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### God's Truth turned upside down!

I highlight the following two news items in order to illustrate the swiftly advancing tide of abandoning of the ONLY true basis of righteousness and truth - The Word of God!

As a preacher, retired yes but still burdened with the need to set forth God's TRUTH for these days!

Whenever I see such reports as these, I know that many Christians see them and also are grieved at them BUT do we all recognise the 'signs of the times'? (Matthew 16:2-3.)

Sadly, it is very common for us to miss the significance of events taking place around us. Distractions by the flesh and its desires, the devil and his minions all serve to divert our attention from that which we should be noticing.

I think of the parable of the wheat and the tares and what it says of distraction and the terrible consequences. "But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way," Matthew 13:25. That same thought is given us in the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept," Matthew 25:5.

It is little wonder Paul often called for a shaking off of sleepiness! "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed," Romans 13:11.

How diligent was the Lord Jesus in repeating this same cry. "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch," Mark 13:35-37.

As the fading of the daylight oftentimes creeps up on us unnoticed, even so the intensifying darkness of these end times has crept up on many believers without them being truly conscious of that fact!

It is the faithful preacher's task to keep the flock of God alert to the dangers that they face and the activities of the enemy. How terrible when those with this solemn task are as those referred to by Isaiah! "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber," Isaiah 56:10.

We are in the time of the end. "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time," 1 John 2:18. One of the features of the 'last time' is the turning upside down of God's truth!

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isaiah 5:20.

Those upon whom the Lord pronounces such a woe are everywhere in our midst. Governments, parliaments, politicians, professing ministers of Christ and those who would claim to be Christians have all engaged in whitewashing sin and blackening holiness! Every form of perversion has been endorsed and 'sanitised' and legalised while the holiness of "the old paths, where is the good way" (Jeremiah 6:16) is mocked and derided and held up to contempt and scoffing.

These two news items show how the grossest of wickedness is rewarded and the endorsing of the most evil actions hardly raises an eyebrow!

Here in Ulster, this 'new morality' has promoted the acceptance of sodomy and its related perversions, the slaughter of unborn infants and the elevating of murderers and their supporters into government, with even professing Christians, aye and even Free Presbyterians, endorsing such wickedness by joining with such in government. This defiance of God's Word has helped to promote the abandoning of God's true standard of



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holiness in this age.

Here are two reports which make plain the trend of today.

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### Letters of claim lodged for 200 former internees

Allison Morris - Irish News, 30 May, 2020. (We have left in the grammatical errors etc)



**Gerry Adams speaking earlier this month after a Supreme Court ruling quashed his historic convictions for escape.**

More than 250 former internees have lodged a claim with the High Court following the Supreme Court ruling earlier this month which quashed historic convictions against veteran republican Gerry Adams.

The former Sinn Féin leader claimed his two 1975 convictions were unsafe because his detention was not "personally considered" by the then-secretary of state for Northern Ireland Willie Whitelaw.

Mr Adams, 71, attempted to escape from the Maze - also known as Long Kesh internment camp - on Christmas Eve 1973 and again in July 1974. He was later sentenced to a total of four-and-a-half years.

At a hearing in November, Mr Adams' lawyers argued that because the interim custody order (ICO) used to initially detain him in July 1973 was not authorised by the minister,

therefore his detention was unlawful and his convictions should be overturned.

Solicitor Pádraig Ó Muirigh said his clients believe they were subject of an unlawful Interim Custody Order in circumstances where the "prerequisites of consideration by the then Secretary of State were not fulfilled".

"In circumstances where it was the function and sole responsibility of the Secretary of State to properly consider each and every application for an Interim Custody Order, we will be putting the Secretary of State to his proofs to demonstrate such lawful consideration was given in relation to each of our clients", Mr Ó Muirigh added.

Along with the 200 men and women represented by Ó Muirigh solicitors, it is estimated that up to 600 former internees could be eligible for compensation for unlawful detention following the Supreme Court judgment.

Mr Ó Muirigh said: "Since the Supreme Court judgment we have been reviewing our clients prison files and have found an absence of evidence of consideration of the applications by the relevant Secretary of State, whether during the tenure of William Whitelaw, Francis Pym or indeed Merlyn Rees who served as Secretary of State when internment ceased in late 1975.

"We are also reviewing the lawfulness of the detention without trial of our around a further 200 clients from the 9th August 1971 until November 1972 under the earlier Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act 1922.

"This recent judgment by the Supreme Court has again brought into fresh focus the failed policy of internment and its questionable legal framework", he added.

KRW Law who act on behalf of 30 ex-republican and 19 loyalist internees said they have also been authorised to issue proceedings against the Secretary of State, NIO, PSNI and MOD "alleging false imprisonment, unlawful detention, assault, battery and trespass arising out of Interim Custody Orders served from 1972-75".



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One of the main cases involves republican Tony Sloan who was interned three times and was one of the last internees when released in December 1975.

Solicitor Kevin Winters said "The first so called ex-loyalist internment case was due for full hearing before the High court on 19/5/20 but was taken out because of the COVID- 19 crisis.

"The adjournment could not have been more timely given the prospective significance of the Adams ruling on both sets of cases. From initial assessment on some of the papers it seems the necessary protocol was not in place including crucially an absence of the signature of the Secretary of State on the ICOs.

"We expect the case to be heard later this year when the full impact of that ruling will be made known".

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Below is the response of Mr Jim Allister QC, MLA, to statements made by Sinn Fein leader, Mary Lou McDonald when she stated, amongst other things, that the IRA campaign of terror was 'justified'!

I cannot but point again that this is the party that the DUP is joined with in a political union. How can they do this and escape the shameful culpability of 'guilt by association'? How far removed is the DUP from the days it declared that it was out to smash Sinn Fein. They ended up ushering them into power and thereby a degree of apparent respectability.

There is a price yet to be paid by those in the DUP who have brought this about and those who may not fully endorse it but have maintained a cowardly silence when all that is holy requires an open, courageous denunciation!

### **Nothing Justified about PIRA Murder Campaign**

Statement by TUV leader Jim Allister, May 29th 2020.

"Mary Lou McDonald obviously recognises that she needed to backtrack somewhat after the masked slipped in her interview with the Sunday Independent last weekend in which she claimed that the IRA campaign was justified.

"She might say now that it isn't her role to justify anything but after endorsing Provo murders a few days ago she only has herself to blame when people ask the questions which logically follow.

"Just what about the PIRA campaign was justified? The M62 coach bombing because it resulted in the murder of nine soldiers? Were the two children – aged 2 and 5 – and their mother murdered in the same incident merely collateral?

"Were the murders of Nora Field, out shopping for her 92 year old mother, and Irish photographer John Breslin justified because they happened to be passing Chelsea Barracks when an IRA bomb exploded?

"Was the use of Patsy Gillespie as a human bomb justified?

"Those are just a few of the examples of how the IRA decided to "take on the British state" as Ms McDonald puts it.

"The truth is that each and every murder carried out by the PIRA was unjustified and unjustifiable. Any objective study of the Provo campaign will tell you that skulking in ditches in an effort to shoot an off duty police officer or UDR man in the back didn't constitute taking anyone on. When they did actually encounter the forces of the British state they either ran away or met a swift end as was the case at Loughgall.