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NSPCC in coalition with Sinn Fein in opposition to God's Word



The NSPCC, in conjunction with Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein, is at the forefront of the opposition to the use of the means of discipline taught in God's Word. Martin McGuinness, Minister of Education in the Northern Ireland Assembly, has been identified in various publications and photographs as a leader of the IRA in Londonderry in the early years of the recent IRA terrorist campaign. This is something that he has confirmed in a

statement submitted to the "Bloody Sunday" inquiry in Londonderry. As a prominent IRA member, he is responsible for the murder of many, many innocent people. This self-confessed director of terrorism is planning to introduce legislation in the Northern Ireland Assembly to ban the use of corporal punishment within Independent schools. In truth, this is an attack by McGuinness on the Free Presbyterian Church for it alone has schools which permit the use of corporal punishment.

Supporting Sinn Fein in this attack upon Bible believers is the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. It has waged a national campaign against "smacking", claiming it is cruel and an abuse of children and their rights. What the NSPCC is saying is that it knows better than God. It is important for this to be recognised by Christians in Ulster for while they would not financially support Sinn Fein, many believers would have sympathy with the work of the NSPCC. Before they ever give again to this charity, let every Christian give thought to what their money is being used for.

The present state of lawlessness in society is the result, in part, of the utter ineffectiveness of modern parenting, especially in the area of child discipline. Paul said that apostasy and departure from God's Word would bring disobedience to parents (Romans 1:30, 2 Timothy 3:2) and he was correct. The impact of modernistic and liberal theology is evident all around us. The classroom, the living room, the play group, the super-market — all present images of the failure of modern parenting methods. The NSPCC and their ally, Martin McGuinness, are determined that such lawlessness will continue and increase.

Was God wrong when He said: *Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell* (Proverbs 23:13 -14)? Was He advocating cruelty when He said: *He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes*, Proverbs 13:24; *Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying*, Proverbs 19:18; *Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him*, Proverbs 22:15?

The answers to these questions are simple for Christians. Of course He wasn't. There is a kindness that proves ultimately to be cruel and an apparent cruelty which reveals itself to be kindness indeed. Many of the actions of mothers, doctors, and others acting for the betterment of those in their care, bring forth sobs and cries of real pain. Are we to ban such ministrations because of the initial suffering they cause, irrespective of the resultant bene-



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fits?

There is no rationality to the campaign by the NSPCC. When the word “abortion” was entered in their website search facility, it revealed that there was no mention of the word on their site. Over two million children have been murdered through abortions in the United Kingdom. Why no mention of this cruelty? Because it is not deemed to be a cruelty, never mind murder. The reason for this is exactly the same as the thinking behind their campaign against the use of corporal punishment: the NSPCC, as an organisation, is opposed to the teaching of God’s Word. God says that abortion is murder; the NSPCC says He is wrong! God says that corporal punishment is necessary and right in the discipline of children; the NSPCC says He is wrong! The attempt by this unholy coalition to deny Christians the right to obey God signals a re-emergence of state-sponsored opposition to Bible Christianity.

It is time to pray, Christian, as never before and to remember the part the NSPCC is playing in this evil plan the next time a representative of that organisation rattles a tin before you.