If this baby was killed out of the womb the murderer would be charged with infanticide but in the womb it's called “choice of the woman” So perhaps this is an area where “law” can be of particular use and possible benefit, for the possible protection for the baby.

However, and I guess I am always interested in the “however” I don't believe that “the law” will change anything. If we are lucky (as prolife) we might be able to rescue a baby destined for death using “the law” as reason for not aborting. However, again, it is not with the law with which we can make an all-out attack against abortion. The law is another prong to the attack but I don't see it as a huge help to stopping or even reducing abortions.

Remember, until recently, we have had abortion laws which at the time said that abortion was a crime. It was against the law, it really should not have occurred but we all know that “the law” was never adhered to or applied. “The police should be made to enforce the law” (said my friend) ensure the law is exercised and not ignored. As it was in the past never enforced. None of us know of any doctor, nurse or woman who was jailed because of carrying out an abortion. (Perhaps that American abortionist (Gosnell's serving life sentence, who butchered both women and babies) whilst the law was set in statutes it was never respected or anyone had recourse to it.

Ways around it were found. Police turning a blind eye to the reality of what was going on in certain buildings, in certain hospitals, even in private places. A letter written

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by a mental health professional which said that this abortion was required for the mental well-being of the patient, even though he or she was not seen by the mental health professional before or after, etc. "The law" was there but it was never used to bring into question the purveyors of such dastardly thing called abortion.

So the way I see things is that while a law needs to be in place even as a backup it is NOT the law which will change the abortion culture. It's an addendum, yes, but in itself it won't change a culture of death. What will change this death culture? The way I see it is that we need to change the way we see and understand and protect women because society and women themselves have forgotten why she has been designed in a particular way. But before this we need to understand that there is probably not a family in our human relationships which has not in some way been touched by abortion.

We need to start from this thought of earth's population of approximately 7.5 Billion (7,500,000, 000,000) every family somehow has been touched by or knows of the violent death of an in utero child intentionally carried out. So what? You might say. Well I would answer that the abortion carried out on the woman and the fathering of the child by the man has contributed to the change in the culture we all live in and are part of.

Between the wars experienced in 20<sup>th</sup> century and visually brought into living rooms. The meteoric rise of really violent movies and games. The disrespect of woman and man and sexuality via the medium of pornography, the contraception and its developed mentality and the need/want/desire of women to work outside of the home has led to babies and children becoming an optional extra without consideration for the emotional after effects of this developed death culture.

Every woman (millions of them) and man who has had an abortion is changed forever. Irrespective of the voices which say otherwise. Every woman who has

undergone an abortion has had her design corrupted. Every woman who has undergone an abortion, whether willingly or unwillingly, has registered in her inner being the reality of the violent death of her child. The violent death of part of her own being. Of having gone against her very design. Her *raison d'être*.

Woman was never designed to carry cartloads, build houses, ships, aeroplanes, skyscrapers, Cathedrals or even lead a herd of cattle, even though she is capable of doing all of those things. These are external to herself. After all she is his (man's) "helper". Yes she can do all the functional work he can.

However, her best work is something which he cannot do. Something for which her body was specifically designed. For which her emotional makeup was designed (a new mother's breast will start leaking milk just before her baby awakes, there is an anticipation, a knowing her child will soon wake and want her to feed) she is very much attuned to her baby. She has an intuition which is reserved for her child alone from conception and for the child's whole of life.

A mother has a connection to her child for her entire life. She knows when all is not right with her child because her body feels it. She can't explain it but she knows.

A mother always knows when she is needed and once a mother, her own self and beliefs intrinsically change. She can no longer think as a person does before childbirth. This because a mother's work of creation is united with God's work. She is a branch of the vine in His vineyard "every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more" (Jn. 15:1). She is the branch which continues to bear more fruit.

And He is constantly intuitive towards His child His "helper" and helps her also be intuitive towards her child because they work together to bring forth a new creation.

She has a knowledge that she has been attached to a greater vine of grandeur and the abortion is like a

vandal who has slyly snuck in and broken her little twig. The little shoot which she tenderly fed from her own self. Her own body.

Her design is such that her body is able to understand the moment of creation. Her body responds to the changes, and I'm sorry to say this but the male/spouse/partner cannot ever feel the changes because his body is designed different. He is designed to be "external," to be out there to be the protector of her and their little "shoot." He is there for strong things.

Her body is designed for "internal" things for inner knowing and understanding and nurturing and feeding and hearing, whilst his is designed to spark the new "twig" and then protect it. This is why it is always understood that men and women are very equal but very different. Alone neither can create, together they make a future. They are designed for particular understandings and labours. One the outer and one the inner. One without the other cannot exist. Each depends on the other for life. She draws life invisibly from him and returns it in a more visible and beautiful way, a baby made from their very essences.

Why have I laboured so much on this explanation? Because unless somehow we begin to slowly bring "woman" to understand her design and to love her design and take back her design then abortion will always be a normal as we have in the last 30-50 years made it a normal. Abortion will always be "the answer" because the woman has not understood her value, her design, her partnership in the ongoing work in creation.

She has lost the vision and unless somehow we resurrect this vision no amount of laws will do anything to change the idea that abortion (death of a baby, a twig, a shoot, a future) is only a small thing and then a return back to normal and to building castles.

I have heard these words thousands of times and thousands of times I have needed to explain that once there is a conception there cannot ever be a return to being a being a "maiden" there cannot ever be a return to being pre pregnant or feeling like a pre pregnant woman.

Once there is a conception even if the conception is for short time her design has been permanently changed and the thoughts about "baby of my womb" will never leave her. Even into old age when the memory actually becomes stronger.

My precious friend who led to this discussion, next question to me was "what about those women, girls who don't feel anything about the baby in her womb? and women who after birth can't bond with their baby, or even women who kill their babies after birth. What about them?" And these are good questions because all of these things actually do happen. We read about them daily in our newsfeeds, and my answer to her and here is that wherever there are these things occurring then there has been a disconnection with her own feminine self. A distancing has occurred which has left her flailing and lost to her own self. Something has occurred which changed negatively her design. Some deep wound from which her feminine being escaped to avoid the pain and she has not ever found her way back. This is when help is deeply needed.

To feel nothing for the child she is taking to be killed says to me that there has been a total disengagement so that she can proceed with what she believes she needs/has to do.

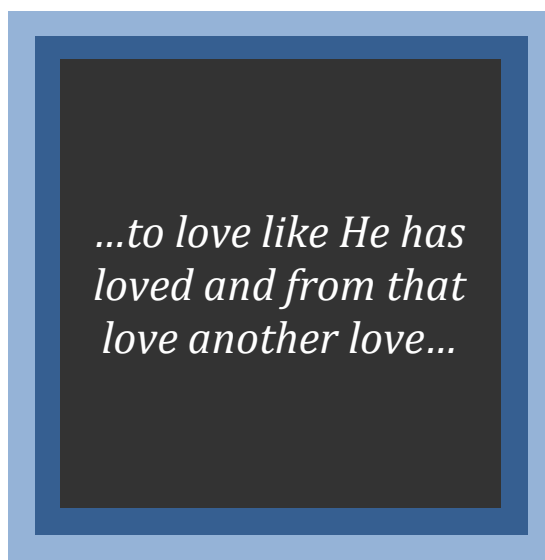
This is her self-protection against her own emotional meltdown (which of course happens later).

The answer to the question of why there at times is no bonding with one's own child, the answer is similar. Her feminine has withdrawn so as not to become attached and be hurt. In her being there is a hint of a memory of pain as child. Of deep un understood loss. Of loving someone so much (Mum/ Dad/other) and love not returned or perceived as not

returned. Perhaps her own loss or perhaps another. But for this mum there is a memory of pain of a child and possibly abandonment.

And for the question why do some mothers murder their own children, this again has memory of pain linked to it. A memory of fear, dread, disassociation, woundedness. A disconnection. An abandonment and even a rage. Perhaps even a jealousy. A pain so deep that her own feminine essence has gone into deep recess not responding or recognising her feminine being. Perhaps even a revenge against lost love.

This, I say, because woman's design is such that it is to be drawn towards her infant, and indeed other infants, so when there is such an aberration then the feminine has been deeply wounded, deeply buried, even absent through never having learned or known about herself as feminine. Cold detached parenting ensures cold, absent, detached feminine and thus distance from her own feminine.



Not the physical or intellectual or even perhaps some aspect of the emotional but her feminine has been deeply wounded. So wounded that she does not know how to be the feminine. She does not recognize her design. She is aghast at what she has created (her child). It's outside of her own feminine understanding. It is alien to her. It frightens her and she wants to run from it and destroy it. This is why we at times read some horror stories about mothers killing their own children, and we are saddened and even horrified by them.

God doesn't make mistakes in his designs, however human beings can corrupt the design.

Children are designed to learn incrementally, that is, little by little, age perfect, and by age perfect I mean where this or that does not happen because it cannot be learned at this time, and when there is a negative interruption and an imprint of this negativity disastrous are the consequences.

I started this discussion with "the law" and abortion and my understanding of abortion and why "the law" won't really do much though it's imperative to ensure that laws are in place to safeguard where and if possible. Indeed as part of a many pronged effort.

As I said earlier, I believe we (prolifers and people of goodwill) need to re-educate, re tell the story of woman and help her believe that her own personal story is so magnificent as a woman. Not as a mechanical woman. Not as a woman called to do all the male tasks but as a woman who understands her design and the importance of that design. She has been entrusted with the enfleshing of love.

God has entrusted the future into her hands, into her care and for that to have happened he must have designed her with the capability of doing this work. Which is to love like He has loved and from that love to flow out another and continuous love. He trusted her.

Every woman has a womb (no male has this). Every woman has built in her body the way to feed her child with nourishment she has made and which cannot ever be bought (no male can do this except through a bottle). This should bring woman to her knees in great awe. Not manager of building site but that she can make the nourishment for her child from her very body. Awesome.

In her book *The Eternal Woman* Gertrude Von Le Fort writes about motherhood "to be a mother, to feel maternally, means to turn especially to the helpless, to incline lovingly and helpfully to every small and weak thing upon the earth." (p78).

Finally, those of us who work in this prolife vineyard we need to work together to help "woman" relearn who she

is. The media, the feminist movement, the funded people with secret agendas have done a big work of confusing "her" Of having blinded her to who she really is.

Von Le Fort has further to say "those who devote their loving attention to these victims of our decadent society know that the wound created in their souls is so deep that only God's grace can heal it" p 78)

We who work in this vineyard (pro-lifers in whatever way) know that the soul of woman is deeply wounded post abortion and some work to save the baby and save the mother and some work to heal the soul of the woman after the fact. (People like me) knowing and understanding this fact of different wound and pain.

We each in our own charisms have many on our newsletter lists we need to begin with these contacts and help them to then speak words of encouragement to those we know need to know and understand who they really are. Help those who are feeling sick unto death (Jn 11:4).

Our priests, pastors, bishops, even Pope need to speak to women and help them understand their magnificence. Not the necessity to be gainfully employed to make up quotas of males and female staff members, but to help in the understanding of "male" and "female" in their original design.

Abortion, is the last and cruellest attack against the woman and society. Society goes the way the woman goes. Woman deeply confused and lost and wounded, society confused, lost and wounded.

The way of the family which is nursed and cherished and nurtured by woman is a visible image of society and the Church. Woman wounded, family wounded, church wounded.

Woman confused, children confused and a hatred of parents, authority, love. Again into her hands He entrusted the future. A future which can either be healthy and beautiful or slowly self-destroying.

It won't be easy and it is not an "instant coffee" project. It may take several generations but someone said something about journey starting with first step. We need to set out on this first step.

Together we set out to heal woman, and with that humanity will also be healed because the heart of humanity (woman) is again whole. It's not divided in grief looking and weeping like Rachael for lost children and lost generations. (Jer. 32:15, Mt 2:18)

The focus of our awareness becomes the reality of our world said Niels Bohr (Nobel Prize winner) in 1927, and Werner Heisenberg (Physicists) in *The Copenhagen*

*Experiment.* So if our awareness has been focused on ways of destroying life and dying and so we have developed a massive culture of death.

Our awareness now is limited and disjointed and unsure and unclear, and we, as pro-lifers, will not be able to tackle and defeat this aberration called abortion unless we focus on changing this awareness to a culture of life and love and generosity.

This we must do because those who demand abortion are focused, prepared, clear, funded and secure in their beliefs, so they ensure that their beliefs become the reality. We must also work with the same clear determined focus of healing, restoring woman to her beautiful design and in the meantime trying to save her and saving babies. Indeed saving babies and their mothers who will grieve after the event or if not grieve run and hide from grief through the medium of the loss of her feminine self.

Why run from grief? Because there is pain, at times guilt at times shame and the knowledge that at the core of grief is to hold the life story of the other (baby) in existence and in life.

Grief can be a redeeming emotion. The knowledge that her baby was created to belong to the human family and has a place in life. So grieving maintains the life story of the child not here in existence but here in memory.

Even those who profess not to feel anything about their abortion, in fact do feel and remember because even years after the event they still remember, date, time, place, gestation. They still may be able to say "it hasn't affected me" but indeed it has because they still remember and in this way maintain a connection with their baby. This is the reason why woman grieves because the life story of the other, her baby, has been destroyed and with her participation.

The new awakening and re telling of the story cannot be spoken and heard unless this story speaks of life, and we need to remember that no new story telling can be heard easily by the generations which have been nourished by the spirit of death. So the new narrators must speak first to the heart of woman who is the heart of humanity and speak in the language of the heart. The language that the woman speaks and the language embedded in her being. Embedded in the mystery which is part of the team called male and female.

## Worldwide Protests

I, together with millions of people around the world have watched with interest the campaigning and then the election of Mr Donald Trump as the 45<sup>th</sup> American President.

The worldwide protests leading up to and including day of inauguration of the President elect and then at the new American President Mr Donald Trump have a much organised feel about them.

<https://www.google.com.au/#q=globale+protests+against+trump+presidency>

Who was/is the "commander" behind these targeted global protests and why global protests (Australia, UK Mexico, etc) about another country's elected leader? Unless of course there is someone who desperately wants to destabilise the result in order to get into power a bought patsy.

Why has it been necessary for thousands and thousands of women globally to protest their "rights?" Why was it necessary for thousands of women even here in faraway Australia so far from USA and a different nation to gather around the states of Australia and demonstrate about an elected president of another country? What was it that these thousands of women in Australia were trying to say except that they support the "feminazzi" I wonder what would happen if other global characters protested at our election results. And why didn't these feminazzi protest when Mr Turnbull covertly ousted Mr Abbott the elected leader of our country? Were they silent because like Mr Trump, Mr Abbott wasn't wishy washy on "life' matters?

What were/are the millions of women who protested in USA and around the world protesting about? Was it about domestic violence? Was it about female mutilation? Was it about female education? Was it about female value? NO it wasn't. From interviews, it was about reproductive rights. Protection of right to abortion on demand. Only this topic has the potential to fuel such obvious hatred and maliciousness and destructiveness from the feminist brigade.

Only reproductive "rights" read right to government funded abortion and legal abortion globally. Only this topic the right to take one's own child to be killed legally and paid for by a nation's citizens has the venom needed to incite not peaceful protests but protests which damaged and wounded and left cities in chaos.

In one interview on TV news a journalist asked a young girl (I would say about 12 years of age) why she was protesting? She didn't know except to repeat her mother's beliefs.

I wonder if this child knew what the protest was about, and if she knew did she understand? I think not. Did she understand that it was about the right to kill babies? I think not because young children of that age are very idealistic and she would not be able to hear about the death of in utero babies and the right to do that without question and cope with that knowledge.

Only the demand to right to unfettered abortion and

# Letters

Dear Anne,

Congratulations to you and your wonderfully written book "Redeeming Grief" which I have read and intend to read again as soon as possible. Like most of us each Christmas seems to become busier each year. On first reading Redeeming Grief I felt we were "pushing water up a hill with a slide" but as I read more of your present (Dec/Jan issue 114) newsletter and came to the mention that a total of 23 babies saved, I felt we might be getting somewhere. That our prayers are beginning to be heard.

Take care of your health as much as you can under the circumstances and do please try and have some "down time" during Christmas and New Year.

(Some personal info)

A happy and safe Christmas and New Year to you and family.

May Jesus hold you in the palm of his hand forever.

Yours in Christ

John M.  
NSW

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Dear Anne,

Hidden Pain is a great book. Well done.

In these times of a non-reading culture and being intimidated by books of this size, have you even thought of getting the message across through other ways e.g. pamphlets, Madonna,, Messenger, Magellan, Eureka etc.

It's nowhere said-but the message I have got out of the Post Vat. II Church is what makes the Church grow.

The Church grows by storytelling.  
You do it really well Anne.

God Bless and love from Fr H. F. Qld.

Dear Anne,

Thank you for your many years of work for women and babies and your "Year that's been" makes really interesting reading. Do you ever take a break? It seems that you work very hard. Make sure you have "time out" as you said you would

Bless you

Claire S,  
Victoria.

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Dear Anne,

Enclosed please find donation to help you continue the fine work you do.

I have enjoyed very much your newsletters this year and hope to read many more.  
Have a Blessed Christmas with your family and hope to hear from you again in the New Year.

Regards

John S (Melton Vic. )

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*Dear friends, thank you to the many who have sent cards, gifts for me personally, I have appreciated your care for me and thank you.*

*Every end of year I think of retiring then I have Christmas break and realise that I would miss my people (including all of you dear readers) very much and think maybe next year and my poor husband shakes his head and smiles.*

*So thank you and hope you like this issue..*

*God bless and love*

*Anne*



unfettered killing of babies would bring out such vile behaviour.

As I watched the violent demonstrations and the placards especially about “my body, my right” I was reminded of Jesus saying “this is my body, I give it for you” Not these women, theirs has been, “this is my body I don’t want you.”

How different than these females whose chant is “this is my body and I don’t want you so you die.” I am always so saddened that the true feminine has been lost. I am also again reminded of “Eve” again saying No. I will do as I want and I demand the right to this “choice.” There goes that word again “choice.”

Whilst Mr Donald Trump has now been sworn in as President my thinking is that these demonstrations will continue unless he bows to their demands of continued funding for Planned Parenthood federation and its allies. My thinking is that some awful event will happen to the president or his family. I hope not.

For those who want to can now see what abortion and death cultures are made of. There is nothing generous or affirmative about them only demands for death. There is no other opinion either their way or chaos. From all time chaos has been the answer to demands.

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Dear Friends since the above writing we have heard that Mr Trump, the USA president, has signed an Executive order defunding International Planned Parenthood. We have seen the American Vice President speak at American (Washington DC) March for Life. The first time that an American Government VIP has done this in its 40 something year history.

We have also seen that Mr Trump has called out the media for failing to report on March for Life.

The media which reports on a black coated Rat being lost, refuses to cover a March for Life. A March which highlights what is being done to tiny infants. A media which is obviously owned by powers that be who are not pro-life.

We have seen this President act in ways which he promised during the election campaign and probably for this I feel worried for him and his family. Perhaps daily prayers for him and his government and families might help.

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Dear friends as I come to the end of another newsletter, the first for 2017 and 115<sup>th</sup> newsletter of a 21 year old ministry I would like to thank all of you who have walked with me, prayed for me, helped me in the \$\$\$ department, helped me with words of encouragement and helped me when I have been flat and tempted to throw in the towel.

Thank you to those who have responded to my Christmas appeal. I appreciate your care. This issue of newsletter is different, I suppose because I have strong opinions about the value of “woman” and her magnificent design and how corrupted this design has become. And dear friends I believe we can change this but I can’t do it on my own I need you to care for the same.

Please continue to pray for me, especially for my health to hold out and pray lots and lots for my “girls” without prayer and support I can’t do it. Every time we help “woman” we help her child and the future. Death stops a future.

Please pray for Hailey, Stephanie, Josephine, Carl, Jodie (much please) Frances, Tanya, Katherine, Steve, Rebecca, Patricia, Bernadette, Maria, Belinda (new-much) Joanne, Margaret, Zee (much) Jade, Chris,

God Bless and take care.



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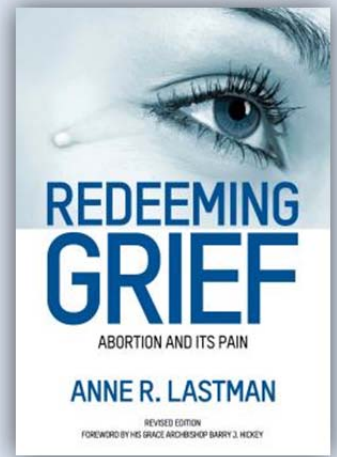
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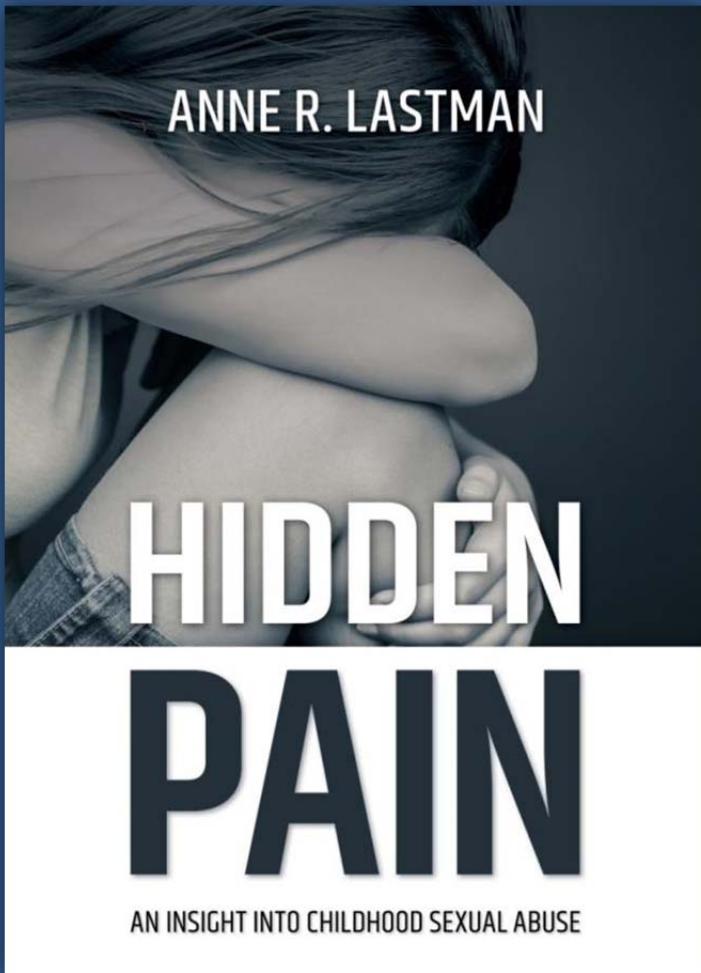
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