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### The dark winter of national apostasy



Just some of the recent headlines of the crimes committed against children.

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**Comments on the nation's slide into ungodliness that has come in the wake of the rejection of God's Word by the national churches as it is illustrated in the news items of our newspapers**

The story of Josiah's reformation, in 2 Kings 22-23, provides us with a vivid picture of the consequences of a nation losing the Word of God. Some eighteen years after Josiah came to the throne of Judah, he initiated a series of repairs to the temple at Jerusalem. It was as a result of these activities that the book of the law, which presumably had long lain neglected and ignored, was rediscovered. And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD, 2 Kings 22:8. The recovery of the Word of God sparked a reformation.

The wicked practices within the nation, to which Josiah sought to put a stop, were permitted to flourish, as a result of the darkness that prevailed in the absence of the preaching of God's Word. Among the wickednesses that he opposed there was that of sodomy. And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove, 2 Kings 23:7. The casting aside of the Word of God had led to the introduction of idolatry into the temple. The deities of man's imagination are always served by man's corrupt appetites. The impure deities that were placed in the house of God were served by the impurities practised by their devotees. Sodomites dwelt near the temple, indicating the dominant position they had begun to hold in the unclean society that had emerged in the absence of the witness of God's Word.

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The recent scandal involving the antics of former Welsh Secretary, Ron Davies, who claims he was robbed while taking a late night walk on Clapham Common, has deepened and become a greater embarrassment to Tony Blair's government. While claiming to have been the victim of a crime, Ron Davies nevertheless deemed it necessary to resign immediately as Welsh Secretary. This he followed up with a speech in the House of Commons which seemed to centre upon the fact that his father was brutal to him and the rest of the family, during his boyhood years. The man who was arrested for robbing Ron Davies has been released from custody with no further proceedings being taken against him. It would appear that the Government would wish no further publicity to centre on the sordid business. another and yet another

In the aftermath of the controversy, another Government minister was named as a sodomite. He was Peter Mandelson. Two weeks after the Davies affair, a newspaper disclosed that yet another minister was a sodomite and that a former 'partner' was prepared to tell his story of their two-year liaison. He is Agriculture minister, Nick Brown. In the wake of that disclosure, press reports declared that Tony Blair's office was backing Nick Brown and there will be no question of him resigning.



Agriculture Minister, Nick Brown

While such perversion is practised and accepted, even defended, at Government level, it is not surprising that in the darker recesses of the nation, evil practices will flourish.

In Newcastle, in north east England, an enquiry into the abuse of nursery school children has concluded that two nursery teachers, Christopher Lillie and Dawn Reed, were part of a paedophile ring and allegedly abused over 60 children in their care. Some of their victims were less than 2-years-old. The children were used by the two perverts for pornographic videos. The two were brought up on charges in 1994 but the evidence of a 4-year-old girl was deemed inadmissible by the trial judge and the case was dropped. The findings of the enquiry were published just a week after the Government announced the formation of a national register of people considered unsuitable to work with children. The register is part of a 375 million response by the Government to a flood of revelations regarding child abuse within state-controlled children's homes and institutions.

The plague of sodomy-related and perverted attacks on children in places, where it would have been considered that they were safe, has affected such institutions as the St John's Ambulance Brigade. Members of a paedophile ring are in prison awaiting sentencing in Hampshire, England. They include the 64-year-old superintendent of the Farnborough division of the Brigade, Leslie Gaines. The two other men, 51-year-old Colin Hawes and 69-year-old Eric Attfield, pleaded guilty along with Gaines to a number of charges. In a separate case, another St John's Ambulance superintendent, Mervyn Rees, 50, from Aldershot in England was jailed for a year for eight indecent assaults upon girl cadets.

A former manager of Celtic boys' club of Glasgow, James Torbett, 51, was found guilty of indecent conduct against former boys' club players. And in the world of rock music, pop star, 'Gary Glitter,' real name Paul Gadd, has been charged with making indecent pictures



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of children and of possessing such. He also faces serious indecent assault charges. Gadd, 54, was released on bail to appear at Bristol Crown Court on January 18th.

Such reports are but a very small tip of a very big iceberg. It can only get worse since those institutions that ought to be bulwarks against such wickedness are themselves contaminated by it. A former Church of England minister who served in the Church of Ireland, was jailed for six-and-a-half years at Omagh Crown Court. He was found guilty of indecent assault on boys. The judge said of him that he was 'an evil predator who would remain a danger to young boys until he died.'

Even the young themselves show signs of the corrupting influences at work in society. There have been notorious cases in which youngsters have murdered other children smaller than themselves. Last month, the newspapers reported the case of a brother and sister being detained for a total of seven and a half years for attacking another who was on his way home from school. They abducted the lad and tortured him for nearly three hours. The victim, who was eleven, was repeatedly punched, kicked, stabbed, beaten with sticks and then thrown into a river. He had over 40 injuries when he finally was able to stagger home. A court in Carlisle, in the north of England, heard how Daniel Greer, 12, and his sister, Emma, 15, admitted inflicting the injuries after frogmarching their victim to a lonely park. Defending barristers blamed the children's behaviour on the uncaring treatment the children had received. Judge Robert Brown took the unusual step of naming the children because they posed a serious threat to others.

These are not isolated cases. Sadly, a magazine could easily fill its pages each month with the sordid and heart-breaking records of wickedness against the young and the innocent that is perpetrated by those who claim to be their guardians and their guides. Leaders of the ecumenical churches have been in the forefront of the battle to destroy Bible Christianity in these islands. One such leader is Bishop Richard Holloway of Edinburgh. He supports the blessing of 'same-sex marriages' and has attacked the action of some Church of England bishops in the House of Lords who opposed the House of Commons legislation for the lowering of the age of consent for sodomites when it came before them for consideration. The House of Lords voted down the legislation.

There needs to be a rediscovery of the Word of God. Only under its influence will there be a pulling down of the houses of the sodomites who have invaded even the precincts of the house of God and which exercise such a baleful influence in our nation.