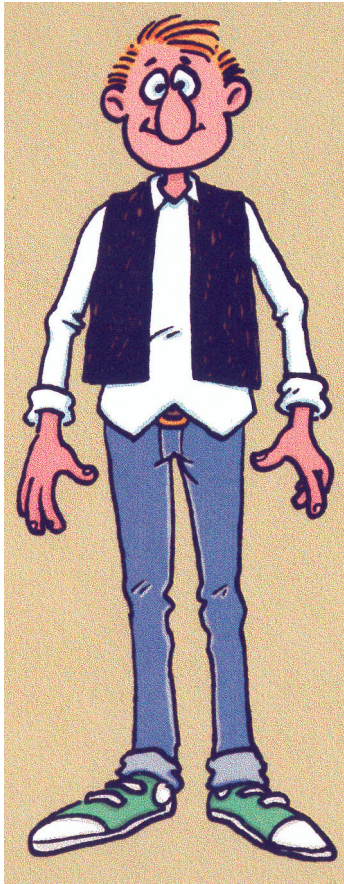


RELIGION (D)

THE RIGHT TO HAVE CHILDREN

Having on many occasions seen 5-11 year old children behaving in the most foul mannered ways to people, animals and things, one ponders the following:



1. The cost that one man places on nature during his lifetime.....

one tanker full of gasoline to drive his car and warm his house which in turn uses 100 Westminster Abbey's volume of air and replaces it with 100 Westminster Abbey's volume of poison.

1 cow, 2 sheep, 3 pigs, 80 chickens, 500 fish

1 house

And many other costs to nature which generally result in, say, at least one more acre of nature's kingdom being plundered, with the consequent destruction of flora and fauna.

2. Having looked at the cost one human places on nature, should we not redress ourselves on our right to produce children in absolutely unlimited numbers. Even a well brought up child, however environmentally conscious he remains throughout his life, cannot but be an added strain on nature.
3. Much, much worse are those humans irresponsibly brought up, with no manners or respect for other people or things. This human is a double disgrace on the face of the earth for not only is he doubly destructive to nature, but he is also a big pain in the ass and cost to any neighbourhood or society that is unfortunate enough to harbour him. You really have to think hard about giving such an easy right to life to such an irresponsible and destructive creature.

And you have to look at why such a person is there at all.

In most cases you see that the cause is the breakdown of the human code of conduct, or the basic morals and manners by which we should lead our lives.

And this leads you directly to ask whose responsibility it is to teach those manners, and you find the answers are (a) the family, (b) the church, (c) the local neighbourhood, (d) the school, (e) TV/Media, (f) (forget the State!)

Enough has been said already on most of these things but we make this small addition.

Families. Marriage means very little to many people in this day and age. Yet a stable marriage with good manners practised is the very cradle of learning the proper codes of human conduct.

Therefore:

There should be a much more responsible moral and material commitment to those getting married. Perhaps there should be separate and stronger vows taken by the married couple before they contemplate having children to ensure to themselves and to others that they are fit and responsible enough to raise decently mannered offspring.

The practice of one male starting up single families around town and leaving the state to pick up the moral and material tab should be stringently discouraged.

The practice of purposely becoming a single parent family, or producing more children simply to milk state benefits should also be stringently discouraged. Both are morally disgusting because you use the miracle of God's Creation just to make a few dollars more.

Schools. The main functions, in order of priority, should be:

Teaching good manners, morals and discipline (i.e. Codes of human conduct).

Teaching the three 'R's'

Providing both sporting and creative facilities (art, music, dance) so both the sporting types and the more sensitive, creative types have physical outlets for their talents.

Going back to the right to have children, or the right to life -

Everyone has the right to life. All very well and good. But the right to human life should now be balanced against all the other lives of God's creation that the human life puts into jeopardy.

The value of human life can no longer be 100 with the value of other creatures 0.

And that is why we humans have to reassess the values we give ourselves and the laws that control us, even down to the starting point - the right to have children.