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### Proposed Changes to Abortion Law in Northern Ireland



Justice Minister, David Ford

The case being made for changes to the law regarding abortion in Northern Ireland that David Ford, Justice Minister in the Stormont power-sharing government and leader of the Alliance Party is pushing, is not new.

The Justice Department is asking for the views of the public on whether abortion should be allowed for women carrying children which would die due to defects anyway, and also it is being asked whether abortions should be available to those who conceived due to incest or rape.

#### Defects

It should be remembered that the decision to abort a baby which is alleged to be suffering from defects, from which it will die after its birth, rests upon the views of doctors, based upon their interpreting of medical evidence supplied by scans etc.

That amounts to the doctors supplanting the role of God!

There have been many cases where doctors have advised an expectant mother that such was the condition of her unborn child that it would be wiser for her to have an abortion, only for the child to be born in perfect health after she rightly refused such advice. Doctors do not know everything though some of them would appear to believe that they do.

The use of the case of a child in the womb with suspected defects is emotive and callously employed to sway the minds of the public. I am at a loss, even with the use of such propaganda, how anyone could be persuaded to sanction the execution, in a most cruel and barbaric way as is employed in abortion, of an unborn child. Why not allow its birth to take place and then if the infant dies, at least the mother is not guilty of putting it to death but rather, which seems more in keeping with the instincts of motherhood, she will have done all she could to give it every opportunity of living?

#### Executed for someone else's crime

As for the infant conceived as a result of a rape or of incest - why should it be punished by a death sentence for a crime others are guilty of and of which it is entirely innocent? The punishment of those guilty of the rape or incest is trivial in comparison and if any were to campaign for the death sentence for such you can be sure that Mr Justice Minister Ford would be at the front of the placard-carrying protesters decrying such a punishment as barbaric.

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 deceased 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.

"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:



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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.

### **Capital offence**

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.

### **Lawlessness**

"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?

Mr Ford is a liberal politician who has embraced the anti-Bible philosophies which abound in these days. Until the spring of 2013, he was an elder in the Second Donegore congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He stepped aside from active duties of his role as an elder over differences with fellow congregants on the subject of gay marriage. His views on sodomy and marriage are from the same stable as are the views on abortion that his Department would have the Northern Ireland public embrace.

His views, being unbiblical and anti-God, are entirely wrong. Woe unto Northern Ireland if they are embraced by its people!

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