MORAL DECLINE AND STDs

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In June 2003 the Department of Health issued some alarming figures.

Britain has the largest number of unwanted teenage pregnancies in Europe.

Here are the known figures for sexually transmitted diseases and this is only the tip of the iceberg. Many people do not even notify their GP that they have, or think they may have such diseases.

In the last two years reported cases of chlamydia has increased by 108%. It is an infection that can lead to internal scarring and infertility. One in ten women who are sexually active, and most of them are those who have had more than one partner, have it and 70% do not know that they have it. Often no symptoms are noticeable but the infection can return and cause other illnesses, some of which could be very serious. Women can transmit this infection to men.

In the same period gonorrhoea has increased by 212 %. This disease is an acute infection of the genital tract acquired by sexual intercourse. Males suffer from a discharge from the penis with pain on urination and the disorder sometimes lead to the narrowing of the urethra from scarring. In females the symptoms are less obvious in whom vaginal discharges are usually due to other causes. It may lead to inflammation of the uterine tubes and also conjunctivitis in the newborn.

Also in the last two years HIV has increased by 265%. This is the human immunodeficiency virus that causes the breakdown of the human immune system known as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome abbreviated to AIDS. The origin of HIV is not known but many think it originated from a group of African monkeys who themselves are immune from the disease. In humans, transmission is by direct blood and all body fluids. The defence of the body against any infection is destroyed. Other illnesses develop namely a rare form of skin cancer. Lymph nodes throughout the body enlarge and dementia may occur. Mortality is high.

Groups at high risk are homosexuals and those who are bisexual. Individuals with a history of intravenous drug abuse and people who have casual sex. The condition is rife in parts of Africa and among homosexuals in New York City and San Francisco. Because of the risk of infected semen and other body fluids from homosexuals in swimming pools there are now some pools exclusively for homosexuals. Despite what is said, bacteria and viruses do survive in swimming pools and it must be remembered that HIV is indestructible.

And, even more alarming, is the fact that syphilis has increased by 510%. This is another sexually transmitted disease in which a primary lesion appears on the genitalia or anus. This is followed by a rash and high fever. When these features subside, the condition may remain latent for over ten years. Thereafter the heart, aorta and brain may become affected and meningitis, insanity and aortic swellings can develop. It can lead to death.

Sufferers complain that the National Health clinics have a long waiting list and they cannot get appointments. The Labour government tends to agree in their most and only effective policy of passing the buck in shifting their responsibility elsewhere.

All these diseases are sexually transmitted. Yet if every man had, and always had only one female partner and every woman had, and always had only one male partner the figures would be negligible but I do subscribe to the view that a non-promiscuous person could be infected in rare circumstances. Some virologists and immunologists still state that semen and other body fluids found in swimming pools which has come from a HIV/AIDS sufferer can infect an innocent person including a child. And children can acquire AIDS at a very young age, some from birth, because of the promiscuity of one or

both of their parents.

In my essay 'Beware the swimming pool "I have cited proven cases of infections from swimming pools and I am aware of at least three cases where it has proved fatal.

But the increase in STDs are commensurate with the increase of promiscuity and therefore of the increase of immorality. Those who indulge in sexual liberty simply say that most sufferers bring the anguish upon themselves because they do not take protection or any precautions but I daresay none of these people can guarantee that they themselves always use protection.

But protection is not a foolproof safeguard. To quote but one example, condoms can slip off during intercourse or split and sometimes unknowingly.

There are other diseases which often have their origin in unprotected sex at an early age and unprotected sex with several partners. Cancer of the vulva and vagina are examples.

The rise in unwanted teenage pregnancies in the 1960s corresponded with the rise of hemlines. Of that there is no doubt. Dresses and skirts rose higher and sex was therefore advertised. Advertising is always so that the product may be seen and obtained.

Today there is sex thrown at us from every angle. It is in the media and easily available almost everywhere. You can hardly watch a television programme without sex even if it is only verbal innuendo. Pop stars love to flash their knickers and pose in glamorous and erotic poses for the tabloids and other trashy journals. It serves both to advertise sex and to tempt and, let's face it, the women do it by choice and have only themselves to blame. But if there is an alleged offence committed it is always the man's fault. Courts favour the women or girls almost every time.

It is the same in a different sphere. Where there is a divorce and a custody battle for access to the children fathers are often penalised. Women can apply to the Court with unsubstantiated reasons to prevent the father seeing his children and the case is usually heard in private and the court can issue an order to prevent the father seeing his own children. No explanation is given. The judge does not have to detail the reasons for his judgment. Even extreme feminists are on record stating that men are given a raw deal in such matters. The ex-wife can invent all sorts of stories and lies. Sometimes this is due to the new man in her life not wanting the ex-husband to be anywhere near in case old passions are rekindled and she may revert to her previous husband and he be rejected. I have known women make false claims that the ex-husband was a pervert and had a furtive sexual interest in the children.

But to return to the worrying increase in STDs. It is a proof of the increase of promiscuity and immorality and this is mainly due to how women behave. At weekends many go out, sometimes already drunk, with the express purpose of getting laid, that is to say having sex. They dress gaudily to attract men, they flash their knickers, some bare their bottoms in what is called mooning and some get up on the stage and strip and all in front of men. These girls advertise and they tempt. Some girls get so drunk that they will have sex with anyone. And some wake up next to a man they dislike and accuse him of rape.

How female pop stars portray themselves encourages women to behave badly and dress provocatively and ensnare men.

Now if all girls and women dressed modestly at all times and everybody only had one sexual partner throughout life these preventable diseases would reduce dramatically and the Health Service would not lose money which is being spent, and indeed wasted, on diseases which are usually the sufferer's own fault and due to promiscuous lifestyles. The National Health Service should be allowed to get on with sickness, disease and accidents that are not self-inflicted.

The key word for the twenty-first century is to be non-judgmental. This means that we must not be critical and we must not condemn. In other words we must not say what is right or wrong. We must not moralise and maintain decent standards and values. We must not express views on what is right or wrong.

Consequently, homosexuality is deemed not to be wrong and we must not say that it is. If we do we are said to be homophobic. But for a man to put his penis in another man's anus and push and prod in there is unnatural, unhygienic and revolting. The anus is the opening to release waste material.

And for someone to tell me that I must not say this because I am being judgmental and a moralist is a indication of the moral decline in this country. We are being silenced for having decent and moral values. Sex outside of marriage may not be considered wrong by the majority of people today but the STDs that exist seem to show that it is, at the very least, a potentially serious health risk and unhygienic. And such diseases and their consequences are preventable.

In a front page article of the Daily Mail of 8 March 2004 we are told that there are 160 new cases of sexual disease among teenagers every day.. More than 400,000 seek treatment and this increase coincides with the Labour Party's policy of a liberal sex education programme. Condoms and morning after pills have been handed out to children who have also been taught about sexual practices in graphic detail including how to have oral sex and anal sex. A Liberal Democrat spokesman Paul Burstow points out that sex education in schools does not have the correct message about abstinence and that behind these shocking statistics are thousands of damaged lives. Mr Blairs's reduction of the age of consent for homosexuals to 16 have since an increase of sexual disease among boys and increased the HIV figures. A magazine called Sugar is telling girls of 13 why they should use condoms and have actually given them away with their magazine. What all of this is doing is encouraging children to have sex and yet underage sex is illegal and the Government are certainly not discouraging underage sex.

One headline reads, 'Sex disease toll soars under Blair'

The other great feature of promiscuity is the example of pop stars and the media with all its talk of sex and relationships and, more so, sexual imagery. And, at long last, my contention that visual imagery stimulates childhood and teenage sex as well as sexual crimes is proved. Recently Graham Coutts has been sentenced to life for the murder and sexual assault of Jane Longhurst which crimes were stimulated by violent pornographic sites which he viewed on the internet. As Mrs Liz Longhurst has said, "If pornographic material were not available my daughter would be alive today!"

People will still not accept that sexual imagery in the media, newspapers, magazines, television, videos, the internet and the cinema do lead to sexual crimes and murder. The defence that many, or most people can view such material and not commit any such crime does not in any way disprove the fact that sexual imagery does lead to sexual crimes and murder. It is claimed that people who commit such crimes 'had it in them all the time' and would have offended anyhow without sexual imagery. Case studies show that surmise to be completely wrong. Statistics show that a large proportion of people has no desire or inbuilt wish to commit such outrages but, for example, something they saw on television lingered with them and stimulated them to go out and offend.

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