

## Life and Light

From Ronald L. Dart's Program Notes

There was a time when I thought anti-abortion people were a little too cute in calling themselves, "pro-life." I don't think that any longer. I have come to the conclusion that it was precisely the right term to use—at least it is the right term for Christians to use.

The real issue is much bigger than abortion. To some degree, the issue is clouded by the terminology. For example, "choice" is not the opposite of "life," as in "pro-choice vs. pro-life." The opposite of life is death. "This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you *and your children may live*" (Deuteronomy 30:19 NIV).

An absurdity begs notice in the expression, "pro-choice." Let me see if I can clarify. One side of the abortion debate wants the choice of life or death to belong to the woman carrying the child. This lies close to the position of those who are opposed to abortion on moral grounds, but don't want the State intruding into the decision, thinking the government should stay out of the homes, bedrooms, and hospitals.

Part of me likes that proposal. But the problem is that it is not an all or nothing proposition with the State. For example, suppose you decide to leave your kids at home alone while you go to a nightclub. That is a choice. Suppose the kids come to mischief as result. The State will hold you strictly accountable for child neglect, abandonment, and a whole range of criminal penalties. Suppose you decide not to feed your kids, or to pen them up like animals and starve them. Will the State hold you accountable if it finds out? Of course it will, and it should.

Why is a child, one week before birth, less worthy of the State's protection than another child

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one week after birth? The only difference between them is that the one is not breathing on his own yet. Why aren't parents free to dispose of inconvenient kids? What business does the State have in forcing parents to care for kids?

What provoked my thoughts along this line was an article a friend sent me. It was from December, when syndicated columnist Mark Steyn had the

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### ***Are You Worried about Our National Financial Situation? . . .***

We used to think a million dollars was a lot of money. Now, trillions of dollars of national debt are thrown around with ease. But does it scare you to death? You've worked hard and you've saved every dime you can, but the future looks bleak. What can you do? Call CEM at 1-888-BIBLE-44 and ask for the *FREE* booklet, *The Lost Keys to Financial Security*. Notice, the title says, "keys." There is more than one key. You need to know them all. It can make a difference in your life and the lives of your children and grandchildren.

# One Courageous Christian Warrior

by Teeka Glasgow

Bill Norrod was 17 years old and living in Corpus Christi, Texas, when World War II began. He longed to sign up and fight, and begged his mother to lie for him so he could join either the U.S. Navy or the Royal Canadian Air Force. She wouldn't. He eventually enlisted in the Army Air Corps on December 4, 1942, and was stationed stateside before being sent overseas. Living in tents for two to three months in Oran, Algeria—a spy city much like Casablanca—Bill and other American soldiers awaited their orders. When they learned they were to go to India, it seemed the Germans learned of it too.

To transport the soldiers, an old British cruise ship, the *H.M.T. Rohna* (built in 1926 for the purpose of carrying only 60 wealthy tourists), was pulled out of 'mothballs' to transport over 2,000 GIs, plus British and Indian crew. It was full of rats, bugs, salt water for everything but drinking, and boxes of Worcestershire sauce to drown the taste of their mainstay: Spam.

They left the day before Thanksgiving in a convoy with 23 other ships, and headed into the cold, rough waters of the Mediterranean. On the third day at sea, air raid sirens interrupted the voyage. The sky was full of flak as British Spitfires defended the flotilla from German planes and, after a fierce fight, a single Luftwaffe bomber made a final run. Armed with the latest technology, a remote controlled

Henschel Hs 293 guided missile, it set its sights on the *Rohna* . . . and struck.

Many men were killed instantly by the bomb's direct hit; but through a series of amazing events (which we perceive to have been God's intervention), Bill survived. He and his best friend swam to the sister ship, the *U.S.S. Pioneer*. Though already crowded with a 107-man crew, it rescued 606 GIs.

One thousand fifteen U.S. soldiers went down with the *Rohna*. The total loss was 1,138 men, including British and Indians—but the exact number lost may never be known; as others died later from their wounds, the figures vary. The attack constitutes the largest loss of U.S. troops at sea in a single incident.

The sinking of the *Rohna* was kept secret until years after the Freedom of Information Act, when families finally began learning what actually happened to their loved ones. Tom Brokaw reported on the tragedy, the History Channel produced a feature on it, books were written about it, and annual *Rohna* reunions began occurring across America.

Having escaped with his life, Bill completed his tour of duty in the China/Burma/India theater, where he served as a high-speed Morse Code operator and cryptographer. Sergeant William A. "Bill" Norrod was honorably discharged in January, 1946, having been awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, two

Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the Meritorious Unit Award, the WWII Victory Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal, and the Purple Heart.

The following year he married Mary Helen Edwards of Taft, Texas. Over a 20 year period, their family expanded to include four daughters, a son, and a niece who came to live with them. In 1959, while on the road as a traveling salesman, Bill heard broadcasts by the Radio Church of God, into which he and Mary were eventually baptized. They remained true to their faith for over 50 years.

Bill lost Mary, his wife of 63 years, to cancer in June, 2010. Nine months later, he passed away on March 16, 2011. Thanks to him and all our other military men and women for serving our country and helping preserve our freedoms!

## In Memory

CEM gratefully acknowledges a generous donation given in memory of Verdon E. Archer of Old Town, Florida, who passed away January 7, 2011. Mr. Archer had been attending with the churches of God since 1982, and is survived by his wife, Connie, his son, Gregory, and stepson, Robert Zerbe, and many grandchildren. Our deepest sympathies are with the family.

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birth of Jesus on his mind, the birth of a child. On one hand, what could be more powerless than a newborn babe? On the other, without a newborn babe, man is ultimately powerless. For, without new life, there can be no civilization, no society, no nothing. Even if it's superstitious mumbo-jumbo, the decision to root Christ's divinity in the miracle of his birth expresses a profound—and rational—truth about “eternal life” here on Earth.

This is a truly profound observation. Without new life, there can be nothing. Mark Steyn has been pointing out the aging European population for a long time now. But something new took hold in the year 2007: A radical anti-humanism, long present just below the surface, bobbed up and became explicit and respectable. In Britain, the Optimum Population Trust said that “the biggest cause of climate change is climate changers—in other words, human beings,” and professor John Guillebaud called on Britons to voluntarily reduce the number of children they have.

Last week, in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, Barry Walters went further: “To hell with this wimp-o pantywaist ‘voluntary’ child-reduction.” Professor Walters wants a “carbon tax” on babies, with, conversely, “carbon credits” for those who undergo sterilization procedures. That would be great news for the female eco-activists recently profiled in the *London Daily Mail*, who boast about how

they'd had their tubes tied and babies aborted in order to save the planet. “Every person who is born,” says Toni Vernelli, “produces more rubbish, more pollution, more greenhouse gases and adds to the problem of overpopulation.” We are the pollution, and sterilization is the solution. “The best way to bequeath a more sustainable environment to our children is not to have any.”

That last is Mark Steyn's summary, but it is utterly valid as a summary of the argument. He went on with more: “*Oxford University Press* has published a book by professor David Benatar of the University of Cape Town called *Better Never to Have Been: The Harm of Coming into Existence*. The author argues for the ‘anti-natal’ view—that it is always wrong to have children. . . . Anti-natalism also implies that it would be better if humanity became extinct.” As does Alan Weisman's *The World Without Us*—which *Publishers Weekly* hails as “an enthralling tour of the world. . . . anticipating, often poetically, what a planet without us would be like.” It's a good thing it “anticipates” it poetically, because, once it happens, there will be no more poetry.

Lest you think the above are extremists, consider how deeply invested the mainstream is in a total fiction. At a recent climate jamboree in Bali, Al Gore told the assembled faithful: “My own country, the United States, is principally responsible for obstructing progress here.” Really? The *American Thinker's* web site ran the numbers. In the

seven years between the signing of Kyoto in 1997 and 2004, here's what happened:

- Emissions worldwide increased 18.0 percent.
- Emissions from countries that signed the treaty increased 21.1 percent.
- Emissions from non-signers increased 10.0 percent.
- Emissions from the United States increased 6.6 percent.

It's hard to avoid the conclusion that a form of mental illness has gripped the world's elites. If you're one of that dwindling band of Westerners who'll be celebrating the birth of a child, homeless or otherwise, make the most of it. A year or two on, and the eco-professors will propose banning Nativity scenes because they set a bad example.

Now you may think that Steyn's idea of a mental illness is far fetched, but listen to what is going on in Australia. A West Australian medical expert wants families to pay a \$5000-plus “baby levy” at birth and an annual carbon tax of up to \$800 a child. Writing in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, Associate Professor Barry Walters said every couple with more than two children should be taxed to pay for enough trees to offset the carbon emissions generated over each child's lifetime. Professor Walters, clinical associate professor of obstetric medicine at the University of Western Australia and the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Perth, called for condoms and “greenhouse-friendly” services such as sterilization procedures to

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earn carbon credits. And he implied the federal government should ditch the \$4133 baby bonus and consider population controls like those in China and India.

In China, a couple is allowed one child. In India, selective abortion is causing the female population to dwindle. Professor Walters said the average annual carbon dioxide emission by an Australian individual was about 17 metric tons, including energy use. "Every newborn baby in Australia represents a potent source of greenhouse gas emissions for an average of 80 years, not simply by breathing but by the profligate consumption of resources typical of our society," he wrote. "Far from showering financial booty on new mothers and rewarding greenhouse-unfriendly behaviour, a 'baby levy' in the form of a carbon tax should apply, in line with the 'polluter pays' principle." Australian Family Association spokeswoman Angela Conway said it was ridiculous to blame babies for global warming. "I think self-important professors with silly ideas should have to pay

carbon tax for all the hot air they create," she said. "There's masses of evidence to say that child-rich families have much lower resource consumption per head than other styles of households." But the plan won praise from high-profile doctor Garry Egger. "One must wonder why population control. . . is spoken of today only in whispers," he wrote in an MJA response article.

This goes way beyond Roe v. Wade and abortion. And the opposite of pro-life is indeed anti-life, as strange as that idea seems. Where on earth is this coming from? Is it, as Mark Steyn suggests, a form of mental illness that has gripped the world's elite? Or is it the bitter fruits of education, as children are taken from the home and brought up in a godless school system? Is society becoming, not merely secular, but anti-Christian, anti-Judaism, anti-life?

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