

Broken Branches

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

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TRANSGENDER.

In one of our recent issues of Quadrant there was an image of a child, the before and after of transitioning. The image showed a young girl (about 13ish) a very pretty girl with beautiful long red hair a lovely gentle smile and feminine features.

Next to this image was another of the same girl with hair now cut short and now black and showing a scar across her chest where breast would have been. A scar which went across from right to left side and somehow a look on her/his now face which did not look smiling and happy like the first one but an attempted macho one. There was not even a hint of a smile and the deep scar across the chest seemed somehow to be highlighted because of the gloomy look.

As I looked at this image and read the ensuing article I was left in an almost hopeless state. A beautiful young girl with beautiful long red hair to want to change into what was supposed to be a boy. Why? What happened to her to want this young person who can still not vote, not drive, not drink alcohol, (legally) not do adult activities, want to change her gender? What discussions and encounters and experiences has she encountered to help her to go through the changes and even ruin her life forever. What online sites encouraged this?

Yes, she can make herself look like a boy. She can continue to take puberty blockers. She can have surgeries to add or subtract parts of her body so that eventually she might look what she has in her mind considered herself to be BUT for all the changes in her body she will always be a female. When, as a bearded young man he appears pregnant and makes headlines that a man has conceived and borne a child it's not a

male who has conceived but a female design and bodily fixtures incarcerated in what has become a male body.

There is always and will always be writers who will try and explain the reasons and technicalities of this final indignity against the human body and there will be statistics quoted and a new language formulated to accompany this alien concept, but there can only ever be an XX and XY and nothing else. The rest is artificial and false. The rest is contrived to show that technology has reached such a degree that a human creature can be created even from one already made. Is it the wickedness of man which continues to abuse humanity by using children as the sacrifice? The older ones are already abused through introduction of drugs and addictions, and violated sexuality, and lost sense of self and other self-dishonour and now the young who are still not fully psychologically mature to make decisions which will mutilate themselves for life are abused in such a manner?

We speak and are horrified about childhood sexual abuse/other forms of abuse and if this isn't abuse? Then what is it? Lunacy.

As I looked at the image I felt like weeping. First, in utero babies killed, then late term abortions, killed. Then post birth babies, killed, then children permitted to decide if they wish to be euthanised, (under 16 years of age because wanted to, killed and now gender confused young ones, later to become gender confused youth and then self-harm and finally self-annihilation. What is this moment in history which is so monstrous that it hates children especially, and very much so.

Transgender? Where did this notion emerge from? Where did the idea to facilitate removal of one's organs, and have genitalia surgically removed emerge from? Where did the idea that it's now the "in thing" to be whatever "I want to be" "Identify as whatever I

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want to identify as?" Because gender is fluid. No fluidity in gender always XY and XX fluid is anything which flows e.g. water. Gender doesn't flow like water, it's stable from birth. Boy or girl

What is fluid about the gender assigned at conception? What about the parents of these gender fluid individuals? How do they feel about their son or daughter wanting to become their daughter or son? Where do they think they made a mistake? Why do some parents accept these wants of their child? What's happened to them? Guilt?

As for the mother how does she feel about her little ones not being happy with who they are and feeling that they must have made a mistake somewhere for this to happen?

We hear and read about the child/young person wanting to change their identity and identify as male/female or even animal. Remove genitalia, change genitalia, identify as even a "cat" or "bear." so where does this come from. Is it a passing fad? Where did this new aberration come from unless it's from the pits of hell. No child can conceive of such self-harm, alteration, dislike of self, lack of love for one self. How can one love others when they cannot find any love for themselves. When the child feels more loved as a bear. A dog, a cat? Who placed such horror/ideas into their hearts and minds? but is this all that there is? Or can we expect more?

To look at the history which I believe has led us to this I believe that most recently we can go back to early 20th century introduction of the contraceptive pill which said that an intruder can enter the house and steal our children with our assistance. The Pill refused to allow babies to be part of conjugal embrace.

This was followed by an opening of doors for death to come into our home and take our children and then kill them with our permission, finances, assistance. Those children that fought and didn't die on cue were left to cry, cold, and shivering and pain and crying till they died. Late term.

This led to older babies who really were not wanted. Not quite right. Unwanted because partner left so take it out on his baby and get rid of every bit of him.

Then followed by those who survived and were supposedly wanted placed into the care of others whilst mother and father worked or "found themselves". This followed by a child coming home to an empty house because mum and dad were still working and finding themselves.

This followed by the child growing, mixing, interacting, listening, to other stories from other equally wounded children who thought it was better to be boy because they get treated better than girls or alternatively want to be boy because girls get treated better.

This followed by attractions to others who are different. Followed by desiring that difference. Followed by slow demand to try the difference. Followed by confusion and finally the ultimate choice. Be different and permanently change.

We are not computers where some fixture, hard drives, features, disc, mouse stops working and a new one is bought. A computer does not act without a command. It does not know how to love. It does not know how to shed a tear for lost love. It does not know emotions of any kind. It does not know joy, A computer is something still, cold, hard, needing to be

commanded. Programmed. It does not know how to walk, move, share, mix, laugh, love, cry, without command. It's lifeless. No matter how many attachments, discs, pieces, programmes are placed into it there can never be life in it. It's a machine which stores and retrieves data.

It cannot be soft, gentle. warm, laugh, shed tears, caress and be caressed, feel the love of another. It's not Human. The human the Creator made, breathed into. Breathed everything he had. The most important data of a computer installed by the creator is Love the very thing the creator is made of.

Mind you it could be said that the computer is cold lifeless, made of steel and has not a garment of skin.

The human being is everything that the computer is not. Above all it loves deeply and tenderly and holds hearts in hands. It cannot and does not say no to a tear. It cannot be ever considered worthless, out of date, like a computer when it has passed its used by date and starts misbehaving.

A human being never passes its use by date, even though there are jokes made about this. The human being made with God' hands and breath never has a

use by date because it passes from one terrain immediately to another and better one. A computer is disposed in specialised bins for disposal by crushing. If one is lucky.

A human being closes eyes and sees a glorious face always dreamed about but now seen face to face.

Fish Dead:

A recent evening news article brought to our screen a story and vision of what appeared to be hundreds of thousands or even millions of dead fish, in an outback town in New South Wales, Australia, and this was

attributed to various reasons variously from weather conditions, heatwaves, water conditions, low oxygen levels, in water. Overall due to new mantra, climate change and its after effects.

As I looked at the vision brought to our screens it really did sadden me to see such an image of lifelessness, and then the thoughts began.

The numbers shown were variously numbered in hundreds of thousands to millions and all we could see was this mass of white stillness. Really like death.

As I said my thoughts began. We abort over 50,000,000 babies per year. Much more than these mentioned numbers of fish and never has the news reported such a happening.

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It was so sad to see such a sight of so many fish which could even be thought to have suicided but imagine if we put all the early term dismembered fetuses, together with midterm embryos, together with late term abortions writhing and in pain until they died, and post birth abortion left to die, and aborted infants because of cleft palate and minor disabilities, or beautiful down syndrome

babies or all other babies burned in the womb with some toxic concoction, or the babbies who had experienced partial birth abortion and so on. Why cannot we see such a vision? Is it because there would be such horror and outcry against all abortions that no feminist or male accommodating feminist beliefs would dare to even breath such a word?

Sad as I was to see such a sight of death, I was left sadder still because we can almost imagine this stillness. What would've been white mass of dead children. Their silence. Their end and yet the vision won't be shown.

Bereavement A Grief.

A review of literature elicits results which suggest that some grief symptoms lessen over time, however, this is not definitive over all populations, e.g., abortions.

Many bereaved continue to display distressing symptoms and impaired lifestyle for many years (even up to the time of their own death) and these symptoms and remembrances bring a fear towards their own end.

Mourning, we know, is a process that is influenced by cognitions and coping strategies used by the person in order to be able to manage their grief and be able to continue with management of their day-to-day life.

The concept of “working through grief” is grounded in this perspective. Freud coined the term “grief work” sorting emotions through ambivalence and guilt over the ambivalence with the person who has died. Ambivalence is a strange emotion. It’s a type of “yes/no” going backwards and forwards not quite deciding what to do

We see this with abortion. Yes, it’s best to have the abortion (with all reasons why this is so) and then starts the reversal of this thought. No this is my baby. It’s my child. It’s a human life. I can’t kill my baby, and this thought may continue for a while. Then again, the reasons why it should be, then no and the reasons why it shouldn’t happen.

When there is ambivalence the end distress is stronger because self-dialogue (not shared with others) which has indicated that at some point the woman has humanised her baby. She has identified “my baby” it’s not just medical terminology (embryo, foetus) but has taken ownership and responsibility and acceptance that this is her child and it’s this which makes ambivalence one of the stronger causes for post abortion grief, if after the dialogue the decision is made to abort.

We know that grief is an emotional syndrome, that is, a group of same expressions globally, it’s not just located to a single locale. However, mourning refers to the acts or expressions of grief. These expressions are shaped by the practices approved or accepted by the cultural group which dictates now a bereaved person should react to loss or death. A bereaved person is expected to grieve.

Emile Durkheim suggested that mourning is not a natural time of private feelings experienced by a devastating loss

it’s a duty of those left behind to express their grief in the manner of expressions which have developed over many generations. e.g., wearing black clothing. Prayers and remembrance after certain days. No visitors for a certain time where smiling, laughter, even moment of happiness may be experienced. No music. Some cultures weep at the loss but not necessarily because of sadness but because it’s the expectation. It’s a ritual which has developed and become the norm

Scriptures even speak of professional mourners who are hired to follow the body of the deceased to its burial place all the while wailing loudly so it is known that there has been a death. At times there is also rending of clothing and even scratching of face as a sign of sorrow.

South Italian, village cultures, (last century/s) used to rend cloths and scratch face when especially a close member of family died. This together with at times lifelong wearing of black.

All these rituals are carried out not necessarily because of grief experienced but as a sign or mark of respect for the person who died and for the remaining family members.

Grief is a normal response with or without rituals, but expression of these very much help to remember and celebrate the life of the one who has passed away whilst at the same time expressing sadness and much sorrow of losing that loved one. Where this is not done there appears no closing of the door. The door is left open for those left behind to continue with the expectation that the one who has died will return.

Indeed, grief has a way of running its course and is self-limiting and finite if accepted as a life event, and this will not usually require therapy except perhaps support from family and loved ones.

Why have I written a little about the difference between grief, bereavement, and mourning? Because with abortion whilst the first exists, that is, grief, the expression (mourning) of this grief is not honoured. Dignity is not accorded to the little human who has passed away.

Dignity, which is not accorded, and yet the dignity of the human being is present in its totality from the instant of conception.

Dignity is not something which is learned, acquired later when an individual reaches certain age almost like an inheritance. Dignity is what makes us all humans. It's what removes us from the beast creation and into a whole new creation. Human, with the added divine signature, Dignity and love, the signature of God. It's God's gift to us whether earned or otherwise. It's inherent in all of us because of the breath breathed into us and our relationship with the giver of the gift. Each of us including that infant destined to be immolated were given this gift never to be taken or returned.

The great tragedy, apart from the slaughter of the children is that that dignity is not recognised. It's not honoured, respected, it is hidden. No memorial of dignity and their passing by is found. 50,000,000 (50 million) babies intentionally killed a year and not remembered or mourned their loss and mostly not grieved for.

No huge place of rest for these humans who weren't allowed to continue their life journey to fully grown adults with their own charism and task to achieve. It's the "Image of God" breathed into the creature which confers their dignity. Never changed. It's the body which is the locus of our dignity and the place of our transcendence. Enmeshed in the transcendence is found dignity.

We live in a time where loss of dignity for the human being has led to the easy disposal of this creation of dignity and transcendence and because of this no memorial can be expected because the meaning of humanity and the dignity has been forgotten.

We live in a time where the understanding that the human being is both human and divine and is the bridge, link, between heaven and earth is unknown or forgotten. A time where the technology and fish are worthy of recording but not the human which is made of earthly matter, oxygen, carbon, calcium, hydrogen, etc. The divine is the breath which enlivens the chemicals. Which forms our bodies. Even the bodies of those infants who are aborted. Only loss of dignity allows for such massive numbers of deaths of infants. Is it possible that we who believe in the Dignity of each human being find a way for us to restore this to those who have had that dignity taken violently from them?

Perhaps with this honour restored to them we may begin to see something new.

*"At the core of grief is to hold on to
The life story of the other"*

We are held in the palm of His hand (Is. 49:15,16)

Satanic Conference 28-30 April, 2023.

By the time this newsletter has arrived the above-mentioned conference will have come and gone. But the need has not gone.

It was brought to my attention that there is to be a satanic conference to be held in Boston Massachusetts and it is deemed by the Satanic temple to be the largest gathering of satanists in history. The satanic temple is reputed to have a membership of 2500 individuals. This satanic conference is to be a weekend of blasphemy 'Hexe Nacht' and is reputed to have been sold out,

The satanic temple is saying that this is the second meeting to be held at Marriott Hotel (pity it's a beautiful hotel!). It's to be blasphemy and a remembrance of Boston "I presume related to witch burning about 500 years ago.

The programme for this weekend can only be said to have been conceived and written deep in the bowls of hell. E.g.

"Reclaiming trans body" "sins of the flesh: satanism and self-pleasure "Abortion Ritual" and others. Another topic on their agenda which I find so difficult I can't even write about is an abortion ritual which they describe as a "spiritual experience designed to instil confidence and self-worth in accordance to satanic temple's religious beliefs" and flying the satanic flag over City Hall.
(I'm shaking and feeling ill as I write this)

It has also come to light that there are now After School Satanic Clubs promoting satan as an "imaginary friend" to children. We have seen this but it's comforting to know that there has been a huge Christian (I hope which involves all churches including Catholic church) revival and prayer and fasting groups

Letters

Dear Friends

I just want to thank all the many people who have written to me to tell me how sorry they are that I will close down by end of this year and I won't be producing newsletter anymore.

There were too many letters to print so please accept this as my thank you for caring and letting me know.

I close because I am tired. Very very tired. And I feel that the Lord is asking this of me with many signs.

Health, loss of support \$\$\$\$.

I will be going till about November as I still have clients here and in Melbourne and have been booked for two more presentations. And possibly a secular one about March next year to a group of mental health professional.

I hope to still be able to continue this aspect of my work and to continue writing articles for both Australia and oversees. I especially would like to continue presentations because this is very important. Being able to speak and answer questions.

And if possible, to finish two books I'm writing at same time on abortion issues.

I hope my supporters will continue to support me till end of year as the usual expenses will still apply rent etc.

Anyway, thank you for walking with me through this journey. It has been quite long 1996-2023 (27 yrs). Together we have achieved much.

When I started this work there was so little in Australia and happy to say that at that time I was probably the most qualified post abortion grief counsellor and spoke and wrote more than most. A pioneer maybe!!! Since then, many more have emerged so I can leave safely knowing there's others.

God bless
Anne

Ps I will continue to still write newsletters till hopefully October/November. \$\$permitting.

across America and I also hope that those reading my newsletter will join in prayer, fasting sacrifice, against this now self-exposed and openly (no longer hidden) assault against humanity. Satan is no longer afraid. He no longer has to fly under the radar. It can act quite openly using the laws which we have always known to be evil. Most especially abortion, euthanasia, death penalty, and other anti-life laws of most nations around the world.

If the satanist temple and other openly satanic groups have are now confident to act openly we can rest assured that they will be practicing openly in America and Australia, (Satanic Temples) and in other nations. No longer fearful because for the western world as Nietzsche in mid-19th century said "God is dead" and since this comment the slow removal of God from all life and public life began to slowly unravel until today, we have a violent and cruel society.

My hope is that prayer campaigns will mount against this group and its individuals and their nefarious thoughts, ideas, plans and that humanity will again pick up their bibles and speak with God. And for Catholics to return to Mass, sacraments, Eucharists. When I read this story, I started shaking and I think I had an anxiety attack which is hard in a lonely office and writing about it. Satanist Conference? Open defiance again against God? People willing to declare themselves satanic followers?

It's no wonder it seems like all hell has broken loose. Satanist temple and their abortion ritual? I guess no surprises. Satanist temple and worship and murders, wars, national violence, abortions, euthanasia, death culture? No surprises.

As I said when I saw this article, I became afraid and have felt so whilst writing it.

Please pray much more than ever before with a big heart and please ask God to help us.

Mother's Day

Dear friends in your care with Mother's Day coming up, would you please pray for all mothers who have had abortion/s. There is real pain there even if definitely and deeply hidden.

The women will remember if not now then at a time in the future when life is not so busy and with review of life experiences. Then the memory of what might have been will come flooding in. I can safely say that every single woman who has had an abortion will remember and let's pray that God reaches down to them and help them because their baby will want to meet Mum.

The intentional death of one's own infant (unless there are mental health issues with the woman) will never be forgotten just like a miscarriage is never forgotten. I can testify to not forgetting for over 50 years.

So, with Mother's day coming up lets storm heaven not only for the life of babies whose life may not be secure but for their mothers and fathers to rejoice in their pregnancy and welcome their child rather than the alternative. And please pray for me that with the new medicines and cortisone injections I can be without pain for a while. Thank you and till we meet again in next newsletter, God bless all mothers and fathers and especially my beautiful supports.

Anne.

Please, please, please, please, I still have quite a few books to dispose of. They are good. At least that's what the past readers have said (😊)



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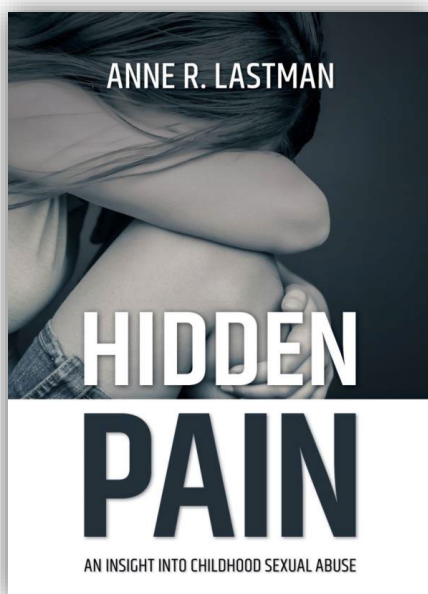
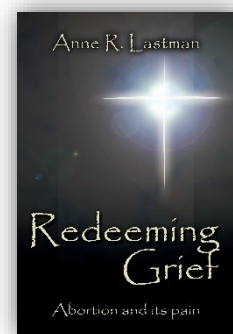
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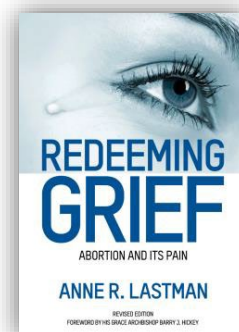
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This is not a step by step guide to dealing with abuse. It is the result of my engagement with those who have come to me originally for post abortion counselling and on further investigation it was found that abuse (especially in cases of multiple 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.

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