

Letter from Babylon



Reflections on living in a land under judgment

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Francis Schaeffer once described how, in this corrupt age, unthinkable things gradually become thinkable, then commonplace. *'When these become thinkable and acceptable in the eighties and nineties, most people will not even remember that they were unthinkable in the seventies. They will slide into each new thinkable without a jolt.'*

Consider euthanasia. In the 80s, I remember one lone doctor who favoured it being uniformly condemned in the medical press. But this July the BMA withdrew its opposition, saying it is a matter for parliament and the public, not doctors.

Legalisation is now inevitable, because if those who treat the suffering support euthanasia, society must follow suit.

It is curious that exactly a week later, BMA House was spattered with blood from the London bus bomb. The medical profession, through ethical abdication, has acquired the same bloodguilt as German doctors in the 1930s, who condoned euthanasia for the weak and disabled and paved the way for the Holocaust.

In a decade nobody will remember their former revulsion at killing, rather than treating, sick people, just as everyone has now forgotten that homosexuality was a moral issue. Doctors who refuse to participate will be marginalised or, as advocated by pro-abortion groups now, 'named and shamed' for their anti-social attitude.

How does this shift happen? The pretence is that it is the result of 'public debate' and facing 'real issues'. But the only real issues in euthanasia are that life expectancy has increased, and the means for relieving suffering have multiplied. A couple of generations ago, untreatable suffering was a common real-

ity for everyone. So how come they condemned 'mercy killing' but we demand it?

'Public debate' actually means carefully managed propaganda. The motive is to promote a morality of autonomy (though the unconscious agenda is actually Satan's lawlessness), but the methodology is pure Goebbels. Abortion was legalised on entirely fictitious claims about large numbers of back street abortions. It is maintained now by spurious declarations, on each abortion form doctors sign, about risk to mental health of continuing the pregnancy. The more the lies are repeated, the more truth becomes unbelievable. You can no more debate

the morality of abortion now than you can the existence of goblins.

The seismic shift from homosexuality as a perversion to homosexuality as

mandatory in every setting also depends on lies. The lies that 10% of people are gay, that homosexuality is genetic, that most homosexual relationships are permanent; glossing over health issues; the invention of 'homophobia' to foreclose debate... but chiefly, relentless repetition of what you want believed.

After the BMA euthanasia decision, just one sentence of Radio 4's report mentioned that some doctors had reservations. There followed a ten minute interview with a politically active HIV sufferer about his right to control his death. This is editorial balance, 2005 style.

Christians are subverted by this process as much as anyone else. We are frighteningly susceptible to lies. There is only one defence – immersion in the word of God, which transforms minds through God's sovereign Spirit. And, probably, there is now only one way of reversing what society has become – the coming of the Son of Man. Pray for it!



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