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DUP members give a lead in defying God and His law!!!

Justice Minister Claire Sugden has announced in Stormont that "she has secured approval of fellow Executive ministers in the DUP/Sinn Fein-led administration to extend to Northern Ireland the provision for pardons in the Government's Policing and Crime Bill." (Belfast Telegraph, 8/11/16).

The DUP denied its involvement in the funding of sodomites for the first year or so of the 'Power-sharing' executive's life. It berated anyone who dared to state the truth as a 'liar'! Then it was finally acknowledged by Peter Robinson that funding had taken place. That funding has continued with DUP former minister Mervyn Storey, in a statement at the beginning of 2015, acknowledging that his department had given money to sodomite organisations. (See **Mervyn Storey, Minister for Social Development in the Northern Ireland Executive, tried to distance himself from funding of sodomites**)

This latest decision takes the matter much further, for this is something that the DUP in conjunction with Sinn Fein have initiated. When the DUP in 2007, through the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, took over the funding of sodomites, they were continuing a scheme which had been initiated by the last Secretary of State before power-sharing, Peter Hain.

They cannot hide behind the skirts of a Westminster politician this time and blame him for the shameful enterprise.

This the DUP are fully implicated in from its inception.

No granting of pardons would be possible without the full cooperation of the DUP. As the Justice Minister stated, she has "secured approval of fellow Executive ministers in the DUP/Sinn Fein-led administration to extend to Northern Ireland the provision for pardons in the Government's Policing and Crime Bill." DUP approval was required before these 'pardons' could be enacted.

There is a guilt that sits squarely on the shoulders of every DUP member of Stormont. Their approval was necessary for this evil venture to proceed.

When you step on to the road of defiance of God and His Word, the slope only gets steeper and more slippery! This decision by the DUP takes all its approving members well down that slope!

Under the legislation, posthumous pardons will be granted to all those convicted of relevant offences who have since died. Those still alive can make individual applications for similar pardons.

"Pardon arrangements should be brought to Northern Ireland as soon as possible to ensure that there is equal treatment for gay and bisexual men here as for their counterparts in England and Wales," said Ms Sugden. She continued, "The provisions will allow for pardons in respect of convictions for abolished homosexual offences involving consensual activity with persons over the age of consent."

The Justice Minister went further. "This is an opportunity for the criminal justice system to try and right the wrongs of the past and one which will allow for much earlier resolve than that presented by way of an Assembly Bill."

"Right the wrongs of the past" clearly indicates that the condemning in a court of law of the wickedness of sodomy and a punishing of the same were wrong. That flies in the face of God's Holy Word.

"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.," Leviticus 20:13.

Naturally, the DUP initiative has won praise from Northern Ireland-based LGBT organisation the Rainbow Project. It welcomed the pardons.

Project director John O'Doherty said: "This is the first time that the Northern Ireland Assembly has made



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positive moves in respect of LGB&T legislation and we are hopeful that with cross-party support the pardons will be applicable to convictions made against gay men living in Northern Ireland.

"It was only in 1982 that the criminalisation of gay and bisexual men in Northern Ireland was ruled unlawful by the European Court of Human Rights, and we are pleased to see these homophobic and discriminatory convictions quashed, especially as they ruined the lives of so many men in Northern Ireland at the time."

How evil and deceitful it is to say that these "homophobic and discriminatory convictions" "ruined the lives of so many men in Northern Ireland at the time."

Sin, not the punishment of it, ruins lives!

"Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices," Proverbs 1:31.

"I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings," Jeremiah 17:10.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting," Galatians 6:7-8.

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren," James 1:14-16.

"For the wages of sin is death," Romans 6:23.

This Assembly Bill places every DUP member, not just its MLAs, but every fee-paying member of the party, within this evil coalition that is now about to declare how wrong it was in the past to follow and endorse the Law of God and condemn sodomy as a sin worthy of punishment.

That is where the compromise, which began in 2007 when the DUP entered an alliance with the murderous Sinn Fein/IRA, has taken the party and it can be said with assurance that the compromise will continue downward and the departure has further depths yet to plumb.

"O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!" Deuteronomy 32:29.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death," Proverbs 14:12.

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