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A nation deluded and deceived



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"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness," 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12.

The people referred to as "them" in these verses are those who embrace the wickedness of the Antichrist and refuse "the love of the truth, that they might be saved," verse 10. For years, for decades, the British people have been drifting down the road that leads to this judicial blinding. The main churches have become more and more the haven of wickedness and perversion that would have been unimaginable by our forefathers. High positions are occupied in Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist denominations by those whose views and deeds bring a blush to the cheek of any decent, God-fearing citizen. These churches have become the receptacle of every form of heretical doctrine and decadent philosophy. Their impurities have spilled out into the streets and thoroughfares of the nation, encouraging and promoting lawlessness and moral anarchy. Any protest that takes place within their ranks is not prompted by a love for Christ or for His truth. No, it is born of a desire to maintain a certain ecclesiastical polity. Protests have taken place regarding the ordination of women and the acceptance into high office of those who are sodomites. But where were the protests when the deity of Christ was being denied? Where were the voices of protest when the inspiration of the Bible was being denied? Where were the protests when reunion with Rome advanced apace? Where were the threats of resignation when the glorious Reformation was being denounced and overturned? The answer is, there was virtually none within the ranks of those churches where the sellout was taking place. Denominational self-interest and ecclesiastical shibboleths were counted more worthy of defence than were the name and honour of our glorious Saviour and His Word. Were a person from the days of Spurgeon or Cooke, Bonar or Ryle, to be brought back to the nation today, they would conclude that a great madness had affected the populace. They would of course, be correct. It is that madness of which Paul speaks in the verses quoted above.

In recent times, the issue of the lawlessness of young people, within our city-centres and elsewhere, has been highlighted. In truth, the police cannot cope with the brawling and law-breaking that take place as thousands of young teenagers pour out of clubs and pubs and engage in booze-fuelled attacks on members of the public, property and the police. Legislation aimed at protecting people from anti-social behaviour is operating in England and Wales. The new restrictions, Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) are designed to protect the public from harassment. The new law came into force in Northern Ireland in the last week of August.

ASBOs are civil orders rather than criminal penalties, but breaches are punishable by up to five years in jail. Effective for a minimum of two years, ASBOs are handled by police and local authorities working in partnership.



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The laws aim to deal with problems like underage drinking and vandalism, and can be applied for by police, councils and the Housing Executive to anybody over the age of 10.

Recent newspaper headlines stated: "Teenage curfew hailed a success." "The curfew in Wigton was the first of its kind to be introduced in Cumbria and followed new legislation to reduce anti-social behaviour. The action against youths aged under 16 aimed to cut down on disorder in the town . . . Police said the curfew had helped reduce problems on the streets. Under the powers, police officers were able to take home unsupervised teenagers caught on the streets after 2100 GMT and before 0600 GMT." That was back at Easter time.

Since then, other cities have introduced the same measures and they seem to help. Northern Ireland teachers' union leader, Fern Turner, has called for a curfew system to be introduced to curb violent pupils, as many teachers are dreading going back to school. The need for effective action is growing!

Another initiative

But while there is this curb on the activities of 16-year-olds, the same "powers that be" have initiated another measure involving this age group which stands on its head any measure of common sense which underlies the use of a curfew. One report of the development to which I refer reads as follows: "Doctors have been told they can help girls under 16 to obtain an abortion without involving the parents." "The guidance follows controversy over the case of a 14-year-old girl allowed to have a secret abortion in May. Michelle Smith, from Mansfield, Notts, decided to have an abortion after speaking to a community health worker at her school. She took the first of two pills as part of the chemical abortion process, and although she later changed her mind when her mother found out what was happening, it was too late. Anti-abortion campaigners have attacked the guidance as an "attack on parental responsibility."

Confidentiality

The new guidance re-emphasises a young person's right to confidential sexual health guidance - and also makes explicit reference to abortion for the first time. Professor Jack Scarisbrick, of the anti-abortion group Life, said the guidance would lead to many more teenagers suffering in the way Michelle Smith had done. He said: "Once again health professionals are being told that it is a young person's right to receive confidential contraceptive advice, even if they are under 16 and therefore breaking the law by having sex."

But Public Health Minister Melanie Johnson said: "Providing young people with clear support and advice about relationships and contraception is essential if we are to protect them, reduce the number of teenage pregnancies and tackle the spread of sexually transmitted infections."

Murder assisted

Thus, young people under sixteen are placed under a curfew in order to try to maintain some semblance of law and order and yet, on the other hand, young girls who break the law and become pregnant are to be helped by the State authorities to murder their unborn offspring and that without the parents being informed of this taking place. Only deranged legislators could have devised such laws.



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Ulster also

Here in Ulster, we have many examples of this madness breaking out. Recently, the Chief Constable, Mr. Orde, met with some of the members of the family of the late leader of the IRA in East Tyrone, Paddy Kelly. Eight IRA men were shot by the Army when they attacked Loughgall Police station with a view to murdering the policemen on duty. As it is, they managed to destroy the police station. The SAS had the area staked out and eight IRA men were shot and killed in the ensuing battle.

We agree with the summary of events that appeared in a "Newsletter" editorial on 23rd August. "In 1985, the IRA in east Tyrone, armed with new weapons from Libya, came under the command of Paddy Kelly. In December that year, Kelly launched an attack on Ballygawley police station and two officers were murdered. A year later, Kelly again attacked a small rural police station at the Birches, near Portadown, using a mechanical digger with a bomb in its bucket to plough through the station's wire defences. The bomb was then detonated, destroying the building. In May, 1987, the police learned that Kelly's gang was planning to bomb Loughgall police station and brought in SAS soldiers to support them as they prepared for the attack. The eight-man gang of terrorists drove into Loughgall with a 400lb bomb and a range of deadly weapons. They drove the huge bomb into the station, causing massive damage. Two police officers inside the station were injured. The SAS then sprang their trap and, in the gunfight that followed, eight IRA men died."

Those men deserved to die and no discussions with family members, ever eager to harm and vilify the security forces, should be taking place.

The Chief Constable's agreeing to engage in such a discussion and suggesting thereby that there is something that needs discussing, is but another example of the madness that grips our leaders.

This is the fruit of the departure from God's Word.