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Young men: be brave, not crazy

Bravery, like most things in life, is learned. Which means to develop it one must practice.

However, it is the very rare young man who wants to practice being brave. They won't want to practice, but many will be eager to prove that they are already brave. This is why young men do crazy, dangerous, reckless things: to prove to themselves and others that they are brave. So they do things like driving motorcycles too fast, and driving cars too fast, and driving motorized vehicles of various other sorts and sizes too fast.

But this isn't brave. There is a difference between brave and reckless. Both involve confronting dangers, but there is a difference. The brave man confronts danger because he must, or because he should. He does it because there is a reason to do it: there is a damsel to be defended, a child to be saved, or a principle to be upheld. The reckless young man, however, risks his life and limb for no reason at all.

It's courageous vs. crazy. And no matter how many times a young man might do crazy, wild dangerous things, it won't help him learn how to be brave. Bravery has a purpose to it, and to develop bravery a young man must confront danger with an aim in mind.

THIS IS BRAVERY

So how can a young man practice being brave?

By doing brave things. By taking the right risks, the reasonable risks.

He can ask out that godly girl he's always been interested in. She might say no, and that is quite the danger to face. But she might also say yes, and that's reason enough to risk it.

He can tell his friends he isn't going to go drinking with them this weekend, but that if they want to come over they can all shoot hoops. Or go rollerblading. Or watch the game together. Or watch the game and then at halftime play an epic match of rollerblade basketball (because being brave doesn't preclude being creative and fun). Proposing ideas runs the risk of having them all shot down and labeled "lame!" but a brave man is prepared to take such risks.

He could wear an explicitly Christian or pro-life shirt on his secular campus. This is risky, but not foolhardy. Some students and professors are sure to hate it, but other Christians will be encouraged to learn they aren't alone on campus after all.

Two young men I know volunteer as firefighters. They are ready to put their

lives on the line, but for a very good reason indeed: to save the lives of others.

In early October a couple dozen young men were among the 80 plus volunteers that headed to Ottawa to speak up for the unborn by creating an enormous 100,000 flag display. Each one of the tiny flags represented one of the unborn children who had been killed by abortion in Canada this past year. These young men didn't know exactly what they were getting into, though we all know that abortion is an issue that gets some people angry, yelling, and hysterical. So it took courage to be involved. But they knew what they were doing was important. They risked wrath to advocate for the defenseless.

CONCLUSION

We want our young men to learn how to be brave, but we don't want them to be reckless with the life and limbs God has given them. So to foster their bravery let's encourage our young men to do dangerous, risky, *important* things.

Jon Dykstra can be reached at editor@ReformedPerspective.ca. He once wore a pro-life shirt to a haircut right before a date and learned, too late, that his barber was *not* pro-life.

Some of the brave young men (and women) in Ottawa on October 2.



READER RESPONSE

DEAR EDITOR,

I'd like to commend you for your no-nonsense approach on the issue of how we should communicate with politicians who sacrifice babies for political advantage ("What Truth sounds like," July/August).

You have correctly identified the scourge of passionless protest against horrific, self-serving moral complacency and compromise. We see around us those who know what should be done and do not do it, even with the lives of thousands on the line.

MP Lawrence Macaulay had many options other than caving in to Mr. Trudeau's calculated pressure. He could have quit the party and sat as an independent or crossed the floor to the Christian Heritage Party, the only party that openly endorses the pro-life views he claims to hold. He could have stated his intention to continue to represent the unborn according to his conscience and forced Mr. Trudeau to either back down or fire him for...moral convictions (?) But, like many of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "fair-weather friends" during WWII, this MP caved in, capitulated, threw in the towel and — unintentionally I'm sure — threw the unborn under the bus.

Several years ago, I learned from a missionary friend that in Liberia, a gruesome ritual takes place during elections: some politicians kidnap and sacrifice young children in voodoo ceremonies, hoping to increase their chances of election. We are all justly horrified when we hear this. But in Canada, some cowardly politicians do the same thing. They sacrifice other people's unborn babies to the pagan god of Choice, hoping to be elected to Parliament.

In 2011, Prime Minister Harper told Peter Mansbridge that he would not — even with a majority — do anything about abortion. He said,

I've spent my political career trying to avoid this issue...If people want to reduce the number of abortions, they have to change hearts, not laws...

Aside from the obvious moral incoherence — ie. we have laws about other "heart-issues" like murder, theft and fraud — what is he doing to change hearts? Is he

using his considerable political influence to make young people aware of the risks of abortion or their options to avoid it? Is he encouraging any pro-life members of his caucus in their efforts to bring the issue to the table?

No, he is resisting those efforts and hoping the issue will go away. It will not go away until all human life is valued and protected. Those who wish to write to the PM should do so — in tactful, polite but passionate and urgent tones. However, if they truly want to influence his decisions, they should withdraw from him the thing he seems to care about more than the unborn: their vote. Until he sees his votes going to the only party that truly cares about the unborn, he may not have the "change of heart" he so urgently proposes for others.

Rod Taylor
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DEAR EDITOR,

I read with interest the letter by Jerry Scholtens, and the editor's reply (in the July/August issue), discussing the idea of using our schools as institutions of evangelism. While I agree with the editor's response, there is one very important point that was not adequately addressed.

There is a clear temptation within any and every human institution to go beyond its mandate to pursue goals outside of its immediate scope. One reason this is a temptation is because the resources available to these institutions are far greater than most individuals can employ on their own. A second is because institutions that exist with the support of a community of people can also mobilize the influence it possesses over those people towards these goals.

There are examples throughout history of governments, churches, and yes, school systems, being co-opted to pursue goals that were beyond the institution's original mission. Many times these goals were perfectly noble and godly in themselves, but using the institution in that manner was misguided and violated the mandate by

which the institution's power was granted in the first place.

The most current example of this is the successful (but ungodly and ignoble) efforts of the British Columbia Teacher's Federation to turn the province's public school system into a tool of social engineering.

Jerry Scholtens' letter raises the possibility of using our schools to evangelize. However, we are talking about a parent-run school system that exists solely to assist parents in bringing up their children in the Reformed faith. The school is only an extension of the baptismal responsibilities of its member parents, and has no reason to exist beyond this. In fact, if the school were to begin educating children from outside our church in a faith their parents do not hold, it clearly stands in violation of its mission. We are rightly upset when the public school system uses our own tax dollars to inculcate youth with values that differ from their parents. So we should strongly resist any urge to offer the benefits of our own schools in the pursuit of a similar objective.

Neil Dykstra
Langley, B.C.

DEAR EDITOR,

In your July/August Nota Bene column, in the "Irony Alert" item, you spoke about reasonable restrictions on what we can do with our bodies. And you concluded, "Restrictions are even more understandable when, as is the case in abortion, a second body is involved."

Allow me to point out that there are actually three bodies involved. It is regrettable that the male role has become so diminished in our society that often he is eliminated from this equation altogether, as even your usually most astute observation points out.

Aart Blokhuis
Burlington, Ontario



NOTA BENE

News worth noting

TIM CHALLIES' BIG POST

BY JON DYKSTRA

Reformed blogger Tim Challies (Challies.com) is likely best known for his prolific book review output: he has become a trusted source for many conservative Christian bibliophiles. But his most popular post this past summer had nothing to do with books. Challies shared with his readers, "Why my family doesn't do sleepovers" and in just a week more than 750,000 checked out his explanation (with 1,000+ migrating there from the Reformed Perspective Facebook page).

So why all the interest? In a follow-up post Challies suggested it might be, in part, because parents who were worried about sleepovers found their concerns being validated.

And why don't the Challies do sleepovers? Because

...we believed [our children] would face a particular kind of vulnerability if they found themselves alone and in bed outside our care, and we wanted



to protect them from it. So they have stayed at their grandparents' and have stayed with my sisters when we've visited the South, but they have not stayed at friend's homes.

The blogger also shared Dr. James Dobson's caution ("...sadly the world has change in the last few decades...") and that of a local police chief whose years of law enforcement experience led him to firm conviction against sleepovers. While Challies noted this is not an issue the Bible addresses clearly so it is up to each family to decide what is best for themselves, he did urge his readers to "challenge the assumption of sleepovers as the norm."

SOURCE: www.challies.com/articles/why-my-family-doesnt-do-sleepovers & www.challies.com/articles/6-reflections-on-sleepovers



MAKING APES LOOK HUMAN

BY JON DYKSTRA

You'd expect a movie like *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* to have its share of evolutionary propaganda, especially with its tagline: "Evolution becomes revolution." The 2012 film, and its 2014 sequel *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*, are about the apes replacing man as the dominant species on Earth.

But in their efforts at making the evolution of apes plausible filmmakers pulled a little trick that most viewers probably missed. As Creation.com writer Warrn Nunn noted in his August 21 article "The whites of their eyes":

Having large "whites" (sclera) in our eyes is predominantly a human characteristic but this has been used in mischievous ways to make apes appear more human-like.

The top set of very human-looking eyes in the picture above are from Caesar, a chimpanzee who is one of the main characters in *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*. Below are a set of real, and quite dark, chimpanzee eyes.

Nunn notes that filmmakers aren't the only ones to try to humanize apes. Artist John Gurche made illustrations of *Australopithecus afarensis* for *National Geographic*, and made the sclera white. Nunn quotes his explanation:

I wanted to get a human soul into this ape like face, to indicate something about where he was headed.

RAY RICE VIDEO SHOWS WHY PRO-LIFERS NEED TO SHOW GRAPHIC PICTURES

BY JON DYKSTRA



In July 25th Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice was suspended for two games by the NFL for an assault he committed on his then girlfriend, now wife, Janay Palmer five months earlier in the elevator of Revel Casino in Atlantic City. The NFL was widely criticized for the leniency of the penalty, and a month later NFL commissioner Roger Goodell admitted as much. He announced a new league policy in which players would be suspended for 6 weeks for a first domestic violence offense, and banished from the league for any second offense. The new penalties seemed to silence most critics.

And then a video of the assault surfaced.

On September 8, TMZ, a website devoted primarily to celebrity gossip, posted surveillance footage from inside the elevator showing the actual punch Rice delivered, a brutal left hook that knocked Janay Palmer unconscious.

That same day the video was released the Baltimore Ravens terminated Rice's contract and the NFL suspended him until further notice. Instead of being out two games or six games Rice is out indefinitely. No one expects him to play this year, and there is a real question as to whether he will ever be allowed to play again.

This response to this video was completely unlike the initial response to news of Rice's domestic assault. But, as RedState.com commentator Leon H. Wolf noted:

...the video released by TMZ does not really constitute new – or at least probative – evidence at all.... We already knew from the uncontested testimony of eyewitnesses that Palmer and Rice entered the elevator together under their own power.... We know from the fact that Rice pled guilty to assaulting Palmer that Palmer did not just suffer from a fainting spell in that elevator. And we know from Rice's own admission that he struck Palmer in that elevator....

WHEN SCIENCE GETS IT SPECTACULARLY WRONG

BY JON DYKSTRA



In the 2010 film *Alleged* William Jennings Bryan is asked if he thinks the Bible is a science textbook. He replies that it certainly is not, since science textbooks have to constantly be revised, while the Word of God never needs to be corrected.

It was also in 2010 that the public was told of the exciting discovery of the first habitable exoplanet (a planet which does not orbit around our sun) circling the star Gliese 581. We were told that the planet designated 581g might harbor liquid water. Astronomer Steven Vogt was very excited about the possibilities:

I'm not a biologist, nor do I want to play one on TV. Personally, given the ubiquity and propensity of life to flourish wherever it can, I would say, my own personal feeling is that the chances of life on this planet are 100 percent.

Though they don't even know how life started here on Earth, evolutionists assume that life must be out there among the stars, since, after all, there

But we humans are weird creatures. It is one thing to know, intellectually, that Ray Rice knocked a woman unconscious in a hotel elevator. It is another thing to actually see it happen....

Wolf then makes a connection to abortion:

There is, in fact, a reason that proponents of abortion-on-demand resist so strongly any attempt to require women who plan to get abortions to view an ultrasound of the unborn child, especially as ultrasound imagery makes it increasingly clear that what is being killed is, in fact, a small human being....

The lamentable and disgusting farce that has played out in the NFL concerning Ray Rice shows that we

are so many stars. That's why we keep looking for life on Mars, and sending out spacecraft into the far reaches of space with welcome messages attached. That's why we scan the heavens for radio signals from far off civilizations.

And yet, we find nothing.

So how about planet Gliese 581g? Was it possible we would find life here?

No. In July evolutionists learned they were out of luck again when *Science* magazine reported that the planet didn't even exist. It turns out this highly hyped planet was actually "an artifact of stellar activity, which, when incompletely corrected, causes the false detection of planet g."

Whoops!

It's a predictable pattern: any time scientists make a fuss about some new evidence of life among the stars not so long afterwards that claim has to be retracted, or is revealed to be based on nothing but speculation.

But the Word of our God remains forever.

SOURCE: David Klingoffer's "Gliese 581g: A black eye for believers in habitable Earth-like exoplanets," posted to EvolutionNews.org on July 11, 2014; "Stellar activity masquerading as planets in the habitable zone of the M dwarf Gliese 581," *Science*, July 25, 2014

are willing to tolerate with relatively little fuss that which we intellectually know and understand, but not what we are actually forced to watch with our own eyes. And the purveyors of the campaign of death in this country know that America has much the same instinct regarding the 1+ million children who are aborted every year.

Graphic pictures are controversial even among pro-lifers. But abortion advocates absolutely hate them, and will do anything to hide the truth they expose (the accompanying pictures shows just how far they will go). As the Ray Rice video shows, if we want to make it hard to ignore the horrors that are being done, showing them can prove a lot more effective than just telling about them.

SOURCE: "Ray Rice, Abortion, and Being Led About by the Viscera" posted to RedState.com on September 8, 2014

BILL WHATCOTT GOES UNDER COVER AT PRIDE PARADE

BY JEREMY DE HAAN

A Joining in the festivities at this year's Vancouver Pride Parade in Vancouver was a certain pink-topped and snugly be-spandexed "infiltrator," as the *Huffington Post* called him. Bill Whatcott had applied to take part in the parade by representing himself, and three others friends, as members of the Calgary Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster (FSM). Whatcott spent the day having fun amongst the crowds, and he gave away 2,500 free condom packs to whoever wanted them.

But Whatcott isn't gay, he isn't a member of the FSM church, and inside the condom packs was something no one there wanted to see. He's a Christian, and the condom packs he was giving away actually contained pamphlets that condemned the homosexual lifestyle and proclaimed redemption through the blood of Christ. He was in disguise to gain access that otherwise wouldn't have been granted.

Naturally, he was widely condemned, and the outrage didn't come only from the godless. Christians, too, were upset with him. After all, they argue, his whole shtick was a masquerade, an outright deception, a breaking of the ninth commandment. Isn't this just committing one sin to liberate people from another? Doesn't this corrode the credibility of both Christians and the gospel?

Whatcott backed himself up with Scripture. Joshua sent spies into Jericho, he pointed out, and the Hebrew midwives were called faithful for lying to the Egyptian authorities. He has a point; there are instances where God does not condemn deceit.

However, the default position of Scripture is that in any situation we ought to speak truthfully, so that our "yes" contains the full force of a vow taken before God's throne, and likewise our "no." Muslims have no qualms about lying to "infidels," but this has never been the Christian position. Our



neighbors are not just those in Christ, but those who live in defiance of Him, too. I've heard that Puritan city of Boston was so known for its honesty that when goods from Boston arrived in ports around the world there was no need to confirm that the listed inventory matched what was in the crates. Truthful words really do have value, and how much more so when they reveal the things of God? Christians bear within their souls the liberating weight of truth, and in carrying this weight their words can crush the illusions of unbelievers more effectively than any plan of deceit.

So I don't think Whatcott is right to brush off criticism, and especially not with a flippant, "Meh" (as he did in an online forum). While there are some instances in Scripture where God does not condemn deceit, those instances are very few and only under dire circumstances. That's because liars will always pay a price. Pulling the ejection handle will save a pilot's life, but only at the cost of his aircraft. Likewise, lying may conceivably accomplish some good – as in the classic example of lying to save Jews – but it will be done at the cost of calling into question everything you say and do. So if it's done, it ought to be done with gravity and as a last resort, neither of which are applicable to Whatcott.

But there is more here, and it has

to do with us. If we criticize Whatcott, we ought not to criticize as the heathens do. For if we are critical of his means, we may still rejoice at his ends. In those condom packs lay the cure for the very things the condoms represent, which are debauchery and open rebellion. Whatcott didn't bear false witness so much as he bore the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, to whom all men must give account. Twenty five hundred people that day received the greatest news they will ever hear, and we pray rightly if we ask God to bless what Whatcott has done. The outrage of the heathen is not that they were deceived; it's that someone broke through the crust of their illusion with the light of heaven, and they've gnashed their teeth at what it exposed.

Finally, it's a lethargic church culture that produces characters like Whatcott. He sets out to shock not just unbelievers, but believers, too. He levels the charge of cowardice against his Christian critics, and he isn't entirely wrong to do so. There's a lot of sitting around in these heady days of darkness, a lot of moral equivocation instead of moral action. So it's people like him who confront us again with the deadly seriousness of pitting Truth against moral toxicity. If these reminders bother us, then we should prove them unnecessary. **RP**

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Over troubled thoughts shouting out midnight sleep,
Psalm twenty verse seven quite lost in the sound –
Then cold is the hour, hypnotic that cold,
Confused and depressed I stand lost by my gate,
Til Scripture latch opens and warmth comes to hold,
With the bracing of Romans eight, twenty-eight.

– CHRISTINE FARENHORST

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."

– PSALM 20:7

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

– ROMANS 8:28

THE SHOES

by Gerda Vandenhaak-Blokhuis

We had again arrived in Cuba. This was our 25th trip, give or take. My husband and I had started visiting Cuba 8 years before. Each time we brought with us Bibles and supplies for the Christians we would meet.

Our arrival was Wednesday. We spent all day Thursday finding a car to rent. Finally, at 4 pm, we got a car. All of us were hot and tired.

Suddenly I had to do something. I ran to the room, frantically searching through all the suitcases for running shoes. I found 4 pairs – various sizes and all as good as new. I pleaded with my husband Andy to drive us to Pilon.

“Now?” he said.

“Yes now.”

Andy did not feel like it, but I felt such an urgency. It simply had to be done tonight. “I know, I know, we will go there tomorrow, but we need to go and bring those

shoes tonight.”

I did not know, nor could I understand, why I felt we could not wait till the next day. I remember almost crying, while pleading with him to take me.

Andy gave in, tired as he was, for nothing is more tiring, then waiting all day for a car to rent.

It is only a 20-minute drive. The family I wanted to go and see did not know we were again in Cuba. We drove to Pilon and found their house.

Happiness flooded my soul as we called out to them. “We are here – can we come in?”

We hugged and I opened the bag with the 4 pairs of running shoes and asked her husband and 3 sons to please try them on. Suddenly silence and then tears. Yes, the shoes fit. All four pairs fit as if they were meant for them, and they were meant for them.

I remember almost crying, while pleading with him to take me.


Then the mom is crying and praising God and trying to explain all at the same time. The tears are because the night before the family had met in prayer to ask God for a pair of running shoes for the middle boy. Without shoes he was not allowed in school and if the parents did not send him to school they would be fined. So they prayed and asked for one pair of used shoes. God heard them and gave fourfold.

We laughed cried and prayed together – a grateful thanksgiving prayer to our Lord and Master.

It is an awesome feeling, to have felt and seen the Hand of God. **RP**

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It turns out
it is easier
to stick a
tracking
device on a
bear than on
a butterfly

ANIMAL ECOLOGY GOES **HIGH** **TECH**

by Margaret Helder

Though I haven't heard any say it quite this way, I'm sure many a scientist has wished that animals could talk to us. We would love to know how they do what they do – where they go during migrations, for example – and wouldn't it be wonderful if we could just ask?

Though the animal kingdom remains silent, animal ecologists haven't let that stop them. In recent years researchers have developed techniques to allow us to track some of these creatures. As a result, these animals communicate with us simply by doing what comes naturally, while our little espionage devices report where the animals have gone.

BIG BEARS

During the 1960s radio tracking of some large animals like grizzly bears was tried near Yellowstone National Park in the western United States. These large animals were ideal in that they were large enough not to be inconvenienced by the extra load of radio transmitters with battery packs. The problem with the grizzlies was that they routinely crossed political boundaries, where the philosophies and objectives of the agencies responsible for wildlife management differed. It made sense to find out the movement patterns of these animals, as they travelled in and out of the national park, and through

the nearby national forest lands that lie in the states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Wildlife managers sought to document bear use of various habitat types and bear reactions to livestock grazing, loggings and recreational activities. Thus, from 1975 to 1976, a number of bears were trapped, fitted with radio transmitters, and released. A small plane equipped with rotatable antenna was used to track the bears and, weather permitting, flights were conducted three times per week. Then the new location of each bear was plotted on a map.

From this data, it was discovered that the bears exhibited quite a lot of variety

in the habitats they favoured and the distances they travelled in the course of their regular activities. The favoured habitat types included thick forest stands and wet meadows, and the size of territory they occupied varied drastically from approximately 26 square kilometres to over 700 square kilometers. And of the 16 instrumented bears, 14 routinely crossed into and out of the national park.

Armed with this kind of information, the management of grizzly populations in the area could be better organized. One interesting insight was that even four years after the West Yellowstone dump had been made bear proof, some bears nevertheless regularly checked the dumpsite just in case the humans had slipped up!

SOLID SEALS

Clearly radio tracking had demonstrated that extremely valuable information could be obtained from tagged animals. The trend since then has been to tag and track smaller and smaller animals, many of them in populations whose numbers are threatened.

Fast track to the twenty first century: many of the creatures whose numbers are declining include migratory birds. In order to mitigate threats to these birds, it would certainly be useful to know their destinations and how they got there. Within the past 30 years, tracking devices suitable for birds have been developed. However, at first the devices were too large for really small birds. Thus, initially only large birds were studied, such as albatrosses (some as heavy as 10 kilograms), large petrels, and shearwaters. But some much smaller birds arguably fly farther than these large seabirds.

Aircraft are clearly out of the question as a means of tracking birds that fly long distances over the sea – the aircraft would run out of gas before the birds reach land. While the option of GPS, which communicate with satellites, is a possibility, for many applications these GPS devices are too expensive and too heavy.

But another technology promised to

solve these problems. In the 1980s, a device was developed to track elephant seals. The device, called a geolocator, was designed to regularly measure and record ambient light levels. Such recordings, over time, can be used to calculate latitude and longitude. Once the recording device is recovered from the animal, computers calculate latitude from the day length, and the light level at mid-time between dawn and dusk is used to calculate longitude.

The system requires battery power to store the data, but this can last up to five years. The fact that the system does not broadcast to satellites means that the devices can be lightweight and cheap.

TEENY TINY TERNS

It took quite a bit of development and time to be able to recreate this device so that it could be used to track small birds. Such new uses were pioneered in the 1990s by the British Antarctic Survey which first used geolocators on juvenile wandering albatrosses. By 2007 such devices had been reduced to 1.4 grams, suitable to track small birds like the arctic tern, which weighs about 125 grams.

The traditional way to study bird activities has been bird banding. Based on such studies of recovered bird bands, scientists believed that arctic terns were remarkable long distance travellers. The birds breed in the Arctic, anywhere from Canada to Russia and jurisdictions in between. Their wintering grounds appeared to be in the Antarctic but nobody knew exactly where. There was clearly lots yet to be learned about these small birds.

During the summer of 2007, a Danish team led by Carsten Egevang trapped and attached plastic leg rings (geolocators) to 50 terns on an island near Greenland and 20 birds on an island near Iceland. The following year, after the birds had completed their outward and return migrations, 10 birds with geolocators were trapped and the geolocators recovered in Greenland and one in Iceland. Recovering the devices from the birds was the really difficult part of the mission! Ten of the eleven locators retrieved were successfully



FLIGHT: THE GENIUS OF BIRDS

2013 / 62 minutes
Amazon.com rating: 4.7 out of 5 stars

To learn more about the amazing migratory journey of the arctic tern, check out *Flight: the Genius of Birds*. The DVD also explores the engineering that went into the hummingbirds' wings and tongue, and it investigates how it is that tens of thousands of starlings can form living, swaying black clouds without the birds hitting one another. *Flight* is produced by an Intelligent Design group, so they don't specifically name our Creator, but do show how this incredible design points to an Incredible Designer. It is a DVD that will appeal to children (my four year old absolutely loved it, though her limited attention span means she needs to watch the hour long program in two half hour chunks) and blow away adults – this is as good a documentary as you will ever find.



METAMORPHOSIS: THE BEAUTY AND DESIGN OF BUTTERFLIES

2012 / 64 minutes
Amazon.com rating: 4.7 out of 5 stars

And if you want to learn more about monarch butterflies, their migration, and their incredible lifecycle, then you should track down a copy of *Metamorphosis: The Beauty and Design of Butterflies*. This one is by the same group as *Flight*, and almost as good. The photography is excellent, the information is mind-blowing, and the only improvement that could really be made is if they gave credit to Whom it is due, and name God as the Intelligent Designer behind these incredible creatures. That said, it is impossible to watch this without wanting to burst out in praise of our Creator.

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downloaded, each providing a full year of migration data. And very interesting those data were!

It transpires that the arctic tern has amazing talents! The travel data revealed that the arctic terns proceed from the far north to a region of deep water off the eastern coast of Newfoundland. They feed in this region of cold productive water for several weeks before proceeding south and east towards Africa. At a certain point, however, some birds move west to follow the coast of Brazil heading south. Others follow the west coast of Africa. All of the birds eventually arrived in the Southern Ocean including the Weddell Sea near Antarctica. The birds later returned northward beginning in early April. Their routes included a crossover from the African to the American coast.

The average distance travelled by these birds in one round trip was 71,000 km with average travel distances of 520 km per day. Since Arctic terns often live 30 years, the total distance traveled in a lifetime may exceed 2.4 million km,

equivalent to approximately three return journeys to the moon. Not only did the tagged birds travel very far, they even returned to the same nesting site as the previous year. This is how the Danish team knew where to find the returning birds. Imagine the navigational skills and the endurance under stress with which these birds have been provided!

SMALLER AND SMALLER

The ability to track small birds will obviously assist scientists in mitigating the problems faced by endangered bird species. The numbers of purple martins for example has been declining since 2005. Nobody knows why. The birds do migrate long distances, in this case between Canada and the US, and Brazil. A project has been undertaken by scientists from Ontario and Manitoba. It involves fitting captured birds with tiny back packs. Some will be fitted with GPS devices and others with geolocators. The GPS units provide very precise locations, but the devices only allow for 10 readings in one year because the battery is so

small. The geolocators are less precise but take readings every ten minutes! It is hoped that these data will indicate where the birds roost enroute. There is concern about industrial wind turbines, for example, and other dangers.

Scientists continue to develop ever smaller tracking devices so that ever smaller animals can be tracked. Obviously moist frog skins do not provide good anchorage for tracking devices, so scientists in Australia, in 2012, surgically implanted tiny devices into three species of tree frog. However, when the scientists recaptured the frogs about three weeks later they found that three quarters had entirely lost the devices! Others had the devices now located in their bladder, preparatory to being eliminated in the urine. Subsequent testing revealed that both the frogs and cane toads developed extensions from the bladder that grew around foreign objects in the body cavity and drew them into the bladder. Who knew research could be so fraught with hazards?

In 2009 some American scientists managed to attach a radio transmitter to the abdomen of a Monarch butterfly.



Monarch Butterflies blanketing trees in Mexico.



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An arctic tern, in its lifetime, could fly the equivalent of to the moon and back three times!

In 2013 scientists attached very tiny radio transmitters to the legs of 36 rainbow frogs in Madagascar. The devices were extremely tiny, 0.3 to 0.35 grams, or about 10 per cent of the weight of these two centimeter long animals. Among other discoveries, scientists found that three of the tagged frogs were eaten by snakes, and four by carnivorous mammals. Note to predators, if you don't want scientists in pursuit don't eat a tagged victim!

Migratory animals also include some insects, most spectacularly the Monarch butterfly in North America. In 2009 some American scientists managed to attach a radio transmitter to the abdomen of a Monarch butterfly. The device weighed about half as much as the insect, so it was a significant load to carry. The plan was to follow the specimen with a small aircraft and then by car. The scheme worked perfectly and the transmitter was recovered. Future plans are to study the flight paths of


individual migratory butterflies, such as the Monarch or the painted lady butterfly that flies from North Africa to Germany.

Tagging studies reveal that individual animals of many species have their own individual personalities. The article which first attracted my attention was on the tracking of young snowy owls which were forced by population pressure south from the Arctic into central Canada and the northeastern United States. Some of these animals were then tagged with solar-powered GPS transmitters that sent a data point every half hour to cellphone towers. What the scientists discovered is that these huge predatory birds displayed highly individualized behaviour and food preferences. Our appreciation of these amazing birds just became much more profound.

CONCLUSION

There is much hope that we can continue to recover interesting data from

various animals. The work is never easy or cheap, however, and the opportunity for lost devices and lost data are many. Nevertheless the insights that we gain always remind us of the children's hymn:

*All things bright and
beautiful
All creatures great
and small
All things wise and
wonderful
The Lord God made
them all!* 

THE JFK ASSASSINATION & APOLOGETICS

**THE FACTS DON'T SPEAK
FOR THEMSELVES**

BY GREG BAHNSEN





Movie director, Oliver Stone, unleashed a Pandora's Box at the box-office in 1991 with the release of his controversial film, *JFK*. The movie, which is a technological marvel and stars Kevin Costner along with a host of well-known actors, explores the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the Warren Commission Report regarding the tragedy, and a complex conspiracy theory which seeks to "get to the real truth" behind an alleged cover-up.

The Stone movie provoked a phenomenal response. Some people were outraged at its ugly implications, or at its own distortion of testimony, or at its white-wash of questionable sources, or even at its amazing editing and weaving of soundbites, visual images, changing angles, flashbacks and anticipations, documentary coverage and interpretive re-creations.

Other people are equally outraged at finding out how poorly the subsequent investigation into the assassination was handled, and how many disturbing pieces of evidence or testimony were squashed or ignored, and how outlandish the explanations of the single-assassin theory had to become, and how our own government agencies may have been entangled or willing to look the other way.

Newsweek magazine was so egged on by the movie that it decided to throw rotten eggs in return, giving it prime attention on its front cover with the heading: "The Twisted Truth of 'JFK' - Why Oliver Stone's New Movie Can't Be Trusted" (Dec.23, 1991).

On the other hand, the local bookstores have been doing a rousing business in selling books

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which are relevant to rebutting the Warren Commission conclusions and exploring theories which, despite their conspiratorial character, pay compelling attention to details. Among the most important are the two books by lawyer Mark Lane: *Rush to Judgment* (a 1966 cross-examination of the Warren Commission, both thorough and sober) and *Plausible Denial* (a more recent book purporting to show C.I.A. involvement to some degree in the assassination). The massive analysis of Jim Marris (who teaches a college course on the subject) runs over 600 pages in length, and is entitled *Crossfire: The Plot That Killed Kennedy*. Also worthy of mention is *On the Trail of the Assassins*, written by former New Orleans District Attorney, Jim Garrison, whose investigation and eventual trial of Clay Shaw for alleged participation in a scheme to kill the president was the organizing plot of the Oliver Stone movie.

On the downside of credibility for the conspiracy theorists is the *large number* of such theories which have been advanced. Granted, some are more plausible and well-reasoned than others, but the fact that there are *so many* of them is disturbing, each offering somewhat convincing evidence.



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Who should be fingered for the crime? The C.I.A.? Military intelligence? The mafia? The F.B.I.? The Vice-President? Anti-Castro Cubans? Pro-Castro communists? Right-wing extremists? Pro-Soviet communists? All of the above? None of the above?

For years the thesis that Lee Harvey Oswald was the man who shot President Kennedy, and that he acted alone, has seemed relatively easy to accept. The public was told that an eyewitness saw Oswald in the book depository building window. A rifle was discovered there which not only had Oswald's palm-print, but had been purchased by mail order under an assumed name, identification for which Oswald was carrying on him. His own wife said she believed he was the killer. The FBI found incriminating photos at Oswald's home, later published by *Life* magazine. The man had previously renounced the United States and lived in the Soviet Union! No, the case against Oswald was not hard to believe.

Yet there always had been disturbing elements in the story. Why was Oswald deprived of legal counsel, and why was no record made of police interviews with him? How did a man (Jack Ruby) simply walk in off the street, stride right up to Oswald in the presence of dozens

of officers, and shoot him point blank? What do we make of eyewitnesses who said they previously saw Oswald and Ruby together in Ruby's nightclub?

Why did the people who were present in Dealey Plaza when Kennedy was shot run forward toward the fence on the grassy knoll, seeking the shooter, instead of running back toward the depository building? *Fifty-one* witnesses claim to have heard shots from the direction of the grassy knoll! Why did the medical doctors initially report an entry wound to Kennedy's throat, if he had been shot (only) from behind? Why do films show his head recoiling from a frontal (and from the right) shot? The Oswald theory would require that no more than three shots were fired – although ballistics experts were unable to replicate even that feat within the relevant time restraint (5.6 seconds) with a bolt-action rifle like Oswald's. However, acoustics evidence now proves there were at least *four* shots. On the Oswald hypothesis, one of the assassin's three bullets needed to inflict seven wounds in two bodies (Kennedy's and Governor Connally's) – some at nearly right angles – and emerge in almost pristine condition!

Photographic experts have discredited the *Life* magazine pictures of Oswald

as edited composites. Marina Oswald's opinion of her husband's involvement actually changed (following virtual house-arrest for weeks with the FBI) from an initial disputing of it. Paraffin tests performed on Oswald's cheeks the day of the assassination demonstrated that he had not fired a rifle that day. When the FBI turned over the alleged murder weapon, it reported that there were no prints (where the palm print later appeared). Initial autopsy reports on Kennedy were destroyed....

The case against Oswald looked strong for a time (and still does for many people), but now that case begins to appear rather weak (if not being fully refuted according to some people).

SO WHAT?

For our present purposes it is not really relevant whether the Oswald-as-lone-assassin theory regarding Kennedy's assassination is accurate or not. It is not my intention to take sides on this troubled question here.

Rather, it is the *controversy itself* that is raging over this question which should interest us, for this dispute provides a very fruitful education into the real character of what we sometimes call "factual investigation" and illustrates the nature of historical (and forensic) argumentation.

Oddly enough, the controversy over the Kennedy assassination provides an opportunity for Christians to learn something valuable about *apologetical method* – the defense of their faith.

Popular and widely published apologists for the Christian faith often tell us, for example, that the most persuasive way to practice the defense of the faith is simply to provide unbelievers with "the facts" of history (the raw evidence of eye-witness testimony) and challenge them that any "rational" man would have to conclude that this evidence "proves" with practical certainty that Jesus rose from the dead – as the most astounding miracle of history.

This approach has always seemed more than a bit naive. And the controversy surrounding the Kennedy assassination makes that naiveté stand out all the more prominently.

THE FACTS DON'T SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

Evangelical apologists who think that a presentation of “the fact” of history is enough to vindicate the truth of Christianity against the skeptical challenges of unbelievers overlook the way in which people reach – and critically maintain – their personal conclusions about fundamental and important issues. Those who think that unbelievers would become believers if only they were made aware of the observational “evidence” (the testimony of alleged eye-witnesses) do not fully grasp the key issues in the philosophical study of the theory of knowledge (epistemology).

What they do not realize is that, contrary to a popular aphorism, the “facts” *do not* “speak for themselves.” What people see (or hear) will be unavoidably *interpreted* according to their other beliefs, their personal expectations and values, and their governing presuppositions. “The facts” do not simply stand “out there” with their meaning inherent in them, waiting to be seen for what they are regardless of what the commitments and beliefs may be of those who find “the facts.”

What a person will take to be a “fact” and how that fact is interpreted and related to other beliefs is not determined alone by the perceptions or observations (or observation-reports) which a person has. His thinking will be guided by various assumptions or controlling presuppositions.

There were plenty of eye-witnesses at the very scene of the crime when President Kennedy was assassinated. In our day we enjoy incredibly advanced techniques and technologies for investigation of evidence, physical and

personal. Hundreds of people have been hard at work dealing with the relevant clues and testimony concerning the killing of JFK. Do “the facts speak for themselves”? Do they?

The fact that advocates of the Warren Commission’s theory debate ferociously with critics of the Commission tells you that much more is involved here than a simple look at “the facts and nothing but the facts” concerning a particular event which transpired in 1963. The fact that critics of the Warren Commission disagree widely with each other in proposing other theories about the assassination of Kennedy tells you that there is much more involved here than a simple amassing of “the facts.”

This is even more the case with respect to Christ’s resurrection. Here we do not have an event which took place merely thirty years ago, but almost two thousand years ago. We do not have any hard physical evidence to investigate and no living witnesses to cross-examine. We do not have a great number of extant testimonies

(although some we have do speak of others as well). The event in question was no ordinary natural event (as the mere shooting of a man is, although he was a politically important man), but rather an awesome and extraordinary resurrection from the dead – a miracle.

If the dispute over Kennedy’s assassination shows us that the facts do not speak for themselves – that the question is not settled simply over alleged evidences – how much more should Christian apologists realize that our debate with unbelievers over the resurrection of Christ (and other matters of Biblical truth) is not simply a matter of “evidences.” It must eventually involve a challenge to the heart-commitment and intellectual presuppositions of the non-Christian.

Jesus said it long ago: “If they will not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they believe if one should rise from the dead” (Luke 16:31). RP

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MAKING THE CASE: PROSTITUTION

by André Schutten

THERE IS MORE TO THE WORLD'S OLDEST
PROFESSION THAN MOST PEOPLE REALIZE

Commonly referred to as “the oldest profession”, prostitution is a vice that just won’t go away. Or so we are told. Even some Christians suggest that there’s no sense in trying to “legislate morality”. After all, if we don’t have laws against adultery, why should there be laws against prostitution? Why should we care just because money changes hands?

But a case can and should be made for using the law to combat prostitution. There are clear biblical principles involved, and a pretty convincing practical case to be made as well. So I am going to begin biblically, and conclude with six arguments for criminalizing prostitution that even non-Christians should appreciate and understand.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT PROSTITUTION?

It takes only a cursory reading of Scripture to discover that God condemns prostitution (Leviticus 21:9, Deut. 23:17-18, Prov. 29:3, 2 Kings 23:7, etc.). And just as quickly we will learn that God will as readily forgive these sinners as any others (Joshua 2, Matthew 21:31, & the book of Hosea).

But there are other passages in Scripture, equally relevant, that we will only apply to prostitution if we properly

understand what prostitution actually is. As you will see later in this article, not all prostitutes are willing and consensual partners. In fact, the social-scientific evidence suggests that the vast majority of prostitutes are actually *prostituted* women and children. That means that others are prostituting them out against their will in order to make incredible sums of money.

Who are these prostituted women? There are a few characteristics that are common to most:

1. Typically they are fatherless. This does not mean they are orphaned, but simply that the father is not present in their lives and homes.
2. These prostituted women more often than not are first prostituted while still legally children (under the age of 18).
3. These women usually have very little money, if any at all. Any money they make goes to their controller (known as a “pimp”). Any food or clothes they get is from the pimp.
4. And finally, these girls are often from another place, having been taken away from the city (or country) where their friends or

relatives live in order to ensure they don’t try return home. The criminal law calls this human trafficking. The RCMP suggests that 600 women and children are trafficked into Canada each year for the sex trade, and untold numbers are trafficked from remote communities in Canada (often aboriginal communities) into cities across the country.

In the Old Testament, there is a group of vulnerable people that come up again and again, often clumped together: the sojourner, the widow and the fatherless. That trio (sometimes joined by “the needy”) is repeated at least 26 times in the Old Testament. Do you see the remarkable connection between that phrase and the four characteristics of prostituted women in the modern day sex trade?

It is also clear from scripture that God has a special place for the vulnerable. Consider Deuteronomy 10:

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. *He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love*

Prostitution is not the oldest profession; it's the oldest oppression.

the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt (Deut. 10:17-19).

Not only must we love them by caring for them with food and clothing, we must also defend them within our justice system:

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked (Psalm 82:3-4).

We could also turn to Isaiah 1:17, Deut. 24:17-18, Isaiah 10:1-3, Jeremiah 22:3, Ezekiel 22:6-7, Zechariah 7:9-11, and Malachi 3:5, where this message is repeated again and again.

God also sends this very clear warning to anyone who exploits vulnerable human beings (especially, in this context, pimps and johns but also those who turn a blind eye to this evil):

"Cursed be anyone who perverts the justice due to the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow." And all the people shall say, "Amen" (Deut. 27:19).

A glance through the book of Job, the Psalms (see especially Psalm 10, 68, 82 and 94) and the Old Testament prophets reveals the same harsh punishment for those who take advantage of the vulnerable. Paul picks up this line in his warning against those who live ungodly lives, stating that the law is made for those who are lawless including (among others) "slave traders" or "kidnappers" (1 Timothy 1:10).

I think it is clear then that the Bible states persuasively that Christians ought to be on guard against adultery in their own lives and ought to speak out and defend those who are forced into

prostitution. Likewise, our laws need to defend these vulnerable people. The law ought to target the pimps and the johns – the *victimizers* – however, prostituted women who are typically (though not universally) *victims* should not be punished by the law.

SIX ARGUMENTS AGAINST LEGALIZING PROSTITUTION

Having set out a Biblical argument for a change in our prostitution laws, how do we engage with non-Christians who are so dismissive of God's laws? Here are some tips on how to make your case against prostitution when debating with a non-Christian acquaintance or audience.

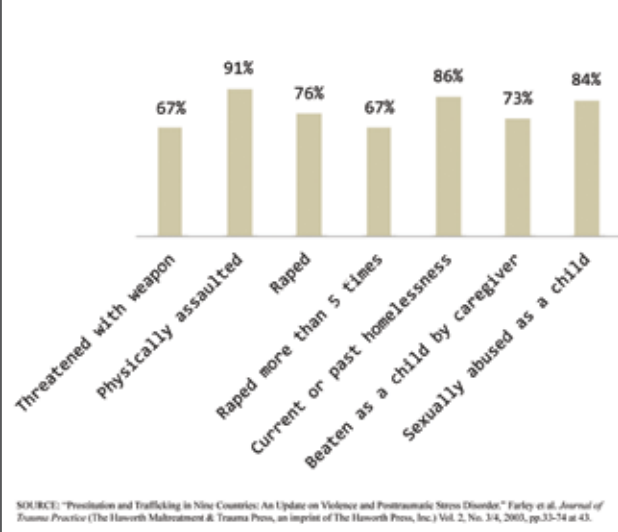
1. THINK TAKEN NOT PRETTY WOMAN

The gritty Liam Neeson thriller *Taken* is a more accurate depiction of modern day prostitution than the Julia Roberts 1990 rom-com, *Pretty Woman*. There are too many people, Christians included, who are informed about social issues through pop culture. *Pretty Woman* is one bad example of it. One prominent national columnist even publically stated her approval for decriminalizing prostitution because she loved the movie *Pretty Woman*. Evidently, she hadn't watched *Taken*. For those who have not watched the movie, read on.

2. PROSTITUTION IS INTIMATELY LINKED WITH CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Prostitution is not the oldest profession; it's the oldest oppression. Some suggest that prostitution is liberation; it is, in fact, exploitation. Statistically speaking, most prostitutes are actually prostituted women

Figure 1: Violence in Prostitution: Canadian Statistics



(note the passive voice – something done to them, not something they do). These women and girls are trafficked or coerced into the sex trade.

A social-scientific study from 2003 found that a majority (54%) of women entered the sex trade under the age of 18, some children as young as 12 years old. In the Netherlands, only 5 years after legalizing prostitution, the rate of child prostitution jumped by 300% from 4,000 child prostitutes to 15,000!

Another study estimates that the vast majority (between 80% and 95%) of these prostituted women are controlled by a pimp. The RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police - Canada's federal police force) reports that these *pimps even brand their girls like cattle* – tattooing them or scarring them in order to assert ownership over them.

3. PROSTITUTION IS INTIMATELY LINKED WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING

In Canada, a relatively progressive and safe country, the RCMP reports that 600 girls are trafficked into the country each year for the purposes of sexual exploitation. That is, young women are either tricked to come to Canada under false pretenses, or are kidnapped and brought to Canada to serve as sex slaves in order to make money for their pimps. Many more are trafficked from within our own borders, usually from vulnerable communities, like Aboriginal

... the vast majority of prostitutes are actually prostituted women and children.

reserves. Some experts speculate that a pimp can make approximately \$250,000-\$300,000 off of each girl they “own.” Similar evidence exists in other countries too: when the Netherlands legalized prostitution in 2003, the number of women trafficked into the country from poor countries in eastern Europe, south-east Asia and Africa rose.

Trafficked women are carefully controlled. Their identity documents are stolen or destroyed, threats are made on their loved ones, or their handlers threaten to expose their activities to their loved ones unless they cooperate.

Sexual exploitation accounts for approximately 80% of the world’s human trafficking. (The other 20% is generally for slave labor in third-world countries.)

4. PROSTITUTION IS INHERENTLY VIOLENT

Prostitution is violence against women. Let’s not kid ourselves - decriminalizing prostitution will not create an equal playing field for female entrepreneurs who wish to engage in a legitimate business of sexual services. The horrific reality is that the vast majority of prostituted women suffer incredible harm. Prostitution is intrinsically exploitative. Legalizing or decriminalizing a practice that is inherently harmful and dangerous does not reduce the harm, danger or exploitation. As Dr. Melissa Farley states:

If we view prostitution as violence against women, it makes no sense to legalize or decriminalize prostitution. The primary violence in prostitution is not “social stigma” as some maintain. Decriminalizing or legalizing prostitution would normalize and regulate practices which are human rights violations, and which in any other context would be legally actionable (sexual harassment,

physical assault, rape, captivity, economic coercion) or emotionally damaging (verbal abuse).

5. LIKE PORNOGRAPHY, PROSTITUTION FUELS RAPE, AND IS RAPE

The facts above should convince us that prostitution is, in almost every case, rape. And often, prostitution is the rape of a child. That makes prostitution a fundamental violation of human rights. No individual, community or society should ever tolerate prostitution. We have a duty to speak out.

For more on the link between pornography, prostitution and rape culture, listen to the interview section of ARPA Canada’s podcast here: tinyurl.com/ARPARapeCulture

6. THE LAW SHOULD TARGET THOSE WHO DRIVE THE SEX TRADE

Many argue that prostitution should be legalized in order to make it safer. However, legalization and decriminalization only benefit the pimps, traffickers and johns; it normalizes the treatment of the female body as a commodity for men to rent and for “businessmen” to rent out; it degrades the community. Legalizing or decriminalizing prostitution is fundamentally immoral.

From a public policy perspective, the law ought to target the pimps and the johns. The law ought not to target the victims, that is the “sojourners, the widows and the fatherless.” For more on this approach, consider ARPA Canada’s policy report from September 2011 advocating for a change to their prostitution laws: tinyurl.com/ARPAProstitution.

BUT WHAT ABOUT...

It would be misleading to suggest

that absolutely every single woman involved in prostitution is a victim, coerced or trafficked. There are those who willingly engage in prostitution. In fact, the Bible contemplates this reality (see Proverbs 30:20: “This is the way of an adulteress: she eats and wipes her mouth and says, ‘I have done no wrong.’” See also Proverbs 2:16, 5:20, 6:24, 7:5, 23:27). However, these types of people are the minority (and sadly, a very vocal minority). Our laws should serve to protect the vulnerable even if this means inconveniencing, though not criminalizing, this vocal minority. Their inconvenience is a small price to pay since their participation in the sex trade compounds the societal and cultural problem of the objectification of women and girls.

Finally, a word to men: In the book of Proverbs, the teacher warns his son about “the adulteress” (ESV). The teacher focuses his lesson on his son and his son’s actions (Proverbs 2:16-19, 5:1-23, 6:20-35, 7:1-27, 23:26-28). He doesn’t tell his son, “If only the prostitute were locked up somewhere” or, “The king ought to outlaw prostitutes from tempting my son.” No, he warns his son, “keep your father’s commandment,” “walk in the way of the good,” “rejoice in the wife of your youth,” “do not stray into [the adulteress’s] paths.” Although the teacher notices men falling victim to the seduction of the forbidden woman, the teacher doesn’t buy into a victim blame-shifting mentality. That is foolish. Rather, the teacher warns his son to show forethought and to not fall victim. Men must show self-control, man up, take responsibility, and be virtuous. Canada’s new prostitution law best realizes this principle.

By speaking up with your neighbors and co-workers about this important issue, by speaking truth and clarity to an issue that is often misunderstood, you too can defend the oppressed and the fatherless. And perhaps as communities – as churches – we might dare to offer help in a relational, meaningful way to these sojourners, these fatherless, these needy on our city streets. **RP**


A BETTER WAY TO FIGHT PROSTITUTION

by Jon Dykstra

On December 20 last year, the Supreme Court struck down Canada's prostitution laws, but they postponed the implementation of their ruling for one year to give Parliament time to create a new law. In June the government did so with their Bill C-36, which they hope to fast track so that it will be through the Senate by the December deadline.

The bill adopts a new approach to combatting prostitution by targeting the "johns" rather than going after the prostitutes. It will criminalize the buying of sex, rather than the selling of it.

This is known as the "Nordic model" (see the accompanying graphic) because it has already been tried in Sweden, Iceland and Norway with some success. It is also the model favored by ARPA Canada. In a brief they published earlier this year they noted that while a small minority of prostitutes engage in prostitution willingly, most are exploited and coerced: "...in a survey of downtown Vancouver prostitutes an overwhelming 95% said they wanted out of the sex trade!" In recommending the Nordic model they argue it "is the only law that provides escape for the vulnerable and exploited while also punishing those who exploit the vulnerable, the pimps and the johns."

The time to speak out is now, and one very easy way to reach your elected representatives is via ARPA Canada's Easy Mail 3.0, at easy.arpacanada.ca. You can also read their brief by visiting tinyurl.com/ARPACanada. 

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PROSTITUTION IN CANADA



Justice

On December 20, 2013, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the prostitution laws thus affording us a rare opportunity to create just laws that protect the rights and dignity of the vulnerable!

Reality in Canada

Fact



The average age of entry is 13 years

Fact



92% of Prostitutes would quit immediately if they could

Fact



Majority are lured, tricked or trafficked into prostitution.

Fact



85% of prostitutes were sexually abused as children

Vulnerable

Girls are vulnerable due to poverty, childhood sexual abuse, family issues and addiction.

Aboriginal women are grossly overrepresented in prostitution and among the women who have been murdered in prostitution.

The RCMP estimates that 600-800 victims are trafficked into Canada each year, and another 1,500 to 2,200 persons are trafficked through Canada to the United States annually.

Pimp/Trafficker

Pimps and traffickers use deception, coercion, false promises of romantic relationship, better life, false job.

"You can buy a woman for \$10,000 and make your money back in a week if she is young and pretty. Then everything else is profit." Ludwig "Tarzan" Fainberg convicted trafficker.

Human trafficking is \$32 billion / year business. 79% of victims are destined for sex trade. Canada is a source, destination and transit country.

Trafficking of Girls and Women is driven by DEMAND to buy sex

No Demand = No Trafficking/Prostitution

Nordic Model

Sweden, Norway and Iceland have laws that seek to abolish the exploitation of women through prostitution by criminalizing Johns, Pimps and Traffickers while decriminalizing prostitutes.

Seeks to Abolish

Believes:

Large focus on programs to help them leave prostitution

Justice

Legalization Decriminalization

Jurisdictions such as Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Australia have decriminalized and regulated prostitution.

Believes: Prostitutes and pimps are legal professions.

Prostitutes are required to undergo health checks but not johns

Regulated

Profession Brothels are registered businesses requiring appropriate licenses

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF THESE MODELS??

80% Decrease in number of men buying sex

Radical reduction in brothels and massage parlors

Nordic Model decreases trafficking



2/3 fewer street prostitutes

No Demand = Bad Business for Pimps and Traffickers



Swedish police report having intercepted communications from traffickers declaring that Sweden is a "bad market."



Legalization does not control the sex industry. It expands it. Over the last decade, in the Netherlands the sex industry grew 25 percent. Illegal prostitution also grew exponentially.

Mayor of Amsterdam says it's impossible to protect the girls and closed down large swath of red light district due to organized crime

Organized Crime 

More than 75% of Amsterdam's 8000-11000 prostitutes are from Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia

In the Netherlands child prostitution increased from 4,000 children in 1996 to 15,000 in 2001.





RADICAL ISLAM HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

Is it still “radical” when it is all too common?

by Harry Antonides

On August 19 the terrorist organization ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) beheaded American journalist James Foley, and then released a video of his murder to YouTube. A few days later they beheaded another American journalist, Steven Sotloff, and again posted it to YouTube.

The civilized world was shocked. This was an enemy that cared not one whit for a moral order that recognizes the difference between good and evil.

But despite the shock, many in the civilized world are still unwilling to denounce such acts in plain language, calling evil by its right name. The shock, it seems, is still not enough to overcome political correctness, and has not yet been enough to make it clear that what we call “radical Islam” is not so radical

but is, in fact, quite common all over the world.

SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL

For example, in an August 22 *New York Times* column, political science professor Michael Boyle warned against calling ISIS evil. He wrote,

...condemning the black-clad masked militants as purely “evil” is seductive, for it conveys a moral clarity and separates ourselves and our tactics from the enemy...

FrontPageMagazine.com writer Mark Tapson confronted Boyle about his naiveté. He pointed out that ISIS wants, “to overturn the political order of the world, not just the Middle East, and replace it with their own.” We may think that such a vision is unrealistic, but that

makes no difference to them. “They are executing their vision in a bloody swath across Iraq, and will continue until someone with the moral clarity and military power to stop them does so.”

The mindset behind the warning against calling evil by its right name is derived from political correctness and moral equivalence. It is a way to avoid the truth about those who in the name of Allah feel that their god is pleased when they subjugate and even kill the infidels. They mean what they say, and we should take them seriously. We also need to realize that our dispute with Islam is not only about military/political power – though that is important – but is first of all a dispute about spiritual issues, such as truth, justice and freedom. (This is why President Obama’s order to all



This photo is from a video released by Boko Haram showing some of the hundreds of schoolgirls they had kidnapped.

counter terrorism personnel, never to mention any ties between Islam and terrorism, is foolhardy and endangering the security and well-being of America.)

RADICAL ISLAM'S WAR AGAINST CHRISTIANITY

If what happened to these two journalists was a rarity, perhaps Boyle's naiveté would be understandable. But this sort of evil – these sorts of manifestations of radical Islam – happen again and again, and all over the world. Author Raymond Ibrahim collects accounts in a monthly column on his website called "Muslims persecution of Christians" (raymondibrahim.com). What follows are a few of those examples. You might think this a long list, but as he emphasized this is but the

tip of the iceberg: "one can go on and on with examples."

AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan Parliament Member Nazir Ahmad Hanafi took a stand for executing Muslims who convert to Christianity. He stated:

Afghani citizens continue to convert to Christianity in India. Numerous Afghans have become Christians in India. This is an offense to Islamic Laws and according to the Quran they need to be executed.

CAMEROON

Two Christians were shot dead and two others wounded because they had converted from Islam. Cameroon is approximately 20 per cent Muslim.

IRAN

American pastor Saeed Abedini has been held in an Iranian prison since 2012. He returned to his former country of Iran to help start an orphanage and was sentenced to eight years in prison for undermining national security through his evangelistic activities. He is a former Muslim. In a letter to family members he detailed some of the "horrific pressures" and "death threats" he was facing.

My eyes get blurry, my body does not have the strength to walk, and my steps become very weak and shaky... They are only waiting for one thing... for me to deny Christ, but they will never get this from me.

Raymond Ibrahim explained:

The imprisonment and torture of Muslim converts to Christianity in Iran is quite common....Over 300 Iranian converts to Christianity have been arrested over the past two years, according to opposition websites.

Up-to-date information confirms that Abedini is very ill, was hospitalized and found to need surgery. He was refused any treatment, shackled and sent back to prison. The long arm of ISIS has reached him in the form of death threats from

ISIS prisoners in the same facilities though they are in different sections of the prison.

KYRGYZSTAN

A young Muslim girl who converted to Christianity was beaten into unconsciousness by her parents who "wanted her to recant and renounce her faith in Christ." Afterwards they threw her in an unheated room for several days, even though it was winter, and when they were still unable to make her renounce her God they pulled her hair and "put her face against the stove, burning her face." And despite all of this, she continues to confess Jesus as her Lord.

PAKISTAN

Islamic militants, with ties to the Taliban, kidnapped a 16-year old boy who had converted to Christianity, and it is likely that he has already been killed for the crime of "apostasy." A Pakistani pastor explained that,

If a young Muslim converts to Christianity in Pakistan, he is forced to live in hiding. Every Muslim might feel compelled to kill him. The change of religion is not punished by the civil law, it is punishable by Islamic law. For this reason, cases of Muslim conversion to Christianity are very rare and some convert in secret.

In an even more outrageous, in an Easter Sunday morning attack four Muslim men raped a 7-year-old Christian girl. Afterwards the girl was in an intensive care unit in critical condition. Then, according to *Asia News*:

...the police, instead of arresting the culprits, helped the local clan to kidnap the girl's father; Iqbal Masih was taken and hidden in a secret place to "force the family not to report the story, to reach an agreement with the criminals and to avoid a dispute of a religious background."

SAUDI ARABIA

A woman who converted to

“The imprisonment and torture of Muslim converts to Christianity in Iran is quite common...”

Christianity was sentenced to six years in prison and 300 lashes. While she managed to flee the country, reportedly to Sweden, and has gone into hiding, the Christian Lebanese man who was accused of telling her about God received a sentence of six years in prison and 300 lashes.

SOMALIA

The terrorist Islamic group Al Shabaab has “vowed to cleanse the Horn of Africa of all Christian presence” and has killed many Christians who have left Islam. As Ibrahim wrote

Most recently, Al Shabaab shot to death 42-year-old Fartun Omar, a widow and mother of five, for converting to Christianity. Months earlier, they had killed her husband for the same “crime,” and had been hunting for the wife. In a separate incident, Al Shabaab publicly executed a 28-year-old man after determining that he had in fact become a Christian.

TANZANIA

At the time pregnant and with three children, When a pregnant Lukia Khalid told her Muslim husband that she had become Christian,

...he threatened to kill me if I was to stay with him. I then decided to escape that night with my three children to a neighbor’s house.... We left only with the clothes that we were wearing. The command was so urgent that we could not wait any longer. We had to leave immediately.

RADICAL ISLAM’S WAR AGAINST CHILDREN

The world got a better understanding of radical Islam’s disregard for children when several hundred, mostly Christian, schoolgirls in the Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria, were kidnapped on April 14, 2014 by the al Qaeda-linked Boko Haram. This radical Islamist organization, founded in 2002, has killed thousands of people since 2009. Its Arabic name, according to Ayaan Hirsi Ali translates as “The Fellowship of the People of the Tradition for Preaching and Holy War.”

This organization follows in the footsteps of the most cruel and violent terrorists who not only preach but wreak havoc and bring death and destruction all around. They are especially targeting girls and women who are attempting to better their circumstances by education. To rub salt in the wounds of desperate and grieving parents and whole families,

Abubakar Shekau, the leader of Boko Haram, obscenely taunted:

I abducted your girls. I will sell them on the market, by Allah... There is a market for selling humans. Allah says I should sell.

The worldwide outpouring of disgust for the terrorists and sympathy for the girls and their families lasted a short time. The Nigerian government of President Goodluck Jonathan did not do much beyond handwringing. It was reported that the authorities received word four hours before the attack on the school, but no police or military showed up. In a July 27 article in the Ottawa Citizen, this is how Mohammed Adam summarized the events surrounding the girls’ kidnapping:

The universal outrage that greeted the abduction, and the massive effort to mobilize the global community to confront the terrorists and rescue the girls, has dissipated. Western governments talked tough, promised big, but in the end, did precious little to help save the girls.... More than 200 girls are brazenly abducted, and what the world does is to shed a little tear, then shrug its shoulders and move on. It is hard to imagine the horror that confronts these girls every waking moment. The terror, the helplessness and the feeling of abandonment must be excruciating...

Boko Haram has scared off the military and security forces, leaving towns and villages at the mercy of the heartless thugs. Since the abduction, dozens, including the fathers of seven of the kidnapped girls, have been killed by the terrorists. When villages under threat ask for help, their government ignores them. Corruption is rampant, and the soldiers, poorly armed, poorly paid and motivated, have little or no inclination to put their lives at risk.

What’s happening in Nigeria is symptomatic of governments in



Pastor Saeed Abedini has been held in an Iranian prison since 2012.

The Daily Mail described this Twitter feed photo as one that was "apparently taken in the Netherlands" of Muslims showing their support of ISIS.



many parts of Africa: self-serving, uncaring and clueless. It is no surprise citizens are in despair. As for the girls, sadly the nightmare continues. All the rest of us can do is to keep praying for a miracle.

A CONTRAST THE WORLD CAN'T HELP BUT SEE

When reading the list of these unspeakable cruelties committed by murderers with hearts of stone against defenceless men, women and children, we are apt to be overcome by anger, helplessness and hopelessness. And these listed incidents are only a minuscule fraction of the complete list. It is easy to be overwhelmed with the magnitude of such barbarism. How does such evil take over the hearts of men so that they rape and kill children, *yes children*, and cut the throats of defenceless men – and then boast about it to the whole world?

Words fail, but one thing we know, the world of ISIS is based on a lie because it attempts to turn the God-made world upside down. God said that man is made to love Him and our neighbour as our self. ISIS boasts about their ability to kill and strike terror in the hearts of their enemies, which is everyone who does not bow before them.

There is, of course, much more to

be said about this topic, but one thing that radical Islamists, of which ISIS is only one branch, do is to clarify the single most important decision of a lifetime. The choice – between a man-made radical ideology of hatred, and the biblical way of life that is based on love – is a matter of life and death. Each generation has to make the choice

described in Joshua 24 as one between the pagan gods and the Lord who led them to the Promised Land. Then Joshua uttered these memorable words: "But as for me and my household, we will serve The Lord."

Go and do likewise, and spare a thought and a prayer for all those who are left at the mercy of barbarians. RP

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an *AMAZING*
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DISPLAY!

by Mark Penninga



Some injustices are on such a sheer scale as to be beyond comprehending. That's how it is with abortion in Canada - the number of dead are so large as to seem unreal. What does it mean that the equivalent of a city the size of Chilliwack, or Red Deer, or Brantford are killed each year? When we hear that more than 300 children a day are killed, does that number mean something tangible and understandable to us?

It probably does not - the sheer scale of this evil is just too enormous.

Our mission, then, was to make the incomprehensible understandable. So on the morning of October 2 the staff of ARPA Canada and more than 80 volunteers headed to Parliament Hill to plant 50,000 pink and 50,000 blue irrigation flags on the front boulevard. Each flag represented a child who had been killed by abortion in the last year: 100,000 preborn children.

BACKGROUND

This idea of a massive flag display came from my sister, who showed me pictures of some flag displays like it in the United States. The visual impact was impressive. I brought the idea forward to my colleagues Andre Schutten (Legal Counsel), Bruce DeBoer (Grassroots Director), and Mike Schouten (WeNeed-aLAW director) in January, and together we started making plans

to turn the idea into reality. Our new Events Coordinator Niki Devereaux and Webmaster Nate Bosscher became an indispensable part of the formula as the plans took shape. The largest display that we could find in the USA involved about 65,000 flags. Would we be able to pull off 100,000? How would we get permission, who would pay for it, and what impact could it have?

When we first approached Parliament with the idea, we were denied permission. It took multiple tries and a lot of communication from our Legal Counsel Andre Schutten before permission was granted. However, we were not allowed to put the flags into the main lawn that is right in front of Centre Block and the Peace Tower. We had to use the front boulevard. After looking at this closer, we realized that the boulevard had benefits which the front lawn didn't. It extends much longer, is angled towards the busy Wellington Street, and can't be missed by most of the MPs and public in the area.

Finding close to 100 volunteers who could commit to a full day wasn't easy, especially given that we decided to keep this project as quiet as possible because we did not want a counter protest to get all the attention and distract from the powerful message.

Thankfully, about 40-50 brave youth and adults travelled from southern Ontario and as far as Alberta. Another 30-40 from Ottawa came as well, representing both Jubilee church and other





ARPA friends from Ottawa's broader pro-life and Christian community. A strong majority of the volunteers were youth. We are thankful that their parents allowed them to skip school for a day and we are confident that this was an educational experience they won't forget.

THE DAY-OF

ARPA staff met at 5:30am, driving in Bruce Deboer's now famous 15-passenger van, decked out in pro-life graphics and weighed down with 100,000 flags. We dropped the flags off in bundles of 1,000 pink and 1,000 blue, based on our previous calculations for lawn coverage.

At 6:45 the volunteers all met at the Centennial flame, in front of the Peace Tower. Campaign director Mike Schouten explained the procedure for the day, Grassroots director Bruce Deboer detailed the logistics of filling the lawn evenly with the flags, and I led the team in devotions, reading from Psalm 72 which prophetically speaks about our King Jesus Christ and his regard for the vulnerable. Verses from this Psalm are appropriately carved in the Peace Tower that was towering above us.

The volunteers spent the next 1.5 hours inserting flags into the grass, and when the flags were all up we all donned pink and blue t-shirts and brought out the large banners explaining what the display was about. Thankfully, no counter-protest was

present and none formed all day. We spent the day handing out colorful cards which explained the cause and pointed to the WeNeedaLAW.ca website.

At 11:00 we held a press conference, accompanied by Members of Parliament Stella Ambler and Harold Albrecht. It was an intentional decision to not expand the group of MPs – the goal was that the focus stayed

on the grassroots Canadian public calling for justice, not the MPs. But having a respected male and female MP still made it clear to the media that there was a lot of support for what we are doing from within the walls of Parliament.

We continued to distribute the information tracts and talk with the MPs and public until 4:00 pm. The consensus was unanimous – this was an amazing day. But what impact did it have?

IMPACT #1: VISUAL

Before the flags were all up I looked down the boulevard and was caught off guard by the sea of flags. It was literally awe-inspiring and heart moving – far beyond what I expected. By the time they were all up, anyone who came to Parliament Hill not only noticed it, they were blown away. From construction workers who were making renovations to one of the Parliament buildings, to the MPs and staff, to the media, all were visibly moved.

The sheer beauty and size of the display led many to ask, "what is this all about?" As soon as we explained it represented 100,000 abortions, it was clear that the message hit home. "Wow" was a constant sentiment we heard.

For example, early in the morning a TV cameraman from one of Canada's leading national stations came by. He started

filming what he saw, turned back towards his office but then stopped, pulled out his camera again and did more filming. When we approached him to ask if he would like to arrange an interview he exclaimed that the visuals of this were so staggering that it did not even need words. He quipped that his editor would not appreciate the fact that he took far more footage than usual – he couldn't help himself.

IMPACT #2: PARLIAMENT

We were able to interact with dozens of MPs and Senators. Many of them intentionally came out to us to talk, often expressing their immense appreciation and awe. They had never seen anything like this before. As a result, some pro-abortion MPs, like NDP leader Thomas Mulcair, came by to ask what was going on and how we got permission to do this. And pro-life MPs were emboldened. They started tweeting pictures of it, leading their colleagues to do the same.

One MP had told me the day before that he was not comfortable promoting the display and wasn't sure if he would publicize it. But when he saw it and noticed the reaction among his colleagues, he started enthusiastically promoting it through his own social media channels.

MP Harold Albrecht did an extensive in-studio TV interview with Sun New, about our display. He sounded like an ambassador of WeNeedaLAW.ca and noted that he was so proud to see how civil and positive the volunteers were.

Towards the end of the day I stood outside of Centre block as the MPs were leaving after Question Period. Dozens streamed out and, judging from their responses to our information card, every single one knew what the display was about.

One MP commented to us that early in the morning the MPs in the Parliamentary restaurant were going to the windows, checking out what we were doing as we were setting it up. Another MP said that he was in the elevator with four other MPs and they were asking what it was all about, giving him an opportunity to share exactly what it was about.

Another MP, who we didn't know prior, was caught off guard by the display as she stepped out of her office. I had a chance to walk with her from her office to Centre Block. By the end of the walk, she asked

for pictures of her among the flags and volunteers so that she could share it with her constituency.

One MP was so encouraged by the flags he asked if he could give a video message to our supporters, thanking them (you). You can find that on the WeNeedaLAW.ca website. Watch it and be encouraged.

IMPACT #3: MEDIA, CONVENTIONAL AND SOCIAL

Early in morning the story had already been picked up a large local radio station so commuters were hearing about it every half-hour on the news. It was featured in two different shows on Sun News (the interview with Harold Albrecht as well as a separate in-studio interview with Mike Schouten). Both of these featured extensive video of the display and our press conference. They were very positive – almost to the point of being a lengthy endorsement. Other TV cameras filmed the display throughout the day, though it is hard to know where this went. We are beginning to see glimpses of it spread throughout the Internet. For example, it was Yahoo News' featured "photo of the day," as well as being one of the pictures of the day for BBC News website.

Outside of the mainstream, the story was picked up by the largest pro-life sites in North America as a lead story. But one of the biggest impacts was via social media. Our supporters, including many of you, shared the pictures far and wide – reaching tens of thousands of people from every corner of Canada within hours.

One of our volunteers who lived in Ottawa commented to me that she helped with the flag set-up but then had to go to her university class. She told one of the other students what she was doing early that morning on Parliament Hill. That student happened to be on Facebook at the time and showed her a picture of the display on her feed. Although she was not aware the display was even happening, she was made aware thanks to people who shared the pictures to all their friends.

It was so exciting to get emails and text messages from our friends and supporters from around the country. They were seeing the pictures and cheering us on.

IMPACT #4: FOR THE VOLUNTEERS

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the entire display was the impact it had and will continue to have on the volunteers.

Many of the people who helped us had never done anything like this before. Yes, they were aware of the issue and have talked about abortion with family and friends. But it is something completely different to stand on a busy street in downtown Ottawa, wearing a bright t-shirt and engaging passersby about the delicate issue. Many of the women walking by have had abortions. Others were experts and professionals. We were 12-year-old students and 67-year-old seniors, and many of us had never done anything like this.

When we take our convictions to the next level – action – it results in changed hearts and minds and gives us the courage and experience to keep doing this the rest of our lives. This makes it easier to apply our faith to other issues and people, including outside of the political realm. As our society becomes increasingly secular, this is so important.

I was moved by the stories from the volunteers who shared the conversations and their responses to people going by. Their parents, pastors, and teachers must have done a good job educating them because they demonstrated grace-filled and truth-filled responses to the difficult questions and challenges. For example, one pro-abortion man challenged a couple

of young teen volunteers to stop "imposing their religion" on women and society. By the end of the conversation he said, "you sure know your stuff!"

Never once during the day did I see any of the volunteers acting disrespectfully or responding inappropriately – keep in mind that many were young teens who were skipping school. This was noticed! One MP who we had never interacted with us before was so impressed with the conduct that he joined us after the day was over and made a speech, standing on the edge of the centennial flame fountain, expressing how impressed he was with the witness of the volunteers.

MOVING FORWARD:

ARPA has made 5 separate display packages, each with 10,000 flags, with the purpose of having them move through Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, and BC, reaching towns and cities throughout Canada in the years to come. We are looking to you to make use of these! They include banners, information tracts, and t-shirts. And it comes at no cost! We are encouraging that they be used beyond the Reformed community. They can be shared with all pro-life groups. Email Niki Devereaux (niki@arpacanada.ca) for more information.

We thank God for the freedom, the means, and the level paths that he provided to turn one idea into a strong voice for justice for our preborn neighbors.





SALES

AS A NOBLE CALLING

We might not think of sales as good job for Christians but we should

by Rene Vermeulen

Many years ago, when I first arrived in Australia, I was working for a dry cleaner who soon realized that I would never make it as a professional dry cleaner. One morning he asked me what I really wanted to do. When I told him that my ambition was to sell, and preferably clothing, he spoke to a fellow businessman and arranged for me to start working for him.

That was my start in the menswear trade.

TAKE A GENUINE INTEREST

The man I started with was a very hard taskmaster, but knew his trade inside out. The lessons he taught me have stood me in good stead.

One of the first things I learned from him was to take a real interest in the customer. Customers soon know whether you are interested in them or only in the money they will leave behind. Taking a real interest means listening - taking the time to hear their concerns so you can best meet their needs. For a teenage apprentice that was sometimes a little difficult, especially on a Saturday afternoon when the beach beckoned

and you really wanted to shut the shop but the customer had much to share. If I got distracted, or started giving the customer only half my attention, my boss would soon notice and let me know his displeasure immediately after the customer left. So my first lesson was to take a real interest in the customer.

SELL ONLY WHAT MEETS THEIR NEEDS

The next lesson: make sure that you sell what suits the customer. Far too often people try to sell what they want to get rid of, or what they have overstocked. Or, they take the attitude anything will do as long as I make a sale. Well, the best way of losing customers is to sell a product for the wrong reason.

If you are not a salesperson, you might think this is self-evident. But when the opportunity presents itself to make a big sale it can be rather tempting to sell the product regardless of whether it suits the customer. And let's face it, some customers are far too gullible for their own good, and will buy whatever the charming salesman shows them. So this can be a real temptation. But not only is it wrong, it is shortsighted. You might be

One of the keys is to sell a product you believe in.

able to sell anything to them, but when the customer gets home that night his wife, or his friends will be sure to tell him he got snookered. Once he learns he has misplaced his trust in you, he will no longer be your customer.

To meet your customer's needs you need not only to take a genuine interest, but you need to really know your product. That means studying, reading, and listening to others to learn more about what you are selling. I learned the necessity of that especially during the time I was in the insurance business. The client may trust you, but then you better make sure that that trust is warranted. The only way to do that is to really know your product. And it makes no difference what trade or profession one is in. The customer is turning to you for your knowledge, and your experience. The

latter comes only with time, but the first can be increased with good effort.

SERVICE, SERVICE, SERVICE

My boss also taught me about service. Many people have no idea what service is. It means giving of yourself, and making the other feel valued.

This can be worked out in big ways and small. Many in sales, when they answer the phone fail to sound friendly, or they do not announce the name of the firm they represent nor give their own name. Small things maybe, but important ones. It is even important to smile when answering the phone. You don't believe me? Try it with someone. I did. We had a fellow working for us who always answered the phone in the most serious manner. When I tackled him on this he replied that it should not matter as the other person couldn't see his face. We decided to do a test. I picked up my phone in my office and rang him. I spoke to him in various ways and asked him later if he had noticed the difference. He had. He could tell when I smiled or when I was serious. Many people forget that the phone is often the first contact one has with a firm. So yes, service starts even in answering the phone.

In a shop or showroom it is important to welcome people in a friendly and sincere manner. Let the customer know that you are there to help them. Even when you are busy serving someone it is often takes but a little effort to recognize another person and let him/her know that you will be with them soon.

Go the extra mile. If you don't have the item the customer needs, offer to get it. Sure this sometimes can cause extra costs, but if you put yourself out the customer will generally appreciate it and become a customer for life. You might not be the cheapest in town but if your service is better than that of others, customers will even accept that as the price to pay for top class attention.

A real estate agent will tell you that there are only three things that matter when buying property: location, location, location. Well, there are only three things that matter in sales: service, service, service.

If you don't want to give service – friendly, well meant, genuine service – don't become a salesperson.

HOW DO CHRISTIANS DO SALES DIFFERENTLY?

So far I have only dealt with matters that everybody can agree on. But is that all there is to it?

What about the fact that you and I are Christians? Won't that affect the way we do things? That is a good question.

The man I learned my trade from was not a Christian. The reason he did things the way he did was because he believed that it was the best way to build a business. So whether you are Christian or not, it is easy to see the benefits of having an honest, up front approach to serving the customer. Many salesmen do not use this approach, but the best will.

What then is different about the way Christians might do sales?

The difference comes down to *why* we do things. Our whole life should be lived in a Christian manner, to the honor of God and to the benefit of our neighbor. That means that we need to examine ourselves to see if we are doing our work out of a real desire to serve God and our neighbor.

We need to remember it is not possible to wear one hat on Sunday and a different one during the rest of the week. You cannot be a pious godly Christian on Sunday and a hard, sharp businessman the rest of the week.

Being a godly salesman means that even if no one will find out about a little untruth – some little subterfuge which can help to increase the bottom line, some little exaggeration, or some not quite honest spin – that can never be part of our thinking. People should know you claim to be a Christian, and they will watch you to see if you are true to your profession. Therefore it is imperative that a Christian businessman lives very close to the Lord and asks Him daily to direct his life, so that in selling, too, we may give glory to Him. RP

A version of this article was first published in the January 2000 issue under the title "Salesmanship"

SELLING AS SERVICE

A tale of three salesmen

by Jon Dykstra

My first foray into sales left me thinking it would be hard to be a Christian salesman.

My product was good – a top-of-the-line vacuum – but the price was insane, and the sales techniques we were taught were absolutely vile. This was the whole “get your foot in the door so they can't slam it on you” approach. We were given a response to any objection someone might have (“Don't have time? Well, when can we come back?” “Too expensive? Can you really put a price on your children's health?”). Our target audience was people who were too polite to tell us to take a hike. It was pressure sales at its worst, and after a few weeks I left the job. In my mind the product wasn't worth the price, so I was rather relieved that I hadn't made any sales.

Years later I had an opportunity to go to quite a different company and mingle with their sales staff at the company's annual meeting. Of the many people I met one young man stood out. He was proud of his salesmanship abilities. He bragged that he could sell refrigerators to Eskimos. As he continued to thump his chest my already low opinion of salesmen sunk even lower.

But then I met the company's “salesman of the year.” He was a Christian man, and while he was consistently one of the company's best salesmen, he wasn't one to brag about himself. However, if you turned the conversation to the product he was selling, well, then this gentleman was quite excited to share its many benefits, and features. He didn't brag about himself, but he took great pride in the excellence of his product. So yes, he was selling something, but more to the point, he was helping people by showing them something that was well worth the purchase price. This was sales as service – connecting a customer to the exact sort of item they most need or want.

He taught me that one of the keys to being a Christian salesman is to ensure you only sell products you can be proud of. Then selling can be an act of service, and each sale can bring glory to God. RP

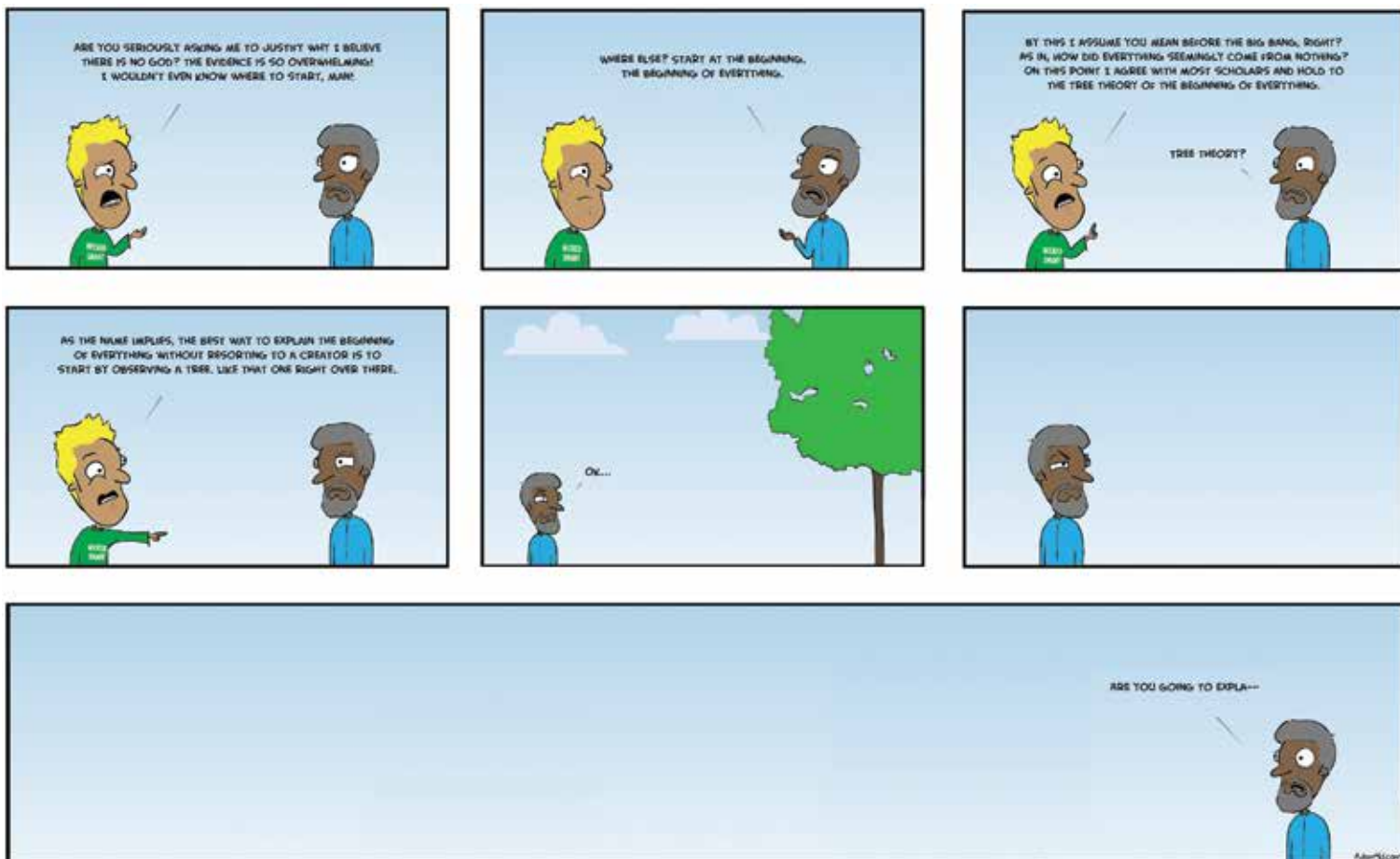
Rene Vermeulen

(1941-2014)

In the November issue of 1984, Rene Vermeulen made his very first appearance in the pages of *Reformed Perspective*. The article was titled "Australian Politics" and gave readers a crash course on the make-up of his country. And over the course of the next 26 years he contributed well over 150 articles on topics that ranged from sounding the alarm about Islam to what Christians should think about unions. He only stopped writing when illness slowed him, with his last contribution appearing in the May

2010 issue. And on August 19 of this year the Lord took Rene to Heaven.

To celebrate his life, and the gift God gave us in this man, we will be reprinting a few of Rene's very best articles over the next months, and posting them to www.ReformedPerspective.ca. Rene always offered a thoroughly Reformed perspective in all he wrote, and we thank the Lord for the counsel and wisdom He gave us through this man. **RP**



{ IN A ^{A STOLEN GIFT} NUTSHELL } BY JON DYKSTRA

SEASON YOUR WORDS

Every day, our words could write a book of 50-60 pages (cited by John MacArthur in his sermon “Exposing the Truth About Men’s Hearts”). As you consider the book that might be made of your words, what would it look like? Would it be a book you would like to give away as a birthday present? Would it be a book you could read to the grandkids? More importantly, would it be a book you would be content to sit down and read with the Lord?

- Rev. Andrew de Vries, in his article “Talk the talk” in the May 2013 edition of *Faith in Focus*

TRUTH TRIUMPHING OVER SPIN

Proverbs 18:17 tells us how important it is to hear both sides of a story: “The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.” In his book, *How to know God exists* Ray Comfort recounts a story, that while not true, shows what can happen if you are stuck with hearing a story from just one source.

The story is told of a symbolic foot race that took place between Russia and the U.S. during the Cold War. The very best athlete from each country compete to see who was superior. The American runner won. The next day, the Soviet newspaper headline read: “Russia comes in second in big race; US comes in next to last.”

BUMPER STICKERS

- What if there were no hypothetical questions?
- Eschew obfuscation
- If you can read this, I can hit my brakes and sue you.
- If you ate pasta and antipasta, would you still be hungry?
- How is it possible to have a civil war?
- A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.
- Five out of four people have trouble with fractions

CAUGHT IN A RUT? YOU’RE NOT ALONE

Railroad tracks in Canada and the US

are precisely four feet, eight and one half inches wide. Why this odd measure you ask? Well, North American railroads were for the most part built by British immigrants, and back in England they built their railroad lines 4 feet, 8.5 inches wide. But why were English railroads built this way? Because the first rail lines in England were built by the very same people who had built the country’s tramways, and that was the distance the tramways used. The tramways in turn were constructed this odd width because trams and wagons were being built by the same people, and so the wagon producers decided to build the trams the same width as their wagons.

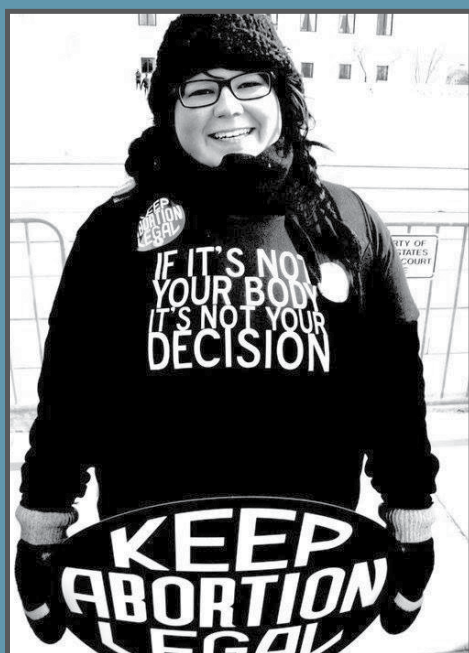
But why were wagons this odd width? Because wagons any wider or narrower didn’t fit into the old wheel ruts on the country’s highways and the wagons had to fit into these ruts or their axles would break. So the question is, who originally formed these ruts on England’s highways? The Romans of course. Many of the roads across Great Britain were originally built by the Romans, who used chariots with a wheel base of 4 feet, 8.5 inches. They made the ruts and thus set the width of railroad lines 2000 years later.

SOURCE: J. William Pfeiffer’s Roadkill on the Information Highway

EVOLUTION IS A NON-STARTER

“Survival of the fittest doesn’t explain the arrival of the fittest.”

- Dr. Donald Batten, explaining in the documentary *Evolution’s Achilles’ Heels*, that while the process of natural selection can whittle down the a species to only the fittest few, it isn’t a *creative* force – it pares things down, but can’t explain the origin of anything new.



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REVIEWS

A POTPOURRI OF GREAT DVDS

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

DRAMA

1940 / 120 MIN



In 1939 rumors of war were constant but real news, the real facts, were hard to uncover. When American journalist Johnny Jones is sent to report on Europe's increasingly desperate peace efforts he discovers instead a spy ring using peace conferences as a cover for their activities. This is Alfred Hitchcock's take on the months before World War II, with much of the action taking place in the Netherlands, including in and around windmills.

There are no real cautions to offer: The film has no nudity, one kiss, and while an assassination is shown, it is over in less than a second. It does have some "love at first sight" nonsense, but even this is pulled off with charm:

Johnny Jones: *I'm in love with you, and I want to marry you.*

Carol Fisher: *I'm in love with you, and I want to marry you.*

Johnny Jones: *Hmm... that cuts down our love scene quite a bit, doesn't it?*

Nominated for six Academy Awards, including Best Picture, this is a good yarn that I would recommend it to any classic film lover. But you've not seen a black and white film before, the pacing on this one might be too slow for you.

SONG OF SURVIVAL

DOCUMENTARY

1985 (2004) / 58 MIN



By early 1942 the Dutch East Indies were under Japanese control and all Westerners were being interned in camps. It would be three-and-a-half years before they were freed.

Song of Survival chronicles how after being held captive for 18 months a group of women in one camp – Dutch, Australian and British – came up with the morale-boosting idea of performing the works of Beethoven, Schubert and Chopin. The problem was, they had no instruments...so all parts were performed vocally! The choir's principle organizer, Margaret Dryburgh, had an extraordinary memory for music and, as we hear in the documentary,

she had no sheet music, no instruments, but she was able to recall the melodies and harmonies of over two dozen orchestral and piano themes and arrange them for 4-part women's voice.

The founding of this vocal orchestra serves as the framework for the much larger story of what it was like in these Indonesian internment camps. Of the almost 100,000 non-Asians who were interned many died of malnourishment, and untreated diseases. The Japanese captors were often brutal, and generally uncaring.

So who would want to see this? Anyone with an interest in history, World War II (and particularly the Dutch perspective), music, or simply stories of courage, will appreciate this story. You can purchase it online at Amazon.com.

THE RECKONING: REMEMBERING THE DUTCH RESISTANCE

DOCUMENTARY

2006 / 96 MIN



The narrator of *The Reckoning* notes, "Hundreds acted. Millions did not." This is a tribute to the courage of these special few, and delves deeply into the ordinary details around their courageous activities. Director John Evans uses a host of 1940s photography, interviews with surviving Resistance members and archival footage to bring viewers right into the dilemma these men and women faced. We should never make the mistake of thinking them fearless – one gentleman recounts how he had to change his shorts after one run in with the Nazis. And yet deciding to act seemed a simple decision for many. God gave them an understanding of right and wrong, and the conviction to act on it. It was a simple decision for some, but millions more declined. Viewers can't help but wonder, "Would I have been among the few?"

While this is an important film that I hope many will see, it does contain some graphic war footage, and film of some of the concentration camps including footage of skeletal bodies piled one on another. So this is not appropriate for small children.

THE SILVER FLEET

DRAMA

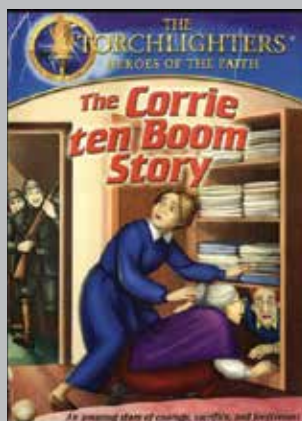
1943 / 88 MIN



As the occupation begins the Nazis ask Dutchman Jaap van Leyden whether he would like to continue on in his job as a shipyard manager. They want him to complete work on two half-built submarines that were originally intended for the Dutch navy. When he decides to accept the position both his workers and his wife question his patriotism – why is he willing to be a collaborator? But while van Leyden may not have the courage to stand up to the Nazis, someone else does. The workmen have started receiving anonymous messages outlining a daring sabotage plan. The notes are all signed "Piet Hein," a historical Dutch hero. Stirred by the memory of Hein's great deeds done long ago, and their own strong love of country, the workmen are happy to help this mysterious figure.

My only regret is that *Silver Fleet* doesn't explore why these men were willing to risk their lives. Their love of country is the expressed motivation, but for Christian viewers, who know that our country can do nothing for us after death, patriotism should strike us as a wholly insufficient reason to risk one's life.

Silver Fleet remains a tribute to the bravery of Dutch men who, whether the directors cared to acknowledge it or not, were willing to risk their lives for love of God and country... in that order.



THE CORRIE TEN BOOM STORY

ANIMATED / BIOGRAPHY

2013 / 34 MINUTES

What's an appropriate age to expose our children to the truth about Nazis, concentration camps and dead numbered in the millions? Those are horrible truths, but ones that can't be avoided if we are to have the next generation remember the self-sacrificial love, the bravery, and faithfulness of the many millions who rose up to fight this evil.

The Corrie Ten Boom Story might be a good way to begin. The film's producers suggest that it is appropriate for children as young as 8, but I read one review from a mother who watched it with her three and half year old (she pointed out to her little boy that the Ten Booms were Christ-imitators, offering up their lives to save the Jews). I don't know if I would go quite that young – I haven't shown this to my four-year-old yet – but the filmmakers have done a remarkable job of presenting a muted, yet still accurate account of the horrors of World War II.

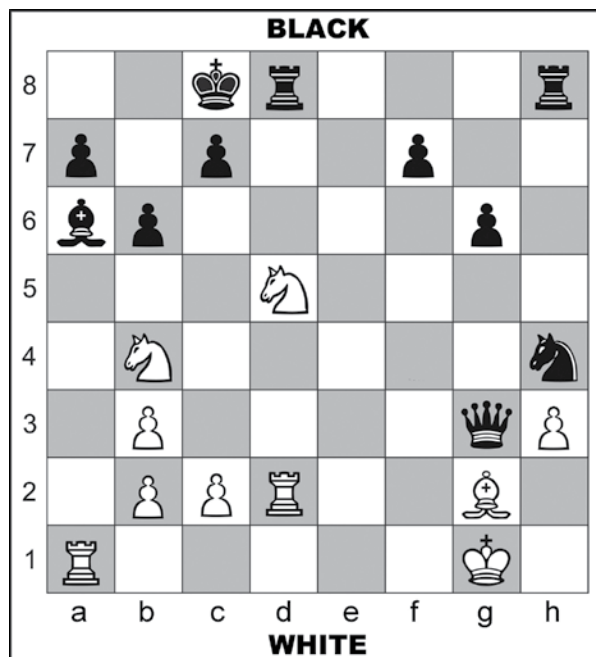
The Ten Boom family ran a watchmaking business in the Netherlands, and when the Germans invaded and started rounding up Jews, the Ten Booms began hiding Jews. It was a courageous yet simple decision for them – they knew this was what God wanted them to do. They helped many, but were eventually betrayed and sent to concentration camps. Here the same love for God that had them hiding Jews helped Corrie endure the loss of her father and sister – she trusted that God knew what was best.

After the war she travelled extensively telling the story of God's faithfulness in all her trials. At one speech she met a former captor, a man who had viciously beaten her. He asked Corrie to forgive him. What would have been too much to ask of anyone, Corrie was able to do with God's enabling strength – she gave the man the forgiveness he was seeking.

Corrie Ten Boom will be a familiar name to many *RP* readers. Her biography, *The Hiding Place* is quite famous, as is a 1975 film by the same name, and I believe there is also a play that one or two of our Christian schools may have performed. What sets this animated account apart is that it makes her story understandable and accessible to a much younger age group. I would highly recommend it for any school-age children, but it must be watched with adult supervision, so mom or dad can talk with any child who gets confused or worried.

ENTICING ENIGMAS & CEREBRAL CHALLENGES

Chess Puzzle #213



Riddle for Punsters #214

"An Idea Planted in his Mind?"

What did the farmer say when his son suggested that they begin sowing a new crop? Let's pro _ _ _ _ to do so!

Problem to Ponder #214

"Mathematics is Just Up his Alley"

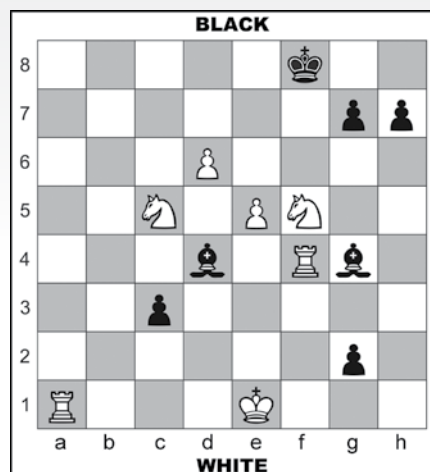
Jimbo decided to take Anabelle bowling. In the first game she scored 12 points higher than Jimbo, in the second game they tied and in the third game Jimbo had 21 points higher than Anabelle.

- How much higher was Jimbo's average score compared to Anabelle's?
- Jimbo scored 120 then 130 in the first two games. Anabelle's average score for the three games was 134. What was Jimbo's score in the third game?

WHITE to Mate in 2 Or, If it is BLACK's Move, **BLACK to Mate in 2**

Last Month's Solutions

Solution to Chess Puzzle #213



WHITE to Mate in 3 (involves a discovered check)

Descriptive Notation

- R-R8 ch K-B2
- N-K7 dis ch B-B4
- RxB mate

Algebraic Notation

- Ra1-a8 + Kf8-f7
- Nf5-e7 dis Bg4-f5
- Rf4xf5 ++

BLACK to Mate in 2

Descriptive Notation

- P-N8=Q ch
- R-B1 B-B7 mate

Algebraic Notation

- g2-g1=Q +
- Rf4-f1 Bd4-f2 ++

Answers to Riddle for Punsters

#213 – "A Fine Feathered Friend?"

Why was William the Duck not successful at baseball? He hit way too many fowl balls. What did close duck friends call him? Bill.

What was his favourite snack before bed? Cheese and quackers.

Answers to Problem to Ponder

#213 – "Go with the Flow"

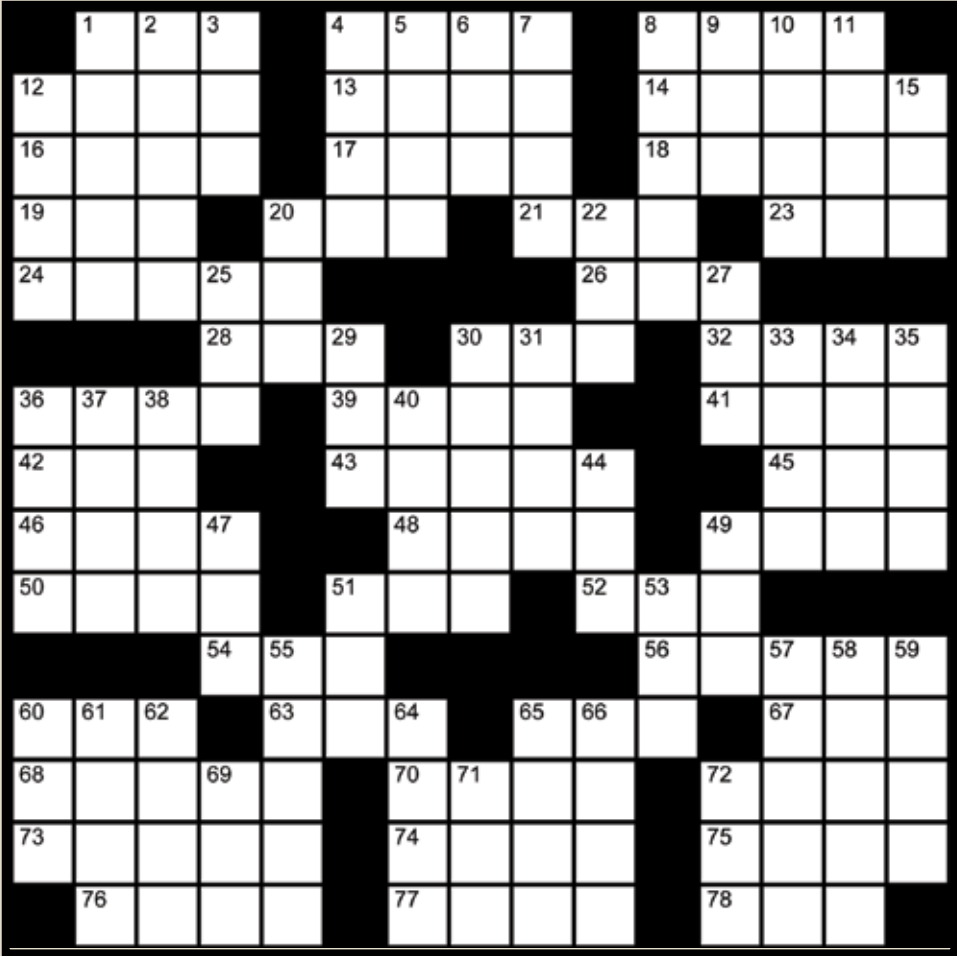
Two ducks always swim at a constant speed of 3 m/s (relative to the water they are in). They are swimming together upriver (so against the current flow) in a river which has a current speed of 2 m/s [therefore their net speed **relative to the river bottom** is 1 m/s when swimming upriver]. One of the ducks sees something edible floating 90 m downriver from where they are. He immediately turns around and swims with the current to the food. The other duck walked onto the nearby riverbank as soon as the first duck headed downriver.

- How long does it take the duck to reach the food?

The duck swims downriver with the current at a speed of $3+2=5$ m/s relative to the river bottom while the speed of the food relative to the river bottom is 2 m/s so the duck swims toward the food at a relative speed of 3 m/s and so takes $90\text{m} / 3\text{m/s} = 30$ seconds to reach the food.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



SERIES 1-1

PUZZLE CLUES

- ACROSS**
1. "You dirty ____!"
4. "An ____! A craftsman casts it..."
8. "I saw the Spirit descend... like a ____"
12. Nonsense, in British slang
13. Roman emperor who famously fiddled
14. What many employees ask for
16. Slang for address
17. Each one can be found in textbooks
18. Pertaining to an area
19. Hawaiian necklace worn by tourists
20. He called the light "day."
21. "from Elim... to the wilderness of ____"
23. Cogito, ergo _____. Does it all add up?
24. Bean used for making chocolate
26. Using this, in pairs, is going downhill.
28. Nation with longest undefended border
30. Scottish cap
32. Moses' writing has many of these

36. Absalom's was very long
39. Wearing shoes
41. Attraction that comes with a hook
42. Joy or delight, in Helsinki
43. Sarai's second name
45. Small child, 1/3 of the way to tottering
46. Adjective describing spiritual adultery
48. Master of Tibetan Buddhism
49. Drunkards
50. "_____ not on your own understanding"
51. Musical note, in alternate spelling
52. Promote enthusiasm at a rally
54. Dogfighting master in the air
56. Lifeless, dull, or banal
60. Possesses
63. Opponents of the Luftwaffe: abbr.
65. Third person singular feminine pronoun
67. You can get quite a kick out of this bird
68. "_____ in showing honor." (Rom.)

70. A shoe-in for holding your tongue
72. Heavenly bodies, archaically speaking
73. Shallow platforms for carrying things
74. Magnum _____.: best and biggest work
75. _____ of Worms got emperor all choked up.
76. Son of Zeus and Roman "god" of war
77. Cut and/or polished stone
78. Age of someone aged

- DOWN**
1. Competition of cowboys and cows
2. Main form of sonar in WWII (abbr.)
3. "_____ word is a lamp unto my feet"
4. What textbooks tell us, in short
5. "and there lay Sisera _____" (Judges)
6. Foe of Aragorn, Legolas, and Gimli
7. _____ of _____ are sold by realtors
8. "...all _____ the same spiritual drink"
9. Up a creek without this is a problem

10. Strongly competes for a prize
11. His brother strongly competed with him
12. Substance in baby powder
15. Tree threatened by a Dutch disease
20. Natural _____.: major Russian export
22. Suffix referring to a system of ideas
25. "Let us make man in _____ image..."
27. "No _____ befalls the righteous" (Prov.)
29. To assume makes an _____ out of u & me
30. Hebrew name for five books of Moses
31. The second one saved us from our sins.
33. Self-propelled vehicle, for short
34. Timber that has been planed smooth
35. "The LORD _____ the prisoners free"
36. _____ country: often found in O.T.
37. Sheltered from the wind
38. One of top ten safest states in 2009

40. Found on angels in art
44. Chance for partial happiness
47. Basic molecule of the genetic code
49. Place of hot liquid refreshment
51. The Red _____.: deadly trap for Pharaoh
53. Biblical first mate
55. Where Christ saved us from our sins
57. Serious and immediate danger
58. Put reporter in army unit: variant sp.
59. Man's origin and destiny (Eccl. 3:20)
60. "A _____-tempered man stirs up strife..."
61. What makes the famous famous
62. "...a _____ shall come out of Jacob..."
64. Don't do this to a dead horse.
65. "..._____ of the world..." (1 Cor. 4:13)
66. Prominent WWII Nazi Rudolf _____
69. Lydia probably used it (Acts 16:14).
71. Imitate or mimic mockingly
72. Lyric poem, eg. "_____ on a Grecian Urn"

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