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The arrogant folly of Westminster

"And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments. And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds," Revelation 16:5-11.

The blind stupidity and the utterly unavailing defiance of God by rebellious sinners that is recorded here will, of course, come to pass and that perhaps not in the too distant future.

However, it has ever been seen in the history of man, though perhaps not quite so blatantly as it will yet be seen. We see a measure of it today in the proposed actions of Boris Johnston's government regarding changes to the abortion and same sex marriage laws here in Northern Ireland.

Here is a recent newspaper report on the matter as it appeared in the "Belfast Newsletter", on Wednesday, 25th March 2020.

GOVERNMENT'S ABORTION REGULATIONS 'IGNORE VIEWS' OF MOST OF NI, SAYS MP

Newly published abortion regulations for Northern Ireland ignore the overwhelming majority of people in Northern Ireland, a DUP MP has claimed.



Carla Lockhart

The move comes following a landmark law change last October following a private members bill at Westminster which decriminalised abortion in the region.

However there has been criticism, both by Amnesty International over a gap in provision sparked by the coronavirus pandemic, as well as from anti-abortion campaigners who oppose the services being extended to Northern Ireland.

DUP MP Carla Lockhart described the decision by the Government to lay the regulations today as "contemptible", claiming it "ignores the devolution settlement and the overwhelming viewpoint of the Northern Ireland people".

From March 31, the regulations will allow abortion on request for first 12 weeks of pregnancy; abortion up to 24 weeks on grounds of continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk of injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman or girl.

Abortion will also be available in cases of severe and fatal foetal anomalies, with no gestational limit.

Amnesty International has welcomed the regulations, but warned that they will fail to keep women safe during the current health emergency.

Grainne Teggart, Amnesty International's Northern Ireland campaign manager, expressed concern that the guidelines do not permit women to take both abortion pills at home, during a time when Government advice has been against travel in measures to stop the spread of Covid-19.



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"The Government's decision not to allow women to self-manage abortions at home during the current health crisis is dangerous and puts women at risk," she said. "Travel for this healthcare is neither a safe nor viable option at the moment and Government should be doing what it can to help women in the safety of their home."

However, anti-abortion campaigners have slammed the regulations as the "wrong course for Northern Ireland".

Care NI chief executive, Nola Leach, said it was a "deeply sad day" for Northern Ireland, adding there will be "considerable anger" at the framework.

"The fact the Northern Ireland Office is proposing a more liberalised law on abortion than the one currently in place in Great Britain adds insult to injury," she said. "The reality is that Westminster should never have acted to override the devolved Assembly on this issue. Elected representatives from NI have been ignored and the voices of thousands of individuals have simply been set aside."

"The NIO has also clearly ignored the fact that the overwhelming majority of those who responded to the public consultation on the new framework were completely opposed."

"We understand the magnitude and scale of the crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic in Northern Ireland and beyond. We also recognise Assembly members are understandably focusing on this issue at the current time."

"At Care NI, we believe both lives matter and that ultimately, the new abortion services being provision proposed will harm - not help - women and babies."

Man is like the devil in that he believes he can disregard God and His law and still enjoy success in his ventures!

In the midst of a plague, which is expected to claim thousands of victims in the United Kingdom and when the Government is spending £billions to seek to avoid such deaths and at least eliminate to some degree, the sufferings that such an epidemic will bring about, the same Government is planning to bypass the opinions of the people Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Assembly and enforce upon our Province new liberalised abortion and same-sex marriage laws in complete defiance of God and His Word.

Some 6 million plus unborn children have been murdered by successive British Governments and now the present Government plans to add to that crime by forcing abortion upon Northern Ireland.

Back in October 2014, I wrote the following in the face of a push by the then 'Justice Minister', Alliance Party member, David Ford, to liberalise the law on abortion.

"No human being has the right to end the life of an unborn child. - neither mother-to-be nor her medical advisor. The commencement and the termination of life are in God's hands alone and it is a gross and wicked sin for anyone to put forth their hand to take that power to themselves."

The traumatic and psychological consequences for many mothers who have aborted their babies are well documented. That in itself argues against abortion. The removal of a diseased organ or limb does not bring such a level of lasting trauma! Nature itself cries out against abortion of the unborn irrespective of the reason."

Heed these Scriptures:

"And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?" Exodus 4:11.



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"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand," Deuteronomy 32:39.

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man," Genesis 9:6.

It is a capital offence in God's eyes to shed the blood of a man unlawfully, that is contrary to God's law. How much more serious it must surely be to shed the blood of the innocent unborn merely on the basis of some social contrivance, like that advocated by those who would have abortion offered to those for whom the birth of a child would prove "inconvenient and lifestyle-disrupting"! It is an impious and wicked insult to the wisdom of God to end the life He has begun, simply because we can see no good cause for its continuance.

In truth, lying behind the thinking of David Ford and his supporters is the spirit of lawlessness referred to in Psalm 2.

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us," Psalm 2:1-3. It is the spirit that will manifest itself more and more until the Day of the Lord and His intervention to put down such rebellion.

Here in Ulster we have a "Justice Minister" moved and anointed by the spirit of lawlessness. It bodes ill for the future, does it not?"

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At a time when the nation should be humbling itself before the Lord as it is visited with a pestilence of Biblical proportions, we see blinded leaders again flying in the face of Heaven's display of vexation and adding fuel to the fires of wrath which burn against us daily by further trampling God's Law underfoot!

While it is our duty to warn against such folly and label it for what it is - REBELLION AGAINST THE LORD - we know that our opposition will largely go unheeded. Mankind is bent, as it always has been, on going its own way and rejecting the Lord's way.

The Saviour met with this spirit!

"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not," John 1:10-11.

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God," John 3:19-21.

"And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life," John 5:40.

"And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not," John 8:45.

"And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: and if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go," Luke 22:66-68.

And so will it continue until the end of this age and the Lord responds with judgment.

"Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; and to you who



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are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day," 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10.

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