

## Lessons from Recent Canadian Experiences

for Prime Minister's Expert Panel, last of 4 parts

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6. The Yogyakarta 29 Principles to implement a world-wide sexual revolution were set out in a 200 page handbook in 2007. This revolution is proceeding apace. In reality, our recent proposed plebiscite became a straw vote to recognize homosexual unions as marriage, to implement a complete agenda for gender mainstreaming and to abolish all sexual morality and restraint.

7. In a traditional family, an absolutely singular relationship exists between husband and wife. This extends to absolutely singular relationships between father and mother and their children, and between those children themselves. This forms the very fabric of human society. No one else in all the world is related to anyone else in these unique relationships. Why are countries who have regressed? Learn from their mistakes. Show the world true progress by upholding the primacy of biological marriage and family.

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Australia, with fines, imprisonment and even lynch law, giving audience to one's thoughts using traditional words like *fatherhood, motherhood, father, mother, Mum, Dad* will be forbidden. The Expert Panel into Freedom of Religion must prevent this from happening.

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Will a failure to respect Freedom of Religion be dealt out to other religions?

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I conclude with an overview of what religion in general and Christian Churches more particularly have to offer society at large.

#### A World-view

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The Christian World-view proclaims another sort of GUT, the Grand Unified Truth about mankind, about human *dignity* in its origin, human *duty* to imitate the goodness of God, and human *destiny* beyond bodily death to enjoy the happiness of God forever in Heaven, or to lose it forever in Hell.

Take it or leave it, believe it or not, this world-view has transcendent grandeur.

But is it true?

Well, it's an absolutely certain fact of history and of much present experience that it has done a lot of good. Sinners have repented and even become saints. The crippled, the sick, the depressed, the anguished, the addicted and the dying have been comforted to accept and adjust to their situation, and to achieve in spite of what they suffer. Schooling with a vision



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of upward and onward into Truth, Beauty, Goodness and God has improved the fate of many, especially the underprivileged. Hospitals, and particularly for maternity and for palliative care, have often outshone others whose ethos lacked the Christian world-view. It gives people something worthwhile to live for, to hope for, to strive for, to achieve and to inspire others to do likewise.

Individual failures of Church members are a pathetic degradation into the same sordid sins of other human beings, especially when so much better was rightly expected of them, considering their privileged status. Prescinding for the moment from the harm they do to their victims, they are a testimony to the intensity of the struggle to be virtuous and the powerful hindrances along the way. The Christian world-view includes the Devil in rebellion against God and all goodness, out of envy and hate, and against all the goodness worked by God and the goodness He inspires in His creatures. The influence of the Devil is as empirically obvious as the effects of Original Sin.

Incidentally, though popular opinion may have been swayed to the contrary by the pundits of the mass media and academe, the sordid behaviour of some churchmen is not unknown among politicians, policemen, publicans, pedagogues, even parents and the practitioners of medicine and the law. Such people never had, or have lost, the Word-view to lead them upward and onward; rather, they are reduced to living for nothing more than satisfying urges for pleasure, power and pelf.

### The Future of Democracy

Prime Minister Winston Churchill said, "Democracy is a terrible form of government — but the problem remains that the alternatives are even worse."

However, Solzhenitsyn said that democracy would not suit Russian tradition but a dictatorship would be tolerable if the dictator held himself responsible to God and to his conscience.

The adherents of religions generally and Christianity in particular suffer from many obvious defects — but the alternative of no religion with a State-imposed anti-religious atheism have been proved far, far worse, as recently as in the last hundred years.

The Expert Panel can let religions continue to prevent the breaking of the bruised reeds of humanity or its smouldering flax — a prophecy of the work of the Messiah in Isaiah 42:3 and its fulfilment in Christ, Matthew 12:20 — by really ensuring Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Thought, Freedom of Conscience, Freedom of Speech, Freedom to Publish one's Thoughts, and Freedom of Action on one's legitimate beliefs.

Why enforce *Nineteen Eighty Four* and *Brave New World* — the road to misery? Why placate feelings offended at what they don't like? Better to put up

with such feelings, as Christians do, and not resorting to litigation and make the world worse.

"Without a vision, the people perish" — based on Proverbs 29:18 in King James Version.

Father James Tierney

Here ends the last of four *Handouts* on the submission to the Expert Panel on Freedom of Religion.

## ACCEPTANCE, ADJUSTMENT, ACHIEVEMENT living in this age of the Church and the world

The Church of England has already been through similar situations in which are lessons for us now:-

### Hymn for the Church

(Tune *Aurelia* "O Jesus Christ, remember", metre 7676D)

#### THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION,

Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the word:  
From Heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy Bride,  
With His own Blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
And heresies distressed.  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three-in-One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is one,  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

Father James Tierney