



# Issachar Comments Papers

## Expounding biblical concepts on the world scene today

**RE-DEFINING MORALITY**

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### **Child Sex Scandals**

What has happened to our nation? The revelations of child sex scandals coming out of Rochdale in Lancaster and Rotherham South Yorkshire are almost beyond belief. For more than 10 years gangs of immigrant men from a different cultural background have been allowed to roam the streets in Rochdale picking up schoolgirls from care homes and grooming them for sex. On 9th May this year eight Pakistani men and an Afghan were jailed for rape and sexual abuse of girls as young as 13.

Now Rotherham is in the news for similar offences. *The Times* (25.09.12) reported that as far back as 2002 a confidential Home Office report said that three brothers from one British Pakistani family were linked to the exploitation of 54 local girls in Rotherham whose ages ranged from 12 to 15. Nothing was done about it!

The following year, 2003, a 13-year-old girl who had been repeatedly raped by Pakistanis went to the police for help but they didn't believe her tearful account. She came from a stable home and her parents reported the problem to Social Services but they also did nothing. They even wrote to Home Secretary David Blunkett, but still there was no action. A 2010 report to Rotherham's 'Safeguarding Children Board' said that such crimes had "sensitivities of ethnicity which are locally sensitive in terms of diversity". It warned that it was "imperative that suggestions of a wider cultural phenomenon are avoided".

### **Coded Language**

Unpacking this PC coded language, what these Rotherham officials appear to be saying was that they were too scared of upsetting ethnic minorities to do the job they were paid to do - protecting vulnerable children. Police reports of their interviews with the 13-year-old say that she had "voluntarily" gone to the home of these Pakistani men and therefore what happened was "consensual sex". The police appear to have been unaware that under British law there can be no such thing as 'consensual sex' for a 13-year-old, she is below the age of consent! She should have been granted all the protection of the law. Instead of which it was the men who were protected; no doubt because of their race!

If they had been white British men surely the full force of the law would have descended upon them, as in the recent case of the 30-year-old maths teacher who went to France with a 15-year-old Sussex schoolgirl which provoked an international hunt. Or, are Sussex schoolgirls treated differently in law from North-country girls?

### **Uncovering the Truth**

It is scandalous that these men could have been taken off the streets back in 2002, instead of which they had 10 years in which to exploit and corrupt vulnerable children. Why has this been allowed to happen? Newspapers have been calling for a public enquiry. Of course, they love a scandal; it sells papers. But in this case, they are surely right; nothing less than an independent public enquiry is needed to uncover the truth.

In uncovering the truth we need to start with what is happening in schools throughout the country where

inappropriate explicit sex education is being forced upon innocent children dragging them into the cesspit of contemporary British adult life. The whole sex education system in our country needs to be exposed to view so that parents can see what is being delivered to their children. It is also time we changed the law allowing contraceptive devices to be fitted to under-age girls without the knowledge or consent of their parents. Girls can also obtain the 'morning-after' contraceptive pill on a totally confidential basis which keeps their activities hidden from their parents and increases their vulnerability.

### **Lifestyle Choice**

As if this were not enough! Our police and social services are now flouting the flimsy laws of protection that are in still place and they are, in practice, re-defining morality to protect the lawbreakers and allow them to have sex with children. To apply the term "consensual sex" to a 13-year-old girl is a gross distortion of truth. But even more outrageous is the justification for failing to protect a child rape victim given by a Rotherham woman police officer. She interviewed one of these girls who was being repeatedly abused and wrote in her report that the child had "made a lifestyle choice".

So this is how we re-define morality to account for the sexual coercion of children! First we teach them from the earliest possible age all about the physical details of sex (without mentioning marriage or lifelong commitment). Then we supply them with the means of contraception and abortion. Then when they are groomed and abused by paedophiles we say that they have "made a lifestyle choice" - in other words it's their own fault.

### **Distortion of Truth**

This is yet another gross example of our 21st century culture turning moral values upside down. Instead of the perpetrator of evil being at fault, it's the victim!

Re-defining morality is a distortion of truth which is the hallmark of our 21st century culture. Once you abandon the God of Creation and turn your back upon our centuries old Judaeo-Christian heritage there are no ultimate standards of truth by which to judge right and wrong. We are rapidly reaching the point where everyone makes up their own rules and 'relativism' replaces law.

### **The Plumb Line**

There are plenty of historical examples of the consequences of such socio-cultural perversions. A similar situation has preceded the collapse of ancient civilisations where corruption undermined social stability. In the Northern Kingdom of Israel, shortly before it was annihilated by the Assyrians, the prophet Amos brought a stark warning to the leaders of the nation. He described a revelation he had been given where he saw God standing by a wall with a plumb line in his hand.

It was a regular practice of safety officers in Israel to check on the condition of the city walls which guarded the population. They held a plumb line against the wall which showed if there were any bulges which indicated that there was corruption building up pressure inside the wall cavities which could cause it to collapse suddenly. The warning from Amos was that God was putting a plumb line among the people. It was the plumb line of truth which showed that the nation had abandoned the standards of a godly nation and was thereby putting themselves outside God's protection. The warning was ignored and the inevitable happened.

Will this be the fate of our nation? Or will Christians who are the guardians of biblical truth arise from slumber and declare the word of the Lord not only to shine the light which exposes wrongdoing, but which brings the transforming love of God into the lives of those who are desperately hurt and confused by the injustices and cruelties of a corrupt generation?

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