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### The Slaughter of the Innocent taking place today in Ulster

When the power-sharing agreement between Sinn Fein/IRA and the DUP was set up, it established a regime in which political expediency took precedence over moral and spiritual rectitude. That was evident from the beginning when, among other things, the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister took over the administering of the funding of sodomite and lesbian causes, initiated by Peter Hain while he was Northern Ireland Secretary.

The administering of the fund was repeatedly denied by the DUP for it recognised the departure from its former anti-sodomy stance. It was particularly wrong and embarrassing for those DUP supporters who were Free Presbyterians, since the Word of God condemns sodomy in the strongest of terms.

Attempts were made to make out that those who made such allegations against the OFMDFM were liars and driven by base motives.

However, time soon declared that the allegations were true when Peter Robinson acknowledged early in his "reign" that such funding was taking place.

#### DISCLOSURE

Further evidence of this moral betrayal has surfaced with the disclosure that the power-sharing regime is also funding "In vitro Fertilisation" for lesbians.

MLA, Jim Allister, has questioned the Northern Ireland Health Minister, Edwin Poots, a Free Presbyterian member, why this is permitted by him?

The MLA's questioning has also exposed the dreadful and terrible truth that since 2006, over 4000 embryos have been destroyed by the Department of Health.

Mr Allister rightly pointed out in a statement he issued on this matter that: "A human embryo is, biologically, a living human being at the earliest stage of its development. Of course, it is dependent on the mother to nurture it and give it life, but, genetically, it is a distinct organism, different from both the egg and the sperm from which it grew. It does, in effect, need nothing more than the nourishment of the mother to grow into a recognisable human being."

For the Christian, the Word of God is the final authority in such matters. It tells us what an "embryo" is and the consequences of its "destruction" or being "allowed to perish" - the terms employed by Mr Poots in his statements on this issue.

#### WORD OF GOD

In Psalm 139, we have David praising the Lord for the mercy displayed to him throughout his life.

In verse 16, David says: "Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them." The Hebrew word for "substance" is "embryo or fetus".

The clear teaching of this verse is that David existed in the eyes of God, in the womb, while yet an embryo. The destruction of that embryo would have entailed the murder of David!

What a solemn thing is the destruction of some 4385 embryos as indicated by the figures given by Mr Poots (See statement below)!

This slaughter exceeds the death toll in the recent years of IRA terrorism. The DUP is stained by this crime as are those Free Presbyterian MLAs who have voted this power-sharing regime into existence and maintain its rule in Ulster.

Every Free Presbyterian would be against abortion. The destruction of embryos is just as criminal and just as wrong in the eyes of God.

Perhaps many MLAs were ignorant of this happening but that excuse is gone.

#### WHAT TO DO?

What will they now do, when it has been clearly established that they are party to such wickedness?

Mr Poots issued a statement which was reported in the Belfast Newsletter in which he said: "I can appreciate that the destruction of embryos is an emotive subject but I have been advised that the most common reasons that embryos are allowed to perish include that the embryos are of a poor quality and not suitable



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for transfer back to the patient or cryopreservation, the legal consent period has been reached or the couple withdraw their consent to storage."

This is a most dreadful statement. Here is a justifying of the destruction of human life because it was adjudged "poor quality" by some scientist! This is acting as did the Nazi scientists. This is man acting as God and consequently it is most abominable! Does Mr Poots believe that man can decide such matters? Is he really, as a professing Christian, happy to excuse his actions as Minister of Health with such reasoning?

Mr Poots also went on to say: "It should be noted that fertility issues are a reserved matter [at Westminster] and we are therefore legally bound by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990, (amended by the 2008 Act) which provides legal instruction on creation, storage, consent and use of embryos outside the human body and storage and use of gametes to create embryos."

Again, this is reminiscent of the excuse given by Nazi officers for their actions - "We were only carrying out orders." The Nuremberg Tribunals decided that such a plea was inadmissible. It remains so today.

Principle IV of the Nuremberg principles states: "The fact that a person acted pursuant to order of his Government or of a superior does not relieve him from responsibility under international law, provided a moral choice was in fact possible to him". The parallel teaching, long before promoted in the Word of God, is: "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men," Acts 5:29, KJV. God's law is above man's law!

Mr Poots does not have to administer this wicked law. He could, like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3) refuse to obey and suffer the consequences, which would not have meant a fiery furnace but a standing down from his political office. For some, the loss of such status would be deemed worse than the fate of the three Hebrews!

How much better it would be for Ulster today if Christian politicians had refused to administer those unscriptural political initiatives that were presented to them in Stormont in 2006/2007 rather than seeking to justify them and that for the most base, sinful, self-advancing motives dressed up in garments of public service!

It was to be expected that Mr Poots and others within the DUP would claim that there is nothing they can do to stop the unethical programme of IVF within the Health Service. This, of course, is true. Such things as IVF and abortion are but two of the many practices endorsed and embraced by today's society and which will not be rejected unless a mighty moral reform, ushered in by a move of God in revival, were to take place. But be that as it may, what Christian politicians must not do, irrespective of the political fallout, is to simply endorse such ungodliness or even remain silent about such issues. That the Word of God forbids.

Such matters are to be opposed passionately and at all costs. It would appear that Mr Poots, if he has truly given any thought to this most serious matter, is happy to go along with the ungodly thinking of "science falsely so called".

The injunction Mr Poots and others should heed is that stated by Paul the Apostle: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God," Romans 12:2, KJV.

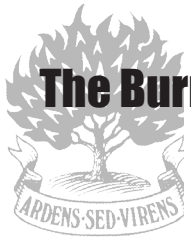
Politicians are very accustomed to considering the electorate's views on matters and taking those views very much to heart and acting upon them.

For the Christian, it is not the electorate that decides such matters, it is the Lord! "Thus saith the Lord" is the maxim of the child of God in the face of life's dilemmas.

It has been truly said before that "it is never right to do wrong"!

It remains to be seen if it is so with the Christians in Stormont.

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## Mr Jim Allister's statement

### TUV questions why public is paying for IVF treatment for same sex couples

TUV Leader Jim Allister has questioned why in Northern Ireland the Health Minister permits access by same sex couples to publicly funded IVF treatment.

"Childlessness can be a great source of anxiety and distress for many couples. Hence, the great help which publicly funded IVF treatment has brought to many. But, I do have to question why public funds are spent on affording this service to same sex couples, who by the very nature of their lifestyle choice have determined they are not interested in natural procreation. Yet, the public are expected to pay for expensive IVF treatment to facilitate reproduction for same sex couples.

"In my view publicly funded fertility services should not be available to lesbian couples.

"When I recently pressed the Health Minister, Edwin Poots, on this issue I found his answer disappointing. While he said he will give 'consideration' to reviewing the access criteria for fertility services when NICE publishes updated guidance in July 2012, there is no commitment to act, which falls short of what I expected from this minister and his party.

"Publicly funded fertility services is supposed to be available to couples who have a medical cause for infertility. Choosing a same sex lifestyle is hardly a 'medical cause for infertility'!

"I was also surprised to discover that approximately 1000 embryos per year are being discarded in Northern Ireland within the IVF programme.

"As I identified in the recent Assembly debate, there are troubling ethical issues flowing from IVF. Of most significance is the destruction of unused embryos. A human embryo is, biologically, a living human being at the earliest stage of its development, Of course, it is dependent on the mother to nurture it and give it life, but, genetically, it is a distinct organism, different from both the egg and the sperm from which it grew. It does, in effect, need nothing more than the nourishment of the mother to grow into a recognisable human being. Thus, the destruction of a thousand embryos a year in Northern Ireland is a troubling issue."

### Below are the relevant Assembly Questions & Answers:

#### Question:

To ask the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether he intends to review the availability of publicly funded IVF treatment for lesbian couples.

#### Answer:

Publicly funded fertility services are, and always have been, available to couples, including same sex couples, who have a medical cause for infertility. Those with a diagnosed cause of infertility can access the services immediately; those with an unexplained cause must have been actively trying to conceive for a period of three years.

I will give consideration to reviewing the access criteria for fertility services when NICE publishes revised guidance in July 2012.

Information on the number of same sex couples who have received publicly funded IVF treatment in Northern Ireland is not available.

#### Question:

To ask the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many human embryos have been de-



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stroyed in each year since the introduction of publicly funded IVF treatment.

### Answer:

It should be noted that the most common reasons that embryos are allowed to perish include that embryos are of poor quality and not suitable for transfer to the patient or cryopreservation, the end of the legal consent period for embryo storage has been reached or the couple withdraw consent to continued storage.

The figures for the numbers of embryos that have been discarded in the course of publicly funded treatment in Northern Ireland are given below (only available from 2006) –

Year of treatment	Number of Embryos discarded
2006	1
2007	74
2008	1151
2009	916
2010	811
2011	1207*
2012	225*

\* Figures given for 2011 and 2012 are provisional.