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CHANGE IN IRISH CONSTITUTION DOES NOT CHANGE GOD'S LAW!!

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him," Jude 14-15.

'Irish vote to scrap offence of blasphemy' So ran the headline in an Irish newspaper. The report continued: 'Blasphemy is to be decriminalised in the Republic of Ireland after voters overwhelmingly supported a referendum to remove it as an offence in Irish law.'

The result, announced late on Saturday night (October 27th), saw 64.85% of the electorate voting Yes to decriminalise blasphemy, while 35.15% voted No.

Justice Minister Charlie Flanagan welcomed the result, saying there was "no room for provision such as this in our constitution." "Ireland is rightly proud of our reputation as a modern, liberal society."

The last successful conviction for blasphemy in Ireland was in 1703 and the last attempted prosecution was in 1855 - both cases were taken when Ireland was under British rule.

Stephen Fry case

Many voters were unaware that such an offence existed in modern Irish law until 2015. Stephen Fry was the subject of a Gardaí (Irish police) investigation in 2015.

Mr Fry had been asked by an RTÉ programme what he would say to God if there was an afterlife.

He replied that he would ask why the world had been created with 'such misery' and cited children with bone cancer as an example of suffering. He went on to utter vile and blasphemous words against the Lord which I am not prepared to repeat. A member of the public made a formal complaint about Mr Fry's comments to gardaí (Irish police).

'Outrage'

In 2017, the Stephen Fry case was dropped, reportedly because officers could not find a substantial number of people that had been outraged by his remarks.

The last person to be prosecuted for blasphemy in Ireland was a Roman Catholic priest who was accused of burning a Bible in Kingstown (now called Dún Laoghaire) in 1855.

'Fr' Vladimir Petcherine argued in court that he was attempting to burn 'evil' literature and did not realise a Bible was among the pile of books on his bonfire. The priest was found not guilty.

Sixteen years after achieving independence from Britain, the Republic of Ireland drew up a new constitution which included a clause on blasphemy.

The 1937 Constitution states: "The publication or utterance of blasphemous, seditious, or indecent matter is an offence which shall be punishable in accordance with law."

However, blasphemous matter was not defined until 2009, when it was included in an overhaul of defamation legislation.

Friday's referendum was purposely organised in tandem with the presidential election. The turnout was 43.79% and 951,650 people voted to decriminalise blasphemy.

The Irish Justice Minister Charlie Flanagan, may consider that the Irish Republic has acted as is becoming for "a modern, liberal society" but how blindly ignorant and wrong he is!



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Changing the law on blasphemy and abolishing it as an 'offence' under Irish law, does not abolish God or His law! That Mr Flanagan will one day find out, as will all those who share his opinion.

Liberality and freedom are wonderful concepts but even as the Bible says of honey so may we say of these two dainties. "Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it. . . . It is not good to eat much honey," Proverbs 25:16, 27.

Liberty of speech and action must be limited. That has been recognised by all nations since the beginning of time. Even in Ireland it is so!!

Liberty may be wrongly curtailed when it is the notions of men that curtail it, as happened in Communist Russia and in Hitler's Germany. It is still so in many places in the Muslim world and in China and North Korea.

However, when it is restricted by the Word of God, then LIBERTY is protected from becoming immoderation and intemperance, from becoming LICENCE!!

In the name of 'Liberty' we have seen the most wicked and depraved philosophies becoming acceptable and protected by law and promoted within society, even in its schools! Sodomy, transgenderism, lesbianism - all are now considered expressions of 'liberty' and the nations that allow and promote them are considered 'advanced', 'enlightened, and as Mr Flanagan puts it, 'modern'!

However, while nations may throw open the legislative doors to such abominations and rejoice in their doing so, they would need to remember history!

So did the world that perished in the flood in Noah's day! "For this they willingly are ignorant of . . . the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished," 2 Peter 3:5-6. That world was one rejoicing in its utter abandonment of righteousness and its embracing of every fleshly excess. "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth," Genesis 6:5, 13. Here was man enjoying what he believed was 'liberty' and paying the price for his folly.

So too was it in Sodom! "But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; and he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly," Genesis 6:13, 19:24-25; 2 Peter 2:6.

So it shall be again. Parliaments and electorates may abolish 'blasphemy' from their law books BUT that which Enoch prophesied, back in the days of Adam, will still come to pass.

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Read The Burning Bush article on Stephen Fry's outrageous attack in Dublin upon the person of God, May 2017, [here](#).

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