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Ipce is a forum for people who are engaged in scholarly discussion about the understanding and emancipation of mutual relationships between children or adolescents and adults.

In this context, these relationships are intended to be viewed from an unbiased, non-judgmental perspective and in relation to the human rights of both the young and adult partners.

Ipce meets once every one or two years in a different country, publishes a newsletter and a web site, co-ordinates the (electronic) exchange of texts and keeps an archive of specific written publications.

Introduction

The porcupines

During the Ice Age, a lot of animals froze to death. The porcupines recognised their predicament and decided to form a group. Thus they would be able to keep one another warm and to protect themselves. However, by being so close together, they wounded each other with their quills, and so each went his own way.

Again, porcupines froze to death. Thus, they had to make a choice, forever disappear from the earth, or accept each other's quills.

Very wisely, they decided again to search protection for one another. They learned to live together despite the wounds they got by their mutual nearness, because the warmth of the other was more important. The porcupines survived.

(Ode, July 2005, Column, Paulo Coelho.)

Ipce

So did we by having our yearly meeting on one of the Greek islands at the end of May 2005. The report is in this Newsletter, and consequently public. You can follow the discussions there. Maybe the place inspired us to discuss the meaning of religion and spirituality in our lives.

Remarkably enough, one of the earlier Ipce Meetings, 2001 in Berlin, had a second public report: from an infiltrator, a Finnish journalist, who reported in a TV show. Because not all of you read Finnish, a Finnish member has translated the text we publish here. Quote:

"The discussion is continued in the evening at a restaurant in Berlin. I wait in vain for the discussion to turn to child contacts or distribution of child porn. Ipce is an organization for responsible pedophiles and there is nothing illegal going on at the meetings."

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The report will be followed by a number of articles, some leading from the discussions at the meeting, others relating to recent events. An interesting aspect of the Jackson case is not only the trial itself, but also especially the way society speaks about the case. Society's approach is, more or less, in terms of 'stranger danger', regarding such a person as an odd and deviant man. Is deviance from the mean a mental distortion? Read the articles about the APA discussion in May 2005. As usual, a list of available documents ends this Newsletter.

As said earlier: the 'real Newsletter' is the section "What is New?" on the Ipce web site.

Your secretary and webmaster,

Frans

1. A Journalist reported about Ipce

A Finish journalist, Matti Virtanen, has visited the Ipce Meeting in Berlin 2001. A new Finish member tells us that he was there to prepare a TV documentary that has been broadcasted in Finland. The new member was so kind to find and to translate the script of the documentary in short, but the Ipce part of it in full text. Here it follows. Some corrections have been made.

We might remark that the text is nearly a good advertisement for Ipce, or at least a more or less objective report made by a critical journalist, not being a real member.

It was a TV documentary by the Finnish state Broadcasting Company, the documentary series "MOT" by journalist Matti Virtanen (<http://194.252.88.3/motweb.nsf/sivut/virtanen/>), the man that was in Berlin. The program, titled "Child sex network", was aired in Finnish television on 9.10.2001.

The program "MOT" is famous for trying to create scandals, and not always checking their facts too well. Anyway, some of their documentaries have been very accurate and good and created very much discussion in Finland. The "Child sex network" program was not one of the better ones. The Berlin meeting was just one part of the program.

All the notes below are from the manuscript of the actual program, I found the manuscript at the following address (in Finnish) (< <http://194.252.88.3/motweb.nsf/sivut/ohjelma?opendocument&pageid=Content53AB3> >)

1. The program begins with a description of a man in Finland who tried to get money to monitor chat rooms for young people, he didn't get the money but turned out to be a child rapist...
2. The journalist goes in on a chat site and pretends to be a young girl, a man starts chatting with the "girl" and they arrange a meeting. The journalist phones the man and tells that it was a fake and interviews him.
3. The journalist interviews Finnish and Swedish police and a representative for the Swedish "Save the Children" organization.
4. The journalist has found two Finnish Internet sites with boy-love-content. He had e-mail contact with the webmasters of these sites and shows the sites on TV. One of the sites contains lots of pictures of boys in a Finnish school that can be identified. Just normal pictures. (The head master of the school actually arranged a crisis meeting for the parents after this program was aired, but the parents unanimously saw nothing wrong with the pictures and asked the headmaster to stop panicking! Anyway, both these internet sites went offline because of the program but today they are online again)

5. The Ipce-part of the manuscript

"Among the hundreds of paedophile internet sites that caught ones eye, there is one were the discussion is more legitimate. An organization called Ipce has collected a lot of literature on the subject. There are no pictures on the site and no links to child pornography.

It is possible to become a member of Ipce by application. We constructed a fake identity, a middle aged man who is interested in travelling and art photography. We produced an internet site for him and wrote a polite application for membership to the Dutch Ipce leader Frans.

He is a doctor of educational sciences with an extensive experience in helping troubled children. He has organized peer support group therapy in his home country Holland, with the idea to prevent pedophiles to sink into depression, commit suicide or engage in criminal activity. The

results are said to be good: the risk of repeated offence in abuse crimes is lower than in forced therapy conducted by psychiatrists or psychologists.

Our fake internet site was good enough for admittance into Ipce. For a membership fee of 20 Euros we were allowed to participate in the discussions by the elite of pedophiles, at first through e-mail and later in real life.

The annual Ipce meeting was held in June in Berlin. About 20 pedophiles from different parts of the world gathered at a hotel favored by backpackers. Among them several doctors; medical doctors, sociologists, former teachers, several computer specialists, students and a couple of journalists. The vast majority presented themselves as boy lovers, but there was also some who likes small girls more. To this category can we also count the only woman in the group.

I tried to be as open as possible, I admitted to being a journalist, but I did not admit that I was doing a documentary for television. Regardless of this, my presence was rightfully considered suspicious. I also did not have the nerve to speak about my own sexuality, because I did not want to be under suspicion for being abnormal.

Filming or recording of the meeting was out of the question. The following is based on my notes. [...] The organization used to operate under the gay and lesbian organization ILGA, but was thrown out in the end of the eighties.

The beginning of the meeting resembles very much a therapy session where everyone tells there life story and the happy and not so happy moments from the last year.

There are not many happy moments to tell about. Almost all the participants have at some point been in trouble with the law, even if they, according to themselves, have never done anything wrong to the children. So, how have they become pedophiles? Almost everyone say that they were born this way. This leads to the conclusion that the problems are to a great extent caused by society, who judges and limits the sexuality of children and "intergenerational relationships", as they are defined. One of the participants tells that he has been trying to commit suicide recently. Many of the participants have been forced to move abroad because of the bad publicity they have got at home. Especially the English speaking countries seem to be distressing places for pedophiles. In the UK and USA the mentality is very close to witch-hunt. Germany and Holland are considered to be more open-minded.

Lets take a minor sexual offence as an example: masturbation in the presence of small boys at a summer camp. In Germany you get away with a fine of few thousand Euros, whereas in the US you can go to jail for several years for the same offence.

The results of scientific research interest the participants. The discussion is especially intense about an article in the publication of the American Psychologist Union. The article concludes that sexual contacts between adults and children are not at all so damaging to the child as is generally thought. Especially for boys these encounters are often positive or make no difference to the boy.

Unfortunately the American psychologist society has withdrawn its support for the article as a reaction to political pressure. There is disapproving at the meeting: the freedom of research is in danger if the editor of a scientific publication acts on the basis of moral hysteria.

Another interesting research have shown that as much as 25% of normal men get excited by child porn. If this is the case, pedophiles can consider themselves almost normal.

During the Ipce meeting there is also an interesting discussion about ethics. Chair Frans presents his principle: the child has to make the first move and the child always has to have the right to end the relationship. Sex is never a trade issue, i.e. it is wrong to buy a child. It is also wrong to ask the child to keep unreasonable secrets.

The chair thinks that the last point is most difficult, because the culture we live in considers a sexual relationship between an adult and a child unquestionably wrong. He recommends abstinence from sex with children for all pedophiles.

At the meeting the UK journalist Tom O'Carroll was also present, whose book from 20 years ago is the "bible" for paedophile activists. He thinks its unreasonable to tell all young pedophiles that they will never have a chance to fulfil their dreams. If a minor participates in sex out of own will and the sex does not harm him or her, what wrong could there be?

The meeting also closes the accounts and approves the budget. At the end of the meeting the host organisations paedophile groups present themselves. There are peer groups according to the self-help model in almost every bigger city in Germany.

The discussion is continued in the evening at a restaurant in Berlin. I wait in vain for the discussion to turn to child contacts or distribution of child porn. Ipce is an organization for responsible pedophiles and there are nothing-illegal going on at the meetings.

The weekend at the paedophile meeting was confusing to me. The thing that bothered me the most was that there seemed to be no doubt what so ever among the participants that children want sex. If this assumption is proven wrong, the logic of the paedophile activists will collapse like a house of cards."

2. Report of the Ipce Meeting 2005

At the end of May 2005, a few members and a guest were present at the yearly Ipce meeting, this year held on Mykonos, one of the Greek islands. There had been more members present, hadn't several of them cancelled at the very last moment, by lack of time or money.

Report 1 Reports from some countries

USA

Bad all over. We had thought it couldn't become worse - it became worse. A kind of hysteria is still sweeping the country, resulting in among other things prosecution of many people even in other countries, especially the English speaking countries, but also e.g. Denmark.

Some ex-prisoners had abducted and murdered little girls. Although there are laws that forbid this, politicians use this kind of incident to make all laws more severe. It started with Megan's Law, demanding registration and publishing the names of all sex offenders. Now, there are Megan's Laws (plural): State after state made such laws, differing from one state to another. Now there is a federal (national) register on line, giving the name, address and conviction of all sex offenders. Some states send post cards with the name, address and photo of a released sex offender to the neighbourhood. For those released offenders, it is in practice not possible to live anywhere and to rebuild their life, which is their right after release. ... That is, if they are released anyway: a lot of them are declared mentally ill and are placed in closed institutions life long. The most recent initiatives are proposals to ban such people from the community and to place them in separate camps, which also has been proposed for AIDS or HIV patients.

Note, that "a sex offender" in the US can even be a quite young child who has played doctors and nurses. Everyone can become "a sex offender" and that's the end of all of her or his rights.

Counter voices come from activists for civil liberties, for free speech and for 'due process', which says that a court process has to be meticulous and honest, but their voices are not strong enough to realize any change. There is a lot of grumbling about the government, but it has no effect on their actions.

A lot of attention is directed towards terrorism nowadays, but this does not distract attention from 'peds'. Now that communists, left-wing people and gays are no longer the scapegoats, 'the pedophiles' have been given that role. Even the concept 'sexual terrorist' is coming up now. (BTW, the latter is also going on in Denmark.)

NAMBLA, the icon for man-boy love, still has its web site and its bulletin and book service. The bulletin, for those who cannot be on line, is also in several libraries. It receives many letters; it is a two-way communication. There is also still a support group for prisoners, some of whom say it is 'life saving'. Although currently NAMBLA has just enough members to do and to pay for this work, it nevertheless needs more active members to do some of the tasks, eventually for work on the background. For example, NAMBLA needs translators for its web site. For press contacts and such tasks, NAMBLA needs sophisticated members.

NAMBLA does not mention a specific 'age of consent' in its opinion papers. Each age limit is disputable. Every human being has sexual feelings, be it different according to the person, age, and stage of development. This does not imply support for having sex with young children.

We know that at least two authors in the USA were or are busy writing scripts for stage or film. One has stopped the project, the other, still writing, is our guest at this meeting.

Denmark

Here is a report from a member of the now dissolved DPA.
The translator of this article, Peter Schmidt, knows the identity of the author.

On the 4th of March 2004 the Danish 'intellectual', left wing daily, Information, published on its front page a leading article demanding that the home page of the Danish Pedophile Association cease to exist. The article was characterized by vehement, sensation-mongering, "unveiling shocking" criminal activities, which the association for pedophiles allegedly harboured.

But Kristian Ditlev Jensen, Danish journalist, author and notorious liar, wrote untruthfully in Information and did it intentionally. The facts were the opposite of Jensen's lies and slander.

The Pedophile Association and its home page had never been indicted for any illegalities, which a simple phone call to the police would have confirmed. It remains a riddle why an otherwise serious newspaper like Information participated in the common media smear, entirely lacking documentation of alleged offences. BTW, also the Somalis and prostitutes in Denmark have been the subject of witch-hunts by this and other media.

The paper directed its outrageous media attacks on a defenceless minority – the paper wasn't even hesitant in demanding the annulment of the minority's constitutionally guaranteed freedom of speech and the right to assemble. And this happened, mind you, without the daily's editorial staff contacting the Danish Pedophile Association in advance to give the group the possibility of dismantling the horrible and completely unfounded accusations.

The leading article can therefore only be described as a stab in the back, or more exactly – an assassination. But this infamous act was not an isolated instance. Attacks with similar content and character on the paedophile group had previously been published in most of the national newspapers such as Berlingske Tidende, Jyllands Posten and Politiken.

In that month of March 2004 a majority of the members of the DPA voted in favour of letting the group dissolve itself. I personally found the decision to be unfortunate and regrettable in that it could easily be interpreted as if we had something to hide, which we didn't. But many of the members were highly affected emotionally and run down due to the numerous and massive media smears, where they saw themselves exposed not only in the press, but also on TV and radio. A media smear campaign against which they were defenceless, if for no other reason than that they were consistently denied access to the very same media.

Is this a reason why it might be good to have one's own Internet TV/Radio media as well as independent magazines etc.? And while we're on the subject, why shouldn't we also have extra Ipce meetings over the Internet - as telephone meetings?

In all fairness I must admit however that I did once get the opportunity to correct misinformation in "Information" the 29th of July 2004, but the paper's conditions were almost impossible to meet, and I was forced to shorten my article to 1300 characters including intervals and reformulate it several times until it was toothless enough to be acceptable to the editors.

The Danish minister of Justice Lene Espersen proclaimed in March 2004 that she, with the help of the Attorney General, had instigated a more detailed investigation of the now dissolved Pedophile group's circumstances.

To some of you it may seem somewhat odd that the minister of justice is still at the present time hesitating to announce the results of the investigation, which can only amount to a complete acquittal of this highly condemned association. There hasn't been anything, absolutely nothing, that could warrant any legal intervention. But when the day arrives on which the results are presented, for this cannot last forever, then pedophiles can understandably enough expect rehabilitation in precisely those media that fabricated false and scandalous accusations against them.

In connection with the mentioned leading article in "Information" a libel suit was summoned against Denmark's most notorious witch hunter, journalist Kristian Ditlev Jensen, who was brought to court. It is indeed hilarious, reading the journalist Kristian Ditlev Jensen's arguments, pleading, that "a man who took the life of his own mother, his lover and her two children, at a minimum, is always better than a paedophile" ...

The following stems from a different tabloid, BT – which is an account from the courtroom:

Hurt and Offended

Peter Lundin, whose name is now Bjarne Skounborg, is no longer willing to be called psychopath. That is why he is suing the known author and journalist Kristian Ditlev Jensen, for having written in a leading article in the daily Information on the 4th of March last year concerning pedophilia: »Put bluntly we're not clinical psychopaths in the sense of Peter Lundin« [The murderer Bjarne Skounborg:] »I felt hurt and insulted. It wasn't appropriate. ... It's an insult to be called both a psychopath and to be associated with pedophilia.« said Bjarne Skounborg.

His lawyer, Peter Hjoerne, wants Kristian Ditlev Jensen convicted and Bjarne Skounborg, alias Peter Lundin, should receive compensation to the amount of 25.000 kr. Information should also publish an unreserved apology, says Peter Hjoerne. »Peter Lundin must not be dragged about like a scarecrow, for any man to exploit any way he sees fit. His esteem has, in the eyes of his fellow citizens, been impaired.« says his lawyer Peter Hjoerne.

Psychopathic traits

Information's leading article was concerned with society's treatment of pedophiles:

»It's common knowledge that a number of pedophiles have psychopathic traits. Peter Lundin was the first case that struck me as characteristically Danish. But it has never been my intention to call Peter Lundin a pedophile. No, because it would be an insult to do so. I have no intention of insulting a person convicted of murder.« said Kristian Ditlev Jensen.

Kristian Ditlev Jensen & Information have recently been acquitted.

In the meantime Information continued to murder the paedophile in full public view. In a different article, a reader's letter in that paper, Helge Sander, the minister of science, portrayed the Danish Pedophile Group as a "criminal organisation", for which he, as mentioned above had absolutely no supporting evidence whatsoever.

A famous and incorrupt journalist Leif Blaedel and Troels Peter Schmidt have reported Helge Sander, the minister of science, to the police for transgressing the Danish penal code §266b on discrimination. For the time being the district attorney has rejected it, although the General Attorney is presently reviewing the district attorney's rejection. Just as all other reports over the years have been thrown out as groundless, whenever someone sought to take a case to court defending the rights of pedophiles.

The fact is that in Denmark there reigns a state of illegality where the pedophile minority is denied the very protection which the letter of the law claims to guarantee them.

Danish Penal Code § 266b:

Whoever publicly, with intent to disseminate to a broader section of the population, statements or messages in which a group of people are threatened, slandered or debased because of their race, colour, national or ethnic origin, faith or sexual orientation, is punished with a fine or imprisonment of a maximum of two years.

Save the Child

The organization Save the Child is still able to plant "information" about pedophiles in the media. Astonishingly, this private organization is accredited with a high degree of credibility, which can make one wonder when looking at the facts.

A former executive director of Save the Child, Laue Traberg-Smidt, once claimed that Danish travel agencies organized complete tours to the Baltic countries for pedophiles. And this was only the tip of the iceberg, he assured us. This gave him the opportunity for long interviews on radio and TV notwithstanding the written press, the latter of which in no way was reluctant to participate. The media indignation and condemnation was universal, and no one got the idea of demanding documentation for Laue Traberg-Smidt's sensational announcements. The media only investigated his activities when he was suspected of embezzlement - simultaneously disclosing the fact that his claims about organized pedophiles to the Baltic countries were false.

Some years ago there was another great media stir about nothing, when aid assistants in African refugee camps allegedly demanded sexual favours from teenagers in exchange for food rations. The story was entirely false, but had a long life of its own in the Danish media, including TV.

During the Tsunami catastrophe, the organization Save the Child rang the Grand Alarm claiming that pedophiles exploited the situation as predators, hunting children everywhere in the stricken areas. Fortunately, international investigations soon disproved the infamous accusations, even though these disclaimers rarely sell as well as sensations. When editors make right the false stories in the media then their correctives are much too often relegated to some obscure and unnoticeable place where hardly anyone sees them.

Here is another example: According to Save the Child, Kristian, a Swedish boy, was to have been kidnapped from a Thailand hospital by a paedophile. The announcement caused a great uproar and amplified the already existing hatred directed toward these unscrupulous "predators." Television in particular excelled in emotional media coverage. The Swedish police even sent a special squad to the Tsunami area to find the boy. The story finally unveiled itself as false, in that the boy had drowned during the Tsunami and had never been hospitalised. But the pedophiles were once again manipulated into the media pillory.

And precisely this is what it's all about – to get people to associate the word pedophilia with prostitution, pornography and the sexual abuse of children. The strategy is very effective and suitable for recruiting new paying members to the organization Save the Child.

Strangely enough, lies and false stories don't weaken the credibility of Save the Child. The media is at the disposition of Save the Child and ready to publish the organization's fantastic fabrications and thus spread propaganda for this private association. The general secretary and the remaining employees of course need food on the table while competition among charitable organizations is, as is well known, getting tougher and tougher. These cynical and unscrupulous speculators brand themselves as true protectors of children and a guard against paedophile monsters, who lie in wait for them in every public nook and cranny...

But this wouldn't be possible if it wasn't because this organization has an almost semi-religious status in the press, which is always at its benevolent disposal. Critical and crime solving journalism is non-existent if it has anything to do with Save the Child.

As recent as the 15th of March of this year, a lady whose name is Charlotte Odile, allegedly a former prostitute, but now sensationally and dramatically saved, gave a Save the Child sponsored interview to Information in which she expressed her prejudices with the following bravado:

"We've had a paedophile association in Denmark, which fortunately has dissolved itself. But there is no political prohibition against such an association and that is entirely unacceptable."

I have no personal knowledge of this Charlotte Odile, fortunately, but it's apparently not the soft light of intelligence that radiates from her eyes. She doesn't even distinguish between incest and pedophilia. She characterizes herself as an "incest-survivor", which is why she is of the opinion that pedophiles must suffer.

Isn't there anyone out there who can explain to her that an act of volition is a prerequisite for incest, while pedophilia is an innate sexual orientation, that only rarely if ever is realized? And make her understand that paedophile deeds can be forbidden but that the feeling as such cannot be made to disappear, and people don't buy their sexuality at the discount super market, but must live with whatever sexuality the Maker has given them.

And tell Kristian Ditlev Jensen, Save the Child and the aggregate of press and media, that it is the very essence of a democratic society, that all citizens are guaranteed the right to assemble and to practice freedom of speech - perhaps especially if one doesn't sympathize with them. And by the way, that a prerequisite for paying due respect to minorities is democracy itself.

Is EU harmonization good?

Here is a report from an Italian citizen living in Denmark.

"This question may sound meaningless, but my experience as an Italian citizen living in another country, does however give meaning to an otherwise senseless question.

When I went to the police station, for entirely different reasons, it so happened that I was registered on their computers as wanted by the police. Strangely enough, no one was able to explain why and who was issuing the order.

I was arrested and escorted to another police station. Only late that evening was I informed of the contents of the arrest order: Extradition to Italy was requested in order to take legal proceedings against me for allegedly having distributed pornography illustrating minors.

This was quite astonishing because at that time I had been a resident of Denmark for 4½ years and hadn't even once been in Italy. The police consequently ransacked my flat and they confiscated about 30 kilos of so-called material evidence, especially magazines, photographic books and not insignificantly two computers, a printer and a box with 'sex toys'.

In accordance with the Italian request for extradition I was supposed to have exchanged the above-mentioned material between 1993 and 2001 with a particular person in Italy, even though the wording of the extradition papers was entirely insufficient. No description of the material evidence was enclosed, and the person I was in contact with hadn't mentioned me with as much as a single word. The charges were exclusively based on a few letters, which had been impounded from this person living in Italy. Moreover, neither were any of these letters enclosed in the extradition papers.

Despite this insufficiency in building tenable charges against me I was placed in custody for three months. The reason for my release was insignificant and purely technical: Some necessary legal documents, which Denmark initially requested hadn't yet been sent to Denmark.

It took the Danish Ministry of Justice seven months to reject Italy's request for extradition. They could very easily have replied that the mentioned period "between 1993 and 2001" was ridiculously formulated, for the simple reason that at that time pornography was neither illegal in Denmark nor in Italy. And they could at least have mentioned that there was insufficient evidence for a criminal case. But instead Denmark chose to reject the request for extradition in a diplomatic manner, because they exclusively emphasized that distribution of pornography was only a criminal offence, if it were done so for commercial interests.

Italy lost, but one can't say that Denmark won, because Denmark was forced to pay me compensation for unjustified incarceration. I was only accorded a partial concession: 62,000 Danish crowns, that is 50% of that which I had requested and was entitled to. However, I am now fully engaged in recovering 100% damages, although I've not so far been very successful.

My own case reflects an era in mutual relations between the countries of the EU that soon may be at an end. With the so-called European warrant for an arrest from 2004 no state may resist a request for extradition. If the criminal offence for which one is indicted is on a list pertaining to the new EU law, then each state is obligated to extradite without exception, including its own citizens - to the state seeking extradition, even in cases where the alleged act isn't illegal according to national law. Pornography involving children is of course on the list. If the accusation for which I was put into custody had happened in 2004 instead of 2002, then I wouldn't be sitting here writing this account today.

That's why the answer to the introductory question is obvious. We will just have to hope that the

ongoing referendums will overrule the EU Constitution, so that the situation will not get even worse."

The 'New DPA'

Some members of the former DPA have put the DPA's web site back on the Internet, but with this new address: < <http://www.danped.fpc.net/> >. These people more or less continue the work of the former group but now entirely on the Internet.

In 1984, Peter Schmidt and another member of the Danish National Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Organization founded the old DPA within this gay institution. Schmidt does not himself have a paedophile identity (he is adult-to-adult bisexual in sexual orientation) and has not been a member of any DPA since 1990.

Instead he has started organizing meetings open to anyone and everyone under captions on a variety of themes like Scientific Understanding of Child-Adult Sexual Relations. Schmidt has advertised time and place of these meetings in a big national newspaper and on his web site www.just-well.dk. As a result of this, just-well.dk has 500-600 daily visits.

On this website there are written (text) and audio (Internet Radio) interviews by Schmidt who discusses child-adult sexual relations with some of the best and most radical sexologists and cultural personalities in Denmark. In addition to this there are links to places like Denmark's National Radio where Professor and Dr. of Medicine Sexologist Preben Hertoft speaks for 19 minutes on pedophilia and where he, being confronted with present day hysterical criticism does not retract any of his former positions on child-adult sexual relations.

More of this kind will be expanded this autumn on just-well.dk. Former local radio broadcasts by Schmidt and others will then be rebroadcast from just-well.dk. This works via the Internet, so that one may download the programs free of charge.

Schmidt's radiobroadcast from Denmark's National Radio DR 1 in 1982, "Daddy, may I play with your pee pee?" (about incest, pedophilia, children's mutual sexual experiences) was broadcast in Italian by professional radio speakers three times to all of Italy in 1983, and it was mentioned in Corriere della Sera and Il Manifesto prior to the broadcast. It has for the past four years been available to the public for free on just-well.dk with 3-4 listeners every week.

The angle and scope of Schmidt's Internet Radio and TV initiative is to focus on a scientific understanding, based on research, where as much as possible of that which is said or written can immediately be backed up by scientific facts and their sources.

The past and present DPA:

The New DPA is not an organization with members and voting; there are only individual persons with their own web site at < <http://www.danped.fpc.net/> >.

A splendidly factual new book Women and Men has just been published

Sociology professor at the University of Copenhagen, Henning Bech, has just written a concise scientific work, 396 pages of solid and constructive information, with a 46 page chapter on pedophilia: Inside and Outside the Home, Violence and Power. Peter Schmidt will later review this book publicly here on this forum and on his own www.just-well.dk

Reactions

Question:

Why do you not want to start a new group or organization?

Answer:

I don't have a paedophile identity, and I suppose people who do have one are too vulnerable. Remember that the former DPA had infiltrators exposing members on national TV, even members who themselves are not paedophile, but nevertheless stigmatising them as pedophiles! Those are the risks of such an organization. There was no other choice than to stop it.

The Netherlands

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You might remember that members of this self-help group in the east of The Netherlands were house-raided and some of them arrested at the end of 2003. The arrested people had travelled to Tunisia that summer and they and others were suspected of having possessed and exchanged kiddie porn.

Thus, the other members and the leaders of the group had to undertake a great deal of work. Many letters were written to demonstrate that the group as such was not 'a criminal organization'. That defence was successful. Only some members who travelled together have been alleged to form a criminal organization. The imprisoned members were each supplied with a small team for help and visits. The group continued its monthly talk sessions and its help among each other. Some members have left out of fear, others stayed to welcome the new members.

In the course of 2004, several trials took place. In each case, the prosecutor claimed unusual high sentences of six to eight years and compulsory treatment in closed clinics. However, in each case, the court's verdict was far less severe. Thus, also in each case, the prosecutor appealed. So we had the next series of court sessions, now before the Court of Appeal, in 2004 and the beginning of 2005. The prosecutor's claims were lower, but the sentences were all higher than in first instance. Now, in some cases forced treatment was inflicted.

JON still has its web site in six languages at < <http://home.uni-one.nl/plein/jon/> >.

NVSH

JON is part of the NVSH, the Dutch Association for Sexual Reform. The NVSH has also encounter groups for pedophiles in Rotterdam and The Hague. The NVSH has a good magazine, spread all over the country, but the organization as such is small, with only a few chapters left. Several chapters have started their own local organization. The national association still has a help-phone that works well.

A trend

In every case of a suspicion of a moral offence, even if it is only having downloaded kiddie porn, the suspect is asked to and sometimes forced to undergo psychiatric and psychological examination, paid by the state. That's the first trend. The second trend is that those 'experts' routinely report a mental distortion and advise treatment.

Paedophilic feelings are seen as a severe mental distortion, even if all tests allow for the conclusion that the person is normal. Having and expressing a vision other than that which is politically correct will result in a 'cognitive distortion' conclusion. Especially if you say you have no problems with those feelings, you are declared to be an egosyntone paedophile, which is a very severe mental distortion - in spite of the DSM that says that egosyntone paedophilia as such is no distortion at all as long as one does not act upon it. It is even worse if one does not express shame and guilt.

The experts are also asked for the risk of recidivism. The trend is to estimate this always as very high - in spite of research showing that recidivism rates in such cases are much lower than the mean rates. In one case, the risk was estimated as 100%, which is impossible in principle. This is reported and confirmed under oath by witnesses who call themselves 'experts'.

Thus, the next trend is to claim and to inflict compulsive treatment behind bars for as long as is legally possible. Quite recently, new units named "long-stay" units have been started for 'incurable people'. The "stay" can be life long.

This trend can especially be seen in the way the officers of the rehabilitation, probation and after-care services approach their work. Originally, their task was to help the person, but nowadays in fact they do their best to keep the person behind bars as long as possible.

The Association Martijn

This association still has its web site with a news service, articles, books and forum, as well as its magazine OK, its meetings and encounter group. However, the membership is getting lower; people retire out of fear. There is only a small team to do the work.

Koinos Magazine

Koinos Magazine intends to capture the beauty of teenage boys, and be available as an independent information channel for boy lovers. It does not pretend to change the world right now, but it tries to be supportive for those who are working on that very task and entertaining for those who are less ambitious.

We hope to send out our 50th issue next year. For that special occasion we will invite several authors to write down their forecasts, fantasies or fiction stories regarding boy-love 50 years from now.

Web sites and forums

A new web site with a forum is successful: "pedofilie.nl" - Dutch only - with a lot of visitors and nearly without hate mail.

A frequently used forum is "Jongensforum", a Dutch-only forum with a lot of participants and messages - mostly from the new generation boy lovers, equipped with a computer and having long discussions.

Meant for students and journalists is "De Pedoloog" at < <http://www.p-loog.info/> > with an English section.

A far more broadly-based web site with a web log and many essays covering a wide range of subjects is < <http://www.tegenwicht.org/> > also with an English section.

Thus, all this activity is still possible in the Netherlands, including an "International Boy Love Day" twice each year.

Anti-paed groups

Supported by an extreme right-wing and very small political party, there exists an "Anti-Martijn Committee". There has been little activity, except now and then a small demonstration, on two occasions prohibited by police, and a third when permission was given to demonstrate in front of the house of the chair of Martijn and to distribute leaflets in that neighbourhood. However, this has had no negative consequences.

Now and then, there is a short flurry of mails to one of - how to name it, let's say: - the grumble web sites the Netherlands have. Those flurries come and go quite quickly.

An explicit anti-pedo foundation is Foundation Soelaas, chaired by Mrs Ireen van Engelen. The foundation has no web site and the lady wrote only one book. She gathers all the information she is able to gather. For example, she has stored all messages of "Jongensforum", and she has been present at many court trials, making notes. Clearly she has infiltrated into a small and closed chat site of JON, named JONChat, which has stopped now. Confidential messages posted on that list have been sent to a lot of authorities and officials in the country.

She claims she is busy writing further books on the history of the paed-movement in the Netherlands and about abuse cases in the field of schools and education.

Most of her activities are directed against individual persons. For instance, she has sent information to people's employers, causing them in some cases to lose their jobs. She also regularly sends letters to the Ministers, the Parliament, the prosecutors and the national police office, giving information about persons with paedophilic feelings or activity in the paed-movement. We are sure that none of those officials takes her letters seriously.

General trends in The Netherlands

There is a strong trend to the right wing going on here. Politicians follow this trend. Politically the government can be described as neo-liberal. Social care has been diminished, and many services privatised along the neo-capitalistic model. The trend is to act as the USA does under the Bush government and the Republican majority. In juridical terms, this means: more laws, more severe laws, higher sentences.

There are serious conflicts between young people from the right-wing and our numerous Muslim communities. The murder of the filmmaker Van Gogh by a Muslim extremist has intensified this process. Both groups, the right wing and the Muslims, are intolerant of gays. The famous tolerance of the city of Amsterdam has gone. For teachers, it is impossible to out themselves as gay. The same holds for youngsters in the schoolyard.

Most members of the Muslim community are peaceful people, but a few people, especially young adult men, have acquired extremist and fundamentalist ideas from the Internet and the dish aerial. A lot of adolescents, especially Moroccans, behave in a quite criminal and dangerous manner. Another problem group are the Muslim girls, who are kept at home and bound by their chastity. But there are also many modern Muslim girls who function well at school.

Remarkably enough, the Netherlands is one of the richest countries in the world, with a lot of welfare but a lack of well-being. People are not content; they grumble a lot. We call this here "the great discomfort".

Other countries

From Britain we hear no news, except an endless series of proposals for more severe laws.

In Germany there are only a few groups left after the infiltration and subsequent news stories some years ago. A few groups exist but are not reachable due to their lack of an address. The Munich group seems to have disappeared completely.

An unusual court case is going on there: about a written account in which a man describes an intimate contact he had in his youth, which had done him only good. The text is part of the PRD (Pedophile Resources Directory), a more or less old collection of texts, frequently moved on the Internet, but now on the server of a provider. Two people have been accused and convicted of publishing child pornography by having published that text in that context. The trial was in Trier. The accused appealed. The prosecutor of the Appeal Court declared the text legal, but did not overwrite the verdict, and sent the case back to the court in Trier. There, a professor was asked for advice: if the PRD could be seen as a scientific database. "No", said the prof. Thus, the court condemned again. The accused appealed again.

In Greece no changes. No witch hunt, no progress, no groups: silence.

During the meeting, a discussion took place about L'Association Ange Bleu in Paris, France. "A bad and one-sided organization doing no good work", said one member. "Oh no! A very good organization doing very good work! Read the book! [*] See the web site! [**] Talk with the people!" said another member.

[* La Fin d'un Silence; Pédophilie: Une approche différente, par Latifa Bennari, AD2 Editions 2002. < http://www.ipce.info/library_3/files/latifa.htm >]
[** < <http://www.ange-bleu.com/> >]

Report 2: Strategic considerations

Review yourself now and then

There are still a lot of groups, forums and web sites in the field of intergenerational love and intimate relationships. Ipce is one of them. Now and then it is good to overview the field and its groups, to review one's aims, goals, targets and methods, and to specify - in this case - the role of Ipce within it.

NAMBLA does the same: now and then reviewing its position papers. Such positions should not be too specific, better to be broad like constitutions are.

A new group has been formed, named "Act": a group of active people in this field who are trying to present a united vision and, in that sense, leadership. A paper with a draft vision was shown during the meeting, but not published here because it is still a draft.

Targets, 'the public'

A group or organization has its members, and there is 'the public'. What is your target? Primarily, the target should be the members.

In the past, NAMBLA has tried to reach 'the public' with position papers about a lot of subjects. Later, NAMBLA was attacked because of some specific opinions written in those position papers. Now, NAMBLA concentrates on their own membership, to form a self-conscious constituency. The Bulletin is now written primarily for the members.

The Association Martijn does more or less the same with its Magazine OK. The several forums in this field do the same. There, the Internet generation meets each other - to find their own way in the changing world.

'The public' can be split into a small top, a greater medium level, and 'the mass', just like a pyramid. Some say: we never try to reach the mass of the public, only the medium level (like journalists) and the top level (like scientists and politicians). The mass of the public is likely to be unwilling and unable to accept our message; they follow their own leaders.

Public relations experts usually advise, in such situations, not even to try to reach the public as a whole, but only what they call 'ordinances'. In our case they are: individual boy/girl/child (etc.) lovers, their groups, journalists, scientists, students, opinion leaders, religious leaders, lawmakers - each group in its own way. Try to find points of contact and shared opinions.

What Ipce does

What Ipce specifically does is: giving information as broad a sweep as possible - and as balanced as possible: more than 1000 files on its web site. Ipce takes no specific positions, except a series of statements. It provides information, so people can take up their own positions and make their own statements. Balance is intended by giving different opinions and essays, but not scientific reports if they are clearly flawed. So, not only are the Rind c.s.' reports on the Ipce web site, but also the counter reports and the whole discussion.

Regrettably, nowadays, some 'science' is no objective science at all. People start with an opinion and then search for the facts to support that opinion. One can easily order and pay for such reports. For example, both the pro-tobacco scene and the contra-tobacco scene have many such reports.

Making a thousand files available is good, but a general overview is difficult, in spite of the specific overviews by subject and the fact that more such overviews will be made. Ipce should start its next project: making brochures (or files) with what public relation experts call "fast facts", short texts with the main messages and facts, some statistics, some quotes, some anecdotes or cases. No politic position, only facts, balanced facts and opinions: both pro and contra. Primarily for its own members and some others who may be interested: the *ordinances*, thus not written for 'the public'. This is work for Ipce as an international organization; a national or local group might earlier have been 'suspected' of having its own agenda.

Do not deliver your message as 'my agenda', but place it in a broader context. Send your opinion to a newspaper or magazine and then support it with: 'The newspaper or this magazine says ...'

Which message?

The subject ought to be: relationships, not 'paedophilia'. Intergenerational relationships are inherently neither good nor bad. They always depend on the quality and the consensus. It is a complex subject; there is never one truth nor one good answer or vision. Thus, give room for more answers and visions, and thus for further discussion. This is what Ipce does.

Accept diversity in the several organizations; do not combat this, but accept and help each other.

On the individual level

Some members say that they only work on the individual level, and that, in several countries, working as a group or in publicity is not possible; it will be used against you. But if working on the individual level is possible, one can possibly join with other individuals as well, maybe later forming a group.

Note, says one member, that I work toward scientific understanding of intimate adult-child relationships and pedophilia as an existing phenomenon, thus I do not work 'for pedophiles'.

Working with groups

In the Netherlands and in Germany there are still groups for people with paedophilic feelings. In these countries, this is possible. Working with groups has some risk - see what happened in both countries, but also possibilities. Such groups may exist at different levels: everybody has to begin with him or herself, and then a group may grow to a higher level. It is difficult to find active and sophisticated people for these groups. A lot of depression and fear hinders. We're living in a kind of Kafka's world.

We nevertheless go on. Each one has to find one's own best way to live, then follow a road or route to sophistication and ability to be active. This requires time and patience. These kinds of groups can prevent problems for their members. If problems arrive, there is help. As a group, we develop experience and knowledge that can be made available to others.

For example, what is going on in all those 'treatment' centres? The public does not know; they believe that 'experts' practise 'therapy', not knowing that, in fact, it is brainwashing by ideologists. It is all control of behavior, thoughts and fantasies.

Working with art

In the world of the art are opportunities for progressive arts and artists: writers, painters, photographers - and the producers, the museums, the exhibitions. Kevin Esser, André Gide and Oscar Wilde are good examples; they are still widely read.

As an example, a five-minute video was shown at the meeting. The video simply illustrates how boys are presented in TV advertisements: clearly as attractive. Short interviews might also be good. Young people understand the language of images quite well, and many of them have the equipment to make such presentations. Easier still is to make links to existing short films or presentations, such as from famous talk shows on TV. The Dutch web site
< <http://www.pedofilie.nl/> > has some such links, e.g.
< <http://www.pedofilie.nl/files/purperenpaard.wmv> > and
< <http://www.pedofilie.nl/files/purperenpaard.avi> >.

A script as an example

As another example, members present at the meeting played part of a script for a film. The passage was about openness to parents. In the script the boy intends to keep secret the relationship between himself and an adult friend, although it is entirely legal, because he knows that people will not understand it. The friend wants to be open with the parents, both his own

and the parents of the boy. The adult does not want to burden the boy with a secret, but the boy says it is no burden at all. The passage is a discussion between the members of the self-help group.

The very serious discussion makes clear that the attitude of most adults causes the spontaneity of the relationship to disappear because of this kind of problem. The relationship in the script is just at its point of consciousness, which is a point of no return.

Secrecy can poison a relationship; openness can totally end it. For the boy, openness to his peers will result in being called a faggot; parents and other adults will immediately start talking about sex and make the relationship a problem. For the adult, openness to the parents is the *crux* of his ethics.

The play makes clear that society not only rejects the sex (not present in that relationship) but the love, or even the liking for each other, and the choice to have a relationship outside the family. One might make a comparison with gay relationships in most South-European and other countries: they can be open without great problems. One knows, but one does not talk explicitly about it.

Countries and cultures differ in talking about adult-child relationships. In the USA, there is no longer any differentiation between 'pedophilia' and 'prostitution', nor between 'pedophilia' (as a feeling or desire) and 'pedo-sexuality' (as a deed). Such nuances or differentiations are 'not done' nowadays in the US culture and language. In other countries and cultures, these differences can be taken into an overall view.

Playing this passage demonstrated that even a few minutes of a film may be able to give insights of the ins and outs of such a relationship and each one's role in it. There is no background, no overview, only one event that prompts thinking about the subject.

The post-modern child

The post-modern child in Western culture is different from children in earlier generations. Modern children mature earlier, are less childish. They have more freedom, money, their own TV and a PC, more power - and more weight. They know more about sex and have, at least in some countries, sexual experiences at a young age. The first question to a child in any TV show is: 'Do you already have a boy or girl friend?' "Oh, cute!" say the adults, but at the same time there is a lot of pressure towards a hetero life style. Very young children use "faggot" or "pedo" as terms of abuse in the schoolyard. A trend?

The post-modern child lover

The modern child lover, the young adult, is far more conscious of themselves, their feelings and their position in society than his or her predecessors. They are more positive and strong - says one member, seeing this as a trend. Oh no, says another, I see a lot of depression and disillusion - seeing this as a trend. Both are reality. On several forums, they talk intensively with one another. Most of them seem to avoid any political or other action: they live their own lives, and that's it. We see quarrels, a lot of critics, not too much solidarity, and very little appreciation of what activists do. A trend?

...Who knows? Will future generations see parallels with the history of the gay movement?
Pressure from the outside does not automatically raise solidarity – It can produce internal friction..

| The Internet provides the opportunity to be no longer isolated. New groups arise, virtual groups appear. There are new ways to bring people together, new ways to send out messages, new ways for self-protection, caution and sophistication.

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Recognizing trends and trend changes

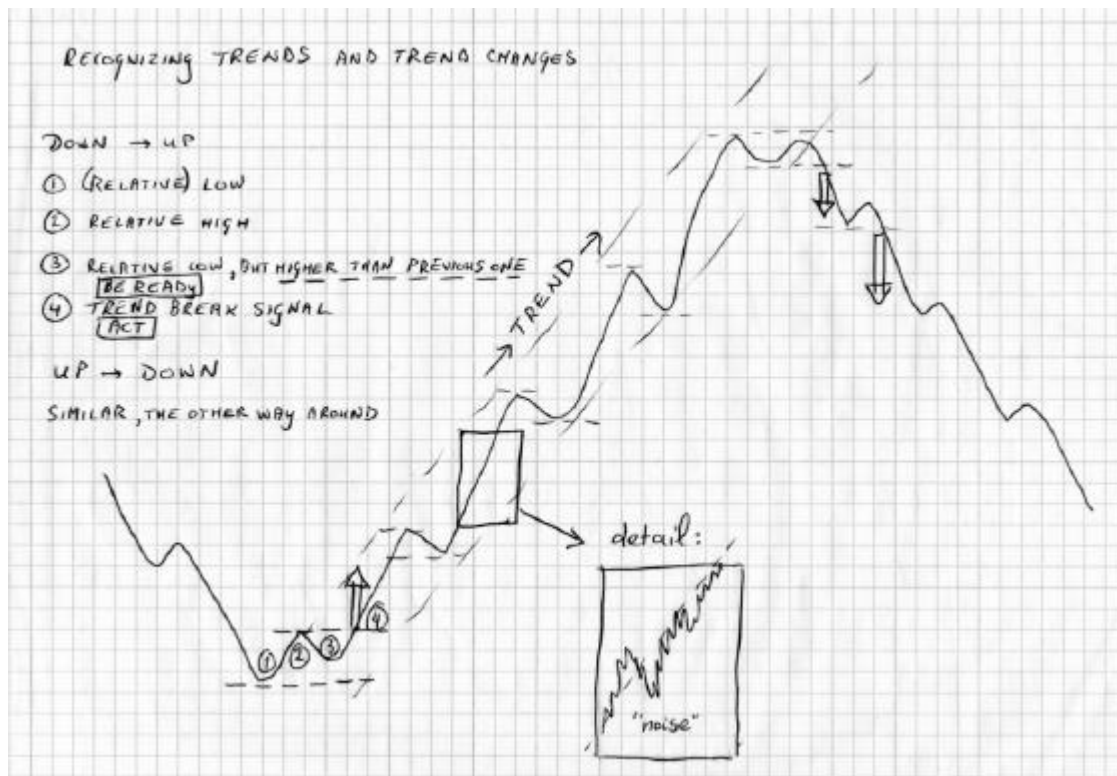
Figure:

Down --> Up

- (1) (Relative) low
- (2) Relative high
- (3) Relative low, but *higher than previous one* -> **Be ready.**
- (4) Trend break signal --> **Act.**

Up --> down

Similar, the other way around.



It may be worthwhile to have some means of recognizing trends and trend changes in order to choose the moment when our attempts to influence mass opinion may be most effective. The thought occurred to me that we might learn from so-called Technical Analysis techniques used in stock trading. Although this is not backed by any proof or theory that I know of, I suspect that similar human emotions play an important role in both political and market trends. The illustration explains one of the techniques used in stock trading to decide when to act (sell or buy).

Provided you have a way of measuring and plotting a graph of the kind of trend you're interested in, it might be a good idea to use a similar technique to decide when and how to act. When the trend goes up it's the right time to be offensive and shout your message. When the trend goes down, however, your resources may be better spent in offensive actions ("fighting the enemy") and in preparing your material for the next up-trend.

Reactions

- ✳️ OK, *be ready*, thus: form a team of executives. That's what I can do.
- ✳️ There are other curves, known by sailors and helpers: a curve that suddenly changes at a 'tipping point', on which action must be taken. Try to foresee that moment.
- ✳️ Such a moment might be if paedophile feelings will be no longer see as a kind of mental illness, as Moser & Kleinpatz recently proposed to APA and its DSM. [See the content of this Newsletter.]
 - ✳️ The DSM, and APA, do they lead the public or follow the public?
 - ✳️ They do both: APA's members vote and the members might follow the public opinion, but if they decide to change the DSM, the DSM will lead the public.
- ✳️ There is one kind of statement that has great influence: the *Editorials* of newspapers. You might try to reach the writers of those statements and ask their attention.

Report 3. Ipce decides about Ipce: Internal matters

Report of the secretary May 2005

Ipce has now 79 members in 20 countries. This is less than last year, but I have removed the not reachable members from the list. There are three pending members. IMO, Ipce Meets Online, has now 23 members.

I have made two Newsletters this year: # 16 and 17, August 2004 and February 2005. There are enough articles, due to lack of time, I was not able to make a third one.

As the secretary, I have to mention only one conflict between the members. A new Ipce and IMO member appeared to have made possibly mistakes in the past by defaming a person (a non-member). After two members, Tom and I, had asked him to explain, he did explain but disappointingly left on his own initiative. We might re-invite him. I ask the meeting for a decision.

I may ask the Meeting to form a new Ipce Team for conflict and emergency cases. I am able and willing to continue my task during the next year.

Report of the Webmaster

Ipce has its main web site (Library, Library 3, Newsletters and two hosting sections) now on an Office-Pro Account by Demon, and its 'Library Two' on an account by Wanadoo. The Wanadoo account was free, but has to be paid now. In the hosting sections, we host several books, including the saved books from the disappeared 'Booksreborn' web site.

IMO has moved from its former account to another one, because the former owner stopped his company. An archive of the former messages has been saved.

The costs for the three servers are about 50 € each month. The room at Demon is at 75% capacity. If we reach 100%, we have to upgrade the account for more room – and will have to pay more money for it.

The Ipce web site has had 105,500 visitors since 2002. We have about 100 visitors each day now. I estimate the number of files on the web now to be about 1000 files.

There are a lot of files still to be placed on the web site. Due to a lack of time, I have been delayed in placing them. I will make the site as balanced as possible. A sub web site with personal stories can be made during the coming year.

I am able and willing to continue my task during the next year.

Financial Report

Financial Report Ipce May 1, 2004 - May 9, 2005						
	Report	Report	Report	Report	Expected	Expected
	2003-04	2003-04	2004-05	2004-05	2005-06	2005-06
Starting balance		235,96		1.315,62		1.046,99
Income						
Contributions	527,30		264,46		500,00	
Gifts	1.196,60		445,00		250,00	
Other: rent	6,14		7,76			
Total income		1.730,04		717,22		750,00
Start + Income		1.966,00		2.032,84		1.796,99
Costs						
Newsletters	0,00		-226,01		-225,00	< more

Meeting	0,00		-100,00		-500,00	< less
Secretarial costs:						
Post-box & stamps	-131,65		-64,60		-75,00	
Web site						
Providers	-392,70		-581,70		-618,60	< * & **
Other costs	-100,00		0,00		-100,00	< articles
Various costs	-26,03		-22,90		-50,00	
Total costs		-650,38		-995,21		-1.568,60
Final balance		1.315,62		1.037,63		228,39
ASN Account	619,36		163,02			
Postbank FG acc	696,26		874,61			
Total		1.315,62		1.037,63		
This report, the cash book and the bank account				* Providers	Monthly	Year
has been controlled by Titus Rivas, and found				Demon **	35,70	-428,40
in good order.				Wannadoo	5,85	-70,20
				Bluebox	10,00	-120,00
				Total	51,55	-618,60
				** OR more IF we need more room.		

The meeting decided

- ✳ To accept the secretarial report,
- ✳ To re-invite the left member,
- ✳ To re-appoint Frans as the secretary for the next year,
- ✳ To accept the report of the webmaster and IMO moderator, and so his policy,
- ✳ To re-appoint Frans as the webmaster and the IMO moderator for the next year,
- ✳ To accept the financial report,
- ✳ To re-appoint Frans as the treasurer for the next year,
- ✳ To appoint four members as the Ipce Team for conflict and emergency events,
- ✳ To start with making a *facts booklet* as meant in the strategic considerations and
- ✳ To have the next meeting in the end of May 2006 in the Netherlands.

Report 4: Spirituality

A member says...

Spirituality is good for everyone. It has helped me out of my depression. Spirituality is also a medicine to combat and overcome addiction. A helpful book for me was: "The Secret of Letting Go" by Guy Finley.

Here are some quotes from
< <http://www.kajama.com/> > [Go to "Archives" and to the author Margaret Paul and her articles]

- ✿ (1) Accessing Your Spiritual Guidance,
- ✿ (2) Too Stuck to Pray &
- ✿ (3) Are You Addicted to Spirituality?

(1)

"[...] All of us want a direct line to our spiritual guidance. We need this help in maintaining abstinence and taking responsibility for ourselves. We want to know what is in our highest good, what is the right decision in different situations, how to set appropriate boundaries, and how to manifest what we want.

"It is the birthright of each of us to have a direct line to God, whatever God may be for us personally. Though few of us have learned how to do this at will on a daily basis, it is, surprisingly, not hard to do.

"The spiritual realm exists at a higher frequency than we do here on the physical plane of Planet Earth. In order to access the spiritual realm, we need to know how to raise our frequency. [...]

"So, how do we raise our frequency? There are numerous things you can do to raise your frequency, but none of them will work unless you have the intent to learn with Spirit about loving yourself and others.

"Our intent is the most powerful tool we have for raising our frequency. There are only two possible intents in any given moment:

- ✿ to learn with God/Spirit about loving yourself and others, or
- ✿ to protect against your pain and avoid responsibility for your feelings. [...]

"When you have a true, pure intent to learn, your frequency automatically rises. None of the actions I suggest below will raise your frequency without this intent. However, once you have this intent, the following actions can help to further raise your frequency.

- ✿ Move into your imagination. Your imagination is a gift from God. [...]
- ✿ Keep your body clear. Your body is an energy system. If your body's energy is clogged with drugs, alcohol, nicotine, caffeine, sugar, heavy foods, lots of food or foods contaminated with pesticides, preservatives, artificial sweeteners or any of the thousands of chemicals that are added to foods these days, your frequency is lowered.
- ✿ Pray. [...]
- ✿ Chant. Repetitive prayers, chants and mantras can open you to higher frequencies, as can singing in general.
- ✿ Dance. Rapid repetitive movement, such as Native American drumming dances, may open you to higher frequencies.
- ✿ Spend time in nature. The frequency of a city is far lower than the frequency of nature. Being

among trees and flowers, near a river, creek or lake, at the ocean, in the desert, or on a mountain can all raise your frequency."

(2)

"Prayer is a powerful way to open the heart when you are stuck in anger, fear, self-judgment, resistance or depression. When you can sincerely pray for spiritual help in opening your heart and taking responsibility for your own feelings and needs, help is there. Spirit will find some way to support you when you really desire the help. Spiritual help may come through words that pop into your mind, through images, feelings, dreams, or through other people - but it will come. [...]

"There are many other ways of opening the heart, but none of them will work unless your intent - your deepest desire - is to learn about what is loving to you and take action on your own behalf.

"When our deepest desire is to take responsibility for our own well-being, then many things, including prayer, will help.

"If you want to move out of your stuck place and prayer just isn't your thing or you just can't get yourself there, you may be able to open your heart if you:

- ✿ Think about what you are grateful for
- ✿ Find a way to help someone else
- ✿ Listen to music
- ✿ Take a walk
- ✿ Spend time in nature
- ✿ Open up to a friend
- ✿ Read personal growth books or spiritual literature Journal
- ✿ Do a creative activity
- ✿ Dance
- ✿ Do yoga
- ✿ Attend a Twelve-Step or other support -group meeting
- ✿ Play with a child or a pet
- ✿ Get held by a loving person
- ✿ Let yourself cry and lovingly hold a doll or stuffed animal that represents the sad part of you
- ✿ Release anger by yelling and pounding

[...]

"Think of the sad, depressed, resistant, or angry part of you as a little child who is needing love. If you wait for someone else to love that child, you may wait forever. It is only when we are infants and toddlers that others may attend to what we need. As adults, it is our job to take care of our own feelings and needs. If you think of yourself as the parent of this child within - the feeling part of you - it may make it easier to take responsibility for yourself.

"Happiness, peace and joy are the result of loving ourselves and others, as opposed to being loved. When you really understand this and take action based on this truth, you will find your joy."

(3)

"Lian had been meditating for many years before consulting with me for his depression. [...]

"Lian was suffering from what is called "spiritual bypass." Spiritual bypass occurs when people use their spiritual practice as a way to avoid dealing with and taking responsibility for their feelings. [...]

"In his work with me, Lian discovered that he was constantly either ignoring his inner child - his feeling self - or he was in self-judgment. The combination of ignoring himself [...] and judging himself resulted in his inner child feeling unloved, unimportant, and unseen. Lian saw that if he treated his actual children in the way he treated himself - ignoring their feelings and constantly judging them - they would also feel badly and maybe depressed.

"But Lian did attend to his actual children's feelings and needs. It was his own that he was ignoring and judging. Lian realized that he was treating himself the way his parents had treated him. He was a much better parent to his children than his parents had been to him, but he was parenting his own inner child in the way he had been parented. [...]

"He discovered that his depression was actually a gift - a way his inner child was letting him know that he was not being loving to himself. With practice, Lian learned to take loving care of himself and his depression disappeared."

A next member speaks

I have been on a spiritual path for 27 years. It started quite suddenly with questions such as "Who am I?" and "Why am I here?" I started to practice yoga. I began to see my thoughts as illusions made by myself, and to grow open for deeper truth. The world around us will disappear if we die, as will our thoughts about it: illusions. We create our world with an aim we should discover and not forget. We have to re-learn what we forgot. So we might find our real path we have to follow.

Next member speaks

For several years, I have been on my spiritual path. I have exchanged views with several Ipce members who did and do the same. Some years ago I even started a "Spirituality List", which has not survived because of lack of messages.

I have read a lot about Gnosticism. This is very old wisdom, from India, Persia, Israel and Greece, concentrating in Alexandria in Egypt where all these insights and books came together. Regrettably, the Roman Catholic Church condemned this philosophy or religion, forbade all writings and burnt believers such as the Cathars in South-France. Monks in Egypt and the Essenes in Israel have saved some writings in vases and have put them in caves. During the second half of the former century, a lot of it has been found again, and has been translated and published. I have a pile of such books.

The crux of Gnosticism is that the deity is not far from us somewhere in space, but *within us* as 'the divine spark'. If a human is open for her or his inner world, one will experience this spark and one will be able to develop it by following 'the path'. The path is a way to go, a path of inauguration in several steps, usually said to be seven steps. By following this path, one will be able to receive divine energy, or cosmic energy, which is the same. Inspiration from above and inspiration from within are the same. "The Above is the Inner" or "As Above, as the Inner". If one prays, one makes contact with Above or with one's inner, it's the same.

How does it work? Contact with the inner will give rest, wisdom and energy. Once I prayed for some support from Above. What I got was this idea or thought about Moses. Moses had to free the folk of Israel from the Pharaoh, and had to lead it to the promised country. He got no plane or rocket. No, he got wisdom, insight, ability and patience to fulfil his task. That is the gift from above. No money but mind, spiritual energy. I am sure it helps me with living in this vale of tears in a meaningful way.

The gnosticisms are divided in their view on human sexuality. Some preach celibacy as the best way. Others do not, and see sexuality and marriage as a way to become whole.

Another member

I have my doubts. Religion might lead to lay responsibility outside yourself instead of on yourself. I don't see a goal in this world. I see a lot of problems. If I have problems, I write them down in my diary, my way of thinking about things. I divide it into small parts, and then take the one after the other. If needed, I search for help - here on earth. So I can go on. Sometimes I switch the button and do nothing, take a pause. A solution might come after that. If not, go on, never run away from your problems.

Discussion

- ✿- "I believe in reincarnation and karma: each human has a task here on earth. The reason that someone is gay or hetero or paedophile can lie in her or his karma. Attraction does not come out of the blue"
 - "Indeed, I have such a task; try to remember with which task you came to earth."
- ✿- "Religions speak about morality, but there is more: there is beauty. If you see a beauty, it is a moral demand. Ethics have to do with aesthetics."
 - "For the ancient Greek, the highest values were the good, the truth and the beauty."
- ✿- "I can agree with beauty as a value, as are naturalness. I do not believe in guilt if you admire this. I do not believe in ethics and spirituality; for me, the human is a biological machine and the mind is 'the ghost in the machine'. Awareness is only for a moment; if one dies, all is over."
 - "Never read about post-mortal experiences?"
 - "No."
- ✿- "My thinking about religion dates from the hippy period in the sixties. Love and beauty were then high values. A picture gave me a spiritual awareness - but awareness stems from the body, not from above or so. Years later, I got a severe illness, which caused me to think again about life, dead and its meaning. I see sexuality as a positive value."
- ✿- "Religion and sexuality... a difficult combination. It is a taboo in many religions, but not in all. It differs greatly by cultures around the world and in the course of the ages. I agree with beauty and sexuality as positive values in life."
- ✿- "Among the Christians I have met, I see two different types in relation to paedophilic feelings.
 - ◆ Type A see a conflict between their religion and their feelings. Suppression of the feelings might be the logical consequence, but this is difficult - if possible anyway.
 - ◆ Type B see themselves as created as they are, thus good. There is no inner conflict. If there are conflicts, it is with society, not with God.

Report 5: Looking back on the meeting

The members said that it was a pleasant and meaningful meeting at a very nice place. The section about spirituality was seen as the best part of it. The section about the strategic considerations was said to be more difficult. Strategy is always a difficult point. Playing the film script was a good part of it: it raised insights to difficult problems. Such a meeting is a place and opportunity for reflection and exchange of ideas. The one learns from the other.

Another aspect of the meeting is that every member can freely express his or her feelings. An important but difficult emotion is anger. It has to be expressed and to be transformed into meaningful action.

The pauses are an integral part of such a meeting. One can make friends and refresh and maintain the contact, express one's feelings and exchange one's experiences and ideas.

Contact is important. The Internet has made it possible. "My life has been changed since I had such contacts, since the now famous good old *Berrylist* and other forums." Here you meet the person behind the pc, so to say.

Some are glad to have a pause for reflection and want more time for it. Others prefer action and are glad to have some concrete working papers, appointments and tasks.

A meeting about which it is said there wasn't enough time, was a good meeting. Our chair was a bit severe and precise, but he said this was needed for a meeting with sometime hot and heavy or lively discussions among people who mostly have quite strong personalities. It is a pity that several members retired just before the meeting and that only a few were actually present, but for personal encounter, a small group is better than a large group.

3. Articles

1. The Investigator

March 08, 2005

Rick was on LOCAL 8 NEWS to talk about his mission against NAMBLA.
<http://www.760kfm.com/asx/2005/02/local8.asx>

http://www.760kfm.com/personalities/rick_roberts/archives/2005/02/nambla/the_investigator.php

[Explanation: The Rick Roberts Show gives *thousand dollar* to who gives him the address of a NAMBLA member. Rick publishes the address in his show. One member had already the police knocking on the door to remove his son shortly after the address was published.]

Because of the thousands of NAMBLA tips sent to The Rick Roberts Show, we have decided to solicit some help. After talking about the bounty nationally on Hannity and Colmes, we had to hire our own personal private investigator.

And the Court of Public Opinion has really gotten lucky with our choice of investigators.

Here's some of his background:

Years of law enforcement experience; has conducted numerous investigations, including involvement in the arrests and prosecutions of a variety of criminal groups and organizations; His specialty- Child abusers and sex offenders.

He truly is a "Criminal Justice Professional." And now he's working for The Rick Roberts Show.

You NAMBLA members should be afraid- very afraid.

On his first day, He brought us a list of NAMBLA members - some right here in San Diego.

Due to current investigations, including undercover and infiltration of NAMBLA and other groups, the investigator's identity and Investigation Company will remain unknown to the public at large.

Only Rick Roberts knows the identity of the investigator, and Rick is the only person with the ability to contact him.

But you will be able to hear from him. You will hear what he discovers about NAMBLA, and other groups just like them. You will hear who he finds is a member, and how close they live to you. You will hear just how prominent this disease of child molestation is. And you will hear it all on the Rick Roberts Show.

And more importantly, you will be able to email your tips about potential NAMBLA members to him.

Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe, and be listening for "The Investigator" weekly on The Rick Roberts Show.

2. Famous photographer - anyone having his books risks arrest

Hamilton's naked girl shots ruled 'indecent'

Chris Warmoll, GUARDIAN 05-06-23

David Hamilton - the photographer whose images hang in the US Library of Congress, Carnegie Hall and the Royal Danish Palace - has had his multi-million-selling images of young, naked women and girls officially branded as indecent in a landmark British ruling. Anyone owning one of his coffee-table books now risks being "arrested for possession of indecent photographs", following a ruling at Guildford Crown Court.

The case revolves around Stanley Loam, a 49-year-old auditor from Walton on Thames, Surrey, who was charged with being in possession of 19,000 indecent images of children - the biggest ever haul by the county's force. Loam claimed he had a genuine interest in artistic material, and that the images in his collection by Hamilton were freely available in books sold by websites run by WHSmith, Tesco, Waterstones and Amazon. Loam said he thought they were not indecent, but lost his defence.

Prosecutor Simon Connolly told the court that Loam's home was raided as part of Operation Ore, after receiving a tip-off from the US Postal Investigation Service. He argued that the images, including those by Hamilton,

"are plainly indecent. The content cannot be described as artistic and is plainly of a sexual nature."

The court heard the images seized were of the lowest indecency rating - category 1. Speaking after, DC Simon Ledger, of Surrey Police, said:

"It is no defence in law to say pictures of naked children are 'artistic'."

Whether Hamilton's images are widely available or not, he suggested, they are clearly unlawful.

"The fact he [Loam] has been convicted demonstrates they are not legal."

He added:

"Anyone who has David Hamilton's books can be arrested for the possession of indecent photographs. We are liaising with the publishers of his books to explain this."

Hamilton's photographs have long been at the forefront of the "is it art or pornography?" debate. Glenn Holland, spokesman for the 71-year-old photographer, who lives in St Tropez, said:

"We are deeply saddened and disappointed by this, as David is one of the most successful art photographers the world has ever known. His books have sold millions. "We have known for some time that the law in Britain and the US - our two biggest markets - is becoming tighter each year. But the fact remains that the courts still have to decide on each case."

On Tuesday, WHSmith said it was withdrawing one of Hamilton's books - *The Age of Innocence* - from sale on its website, following a discussion with London publishers, Aurum Press.

Correction 1: Letter to the Editor

Letters

Art on trial

Wednesday July 13, 2005
The Guardian

I am writing in response to your article on the artwork of David Hamilton (Hamilton's naked girl shots ruled 'indecent', G2, June 23). As a photographic artist and a campaigner for freedom of speech, I disagree with the comments of DC Simon Ledger. Following written advice from the Home Office, speaking to the Crown Prosecution Service and reading the appeals court judgement cited to me by Home Office minister Paul Goggins, the book *Age of Innocence* is not indecent. It has also never been before a British jury, in any case. In the US it is constitutionally protected as art.
 [...]

Correction 2: The Editor speaks

The following correction was printed in the *Guardian's* Corrections and clarifications column, Tuesday July 12 2005:

In the article below [the original article is re-printed], we [the *Guardian* newspaper] say that the books of the photographer, David Hamilton, were declared indecent in a "landmark ruling" at Guildford crown court. This was not a landmark ruling. The defendant had pleaded guilty to specimen charges and this fact was accidentally edited from the original story.

3. American Psychiatric Association holds symposium on removal of paraphilias from DSM

June 2005

< <http://www.mhamic.org/newsapasymp.htm> >

At its annual convention in May, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) held a symposium to discuss removing gender identity disorder and the paraphilias from the APA's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). Paraphilias are defined as recurrent and intense sexual feelings or behavior which involve nonhumans, children, or non-consenting adults, or the suffering or humiliation of oneself or one's partner. [*1] They include pedophilia, exhibitionism, fetishism, transvestism, voyeurism, and sadomasochism.

The convention was held May 19 in San Francisco. At the symposium, psychiatrist Charles Moser of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality and Peggy Kleinplatz of the University of Ottawa presented a paper entitled "DSM-IV-TR and the Paraphilias: An Argument for Removal."

Media publicity of the symposium was minimal. No information is available at the APA website, and the only reports on the symposium came from the Cybercast News Service (CNS) [*2] and the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH). [*3] NARTH is an organization of therapists who practice therapy intended to help homosexuals change to heterosexuality.

According to CNS, Moser and Kleinplatz argued that people whose sexual interests are unusual or culturally forbidden should not necessarily be labeled as mentally ill. Because different societies stigmatize different sexual behaviors, and research cannot distinguish people with paraphilias

from those with more common sexual feelings, there is no reason to diagnose the former as psychologically unhealthy.

According to NARTH, Moser and Kleinplatz wrote that the APA defines a mental disorder on the basis of direct, observable evidence of its disabling effects. Since people with "sexually unusual" interests may be not be distressed or disabled by them, there is no justification for classifying them as disordered. Labeling their conditions as "pathological" only fuels social discrimination which can lead to psychologically damaging distress.

Moser and Kleinplatz concluded that

"the situation of the paraphilias at present parallels that of homosexuality in the early 1970s. Without the support or political astuteness of those who fought for the removal of homosexuality, the paraphilias continue to be listed in the DSM."

CNS also notes that while the APA's fact sheet on pedophilia says,

"An adult who engages in sexual activity with a child is performing a criminal and immoral act that never can be considered normal or socially acceptable behavior,"

it fails to address whether pedophilia is a mental disorder.

Moser and Kleinplatz are not the only scholars to suggest the removal of pedophilia from DSM. In the December 2002 issue of the journal Archives of Sexual Behavior, noted sexuality researcher Richard Green made a similar argument. [*4] Researchers and practitioners whose comments were published in the journal were divided on the issue.

Robert Spitzer, author of a study on change of sexual orientation for homosexuals, participated in the APA symposium, arguing for continued inclusion of gender identity disorder and the paraphilias in DSM. He considered the proposal to remove the paraphilias outrageous and believed such removal was unlikely to happen.

According to NARTH, he argued that

"The paraphilias, when severe, impair interpersonal sexual behavior. Sexual behavior that facilitates caring bonding between people is normal - and that which impairs it is abnormal, not merely an atypical variation. What is needed is more research on the treatment of the paraphilias, particularly pedophilia. To remove them from DSM-V would be the end of this much-needed research."

In response to criticism of the controversial symposium, the APA issued a statement on June 17 saying that

"there are no plans or processes set up that would lead to the removal of the Paraphilias from their consideration as legitimate mental disorders." [*5]

CNS noted that Fred Berlin, founder of the Sexual Disorders Clinic at the Johns Hopkins University Hospital, said people who are sexually attracted to children should learn not to feel ashamed of their condition. It quoted him as saying, "I have no problem accepting the fact that someone, through no fault of his own, is attracted to children. But certainly, such an individual has a responsibility...not to act on it."

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4. "Should These Conditions Be Normalized?"

American Psychiatric Association Symposium Debates Whether Pedophilia, Gender-Identity Disorder, Sexual Sadism Should Remain Mental Illnesses

By Linda Ames Nicolosi

< <http://www.narth.com/docs/symposium.html> >

On Monday, May 19th, 2003 in San Francisco, at a symposium hosted by the American Psychiatric Association, several long-recognized categories of mental illness were discussed for possible removal from the upcoming edition of the psychiatric manual of mental disorders.

Among the mental illnesses being debated in the symposium at the APA's annual convention were all the paraphilias--which include pedophilia, exhibitionism, fetishism, transvestism, voyeurism, and sadomasochism.

Also being debated was gender-identity disorder, a condition in which a person feels persistent discomfort with his or her biological sex. Gay activists have long claimed that gender-identity disorder should not be assumed to be abnormal, when, they say, it is usually an expression of healthy pre-homosexuality.

Dr Robert Spitzer responded to the symposium as a discussant, urging that the paraphilias and gender-identity disorder be retained in the psychiatric manual.

Moser & Kleinplatz

Disagreeing, Psychiatrist Charles Moser of San Francisco's Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality and co-author Peggy Kleinplatz of the University of Ottawa presented a paper entitled, "DSM-IV-TR and the Paraphilias: An Argument for Removal." They argued that people whose sexual interests are atypical, culturally forbidden, or religiously proscribed should not, for those reasons, be labeled mentally ill.

First, they say, different societies stigmatize different sexual behaviors. Furthermore, the existing research cannot distinguish people with the paraphilias, they say, from "normophilics" (the term the authors use for people with conventional sexual interests), so there is no reason to diagnose paraphilics as either a distinct group, or psychologically unhealthy.

Besides, Moser and Kleinplatz add, psychiatry has no baseline, theoretical model of what, in fact, constitutes normal and healthy sexuality to which it could compare people whose sexual interests draw them to children or sadism/masochism.

Earlier, in the December 2002 issue of a prestigious journal, the Archives of Sexual Behavior [*], Moser--along with several other prominent mental-health experts--argued in favor of de-pathologizing pedophilia. Some of the commentators writing in that issue said that there is little or no proof that sex with adults is harmful to minors.

[* See < http://home.wanadoo.nl/ipce/library_two/files/asb.htm >]

Another mental-health expert argued that society should not discriminate against adults who are attracted to children -- noting that many beloved authors and public figures throughout history have been high-functioning individuals who could actually be classified as pedophiles.

"Any sexual interest," Moser concluded in his Archives commentary, "can be healthy and life-enhancing."

Psychiatry's Method for Defining "Mental Illness" Has Changed Moser and Kleinplatz note that the A.P.A. once categorized a condition as a mental illness based on its psychological, emotional or developmental origins, along with the unconscious motivations that were theorized to cause the condition.

But during the last three decades, psychiatry has moved away from reliance on theories of causation -- theories which, typically, cannot be verified -- and instead sought direct, empirically provable evidence; not of the pathological origins of a condition, but of its disabling effect in the present. Without such evidence for observable distress and disability, a condition is generally not considered to be a mental disorder.

People with "sexually unusual" interests, Moser and Kleinplatz note, may in fact be quite happy and well-adjusted. But the APA's labeling of their conditions as "pathological" fuels social discrimination against them, Moser and Kleinplatz warn, which can lead to distress and discrimination that is psychologically damaging.

Furthermore, they say, since the A.P.A. has no concept of what "healthy sexuality" or even a "healthy personality" actually entails, then how can psychiatry presume to define "unhealthy" sexuality? And since many people engaging in these unusual behaviors are not "distressed" or "disabled" by their interests, how can the A.P.A. justify continuing to pathologize them?

"People with Paraphilic Sexual Interests Suffer Like Homosexuals Did Before the 1973 Decision" "The situation of the paraphilias at present," Moser and Kleinplatz conclude, "parallels that of homosexuality in the early 1970's."

Spitzer

Following the presentation of the papers at the symposium, Dr. Robert Spitzer responded with a defense based on a concept of natural law, as established by evolution. Spitzer is the author of a study on change of sexual orientation that he presented at the 2001 American Psychiatric Association convention.

"Dr. Moser is incorrect," Spitzer said, "when he argues that there is no scientific basis for distinguishing the paraphilias from more common sexual behaviors. In all cultures, as children become adolescents, they develop an interest in sexual behavior. That is how we are designed - whether you believe this design is the work of God, or by evolution through natural selection. This design is clearly for the purpose of facilitating pair bonding and interpersonal sexual behavior.

"The paraphilias, when severe, impair interpersonal sexual behavior," Spitzer continued. "Sexual behavior that facilitates caring bonding between people is normal - and that which impairs it is abnormal, not merely an atypical variation. What is needed is more research on the treatment of the paraphilias, particularly pedophilia. To remove them from DSM-V would be the end of this much-needed research."

Nicolosi

"More Research" Will Not Provide More Answers "What is needed is not more research," NARTH's Joseph Nicolosi countered in response to reports describing the symposium.

"What psychology really needs for its advancement is not another study, but a more accurate worldview. That worldview must take into account our creator's design, which inevitably involves gender complementarity.

"And," Nicolosi added, "we must agree on those things that genuinely enhance human dignity. It's a measure of how low the psychiatric establishment has sunk, that it would even debate the idea that pedophilia, transvestism, and sado-masochism could ever be expressions of true human flourishing."

Tabin

Psychoanalyst Johanna Tabin, Ph.D., of NARTH's Scientific Advisory Committee, also commented on the A.P.A. symposium.

"If the arguments prevail that are given for ignoring these psychological problems, then suicide attempts must be considered normal when they are desired by the participants. And what about the sociopath, who--having no conscience--feels quite content with himself?"

"Uncommon 'common sense,'" Dr. Tabin added, "is sure to reassert itself--but in the meantime, the mental health professions are failing many suffering individuals by rigidly adopting political correctness as the guide as to when people need help.

"And the saddest thing about the current climate," she added, "is that people who ask for help because they are not at ease with homosexual impulses, right now are frequently forbidden to obtain it."

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5. Some quotes from

Jackson case just too much of a trial?

Robin Abcarian, April 11, 2005 LA Times

The taboo nature of the allegations against the pop superstar may have helped mute public interest in the details.

Bill Bastone, co-founder and editor of the Smoking Gun, a website that posts legal documents, is perplexed about readers' reaction to his Michael Jackson child-molestation trial coverage. In February, the site obtained and published sealed grand jury testimony in the case, scooping the national media as it has done in a number of celebrity cases over the last several years. But the Smoking Gun's readers, said Bastone, were unmoved.

"Any kind of feedback that we've gotten has been pretty negative," he said. [...] Our audience is tired of Michael Jackson.

As the trial in Santa Maria has become more graphic — particularly in the last week, when a former security guard testified in detail about a sexual act he claimed to have seen Jackson perform on a naked 10-year-old boy more than a decade ago — what some have called the story's "ick factor" has lowered the appetite of listeners, viewers and readers nationwide. [...]

"A lot of the celebrity media is based on this voyeuristic paradigm — who is Brad Pitt with and so on," said Ken Baker, West Coast executive editor of Us Weekly magazine. "But there's a line that is drawn, and that line is that people don't want to know what Michael Jackson did in that bedroom.

[...]

Bastone agreed: "People will watch and talk about the Scott Peterson trial, where a guy will get convicted of killing his unborn baby and wife, but you can't talk about this, it's a taboo subject."

[...]

"There's not the daily obsession, partly I think because it's an uncomfortable subject matter and partly because there are no cameras in the courtroom," he said,

adding that the case has not offered the escapism of other celebrity trials. "It's tawdry. It just gets a little too close to the bone and strips away all the celebrity and sensationalism and turns it into something grotesque."

At People magazine, which devoted five covers to the Peterson murder trial, deputy managing editor Larry Hackett said his staff has struggled to find a way to cover the Jackson trial. [...]

"This magazine comes into people's homes and sits on their coffee tables," said Hackett. "I have two small children — 6 and 8 — and I turn the radio off when this story comes on."

[...]

Not all news outlets have experienced Jackson trial fatigue. Court TV, which is devoting significant time to covering the Jackson trial, has experienced a spike in viewership of 150% over the same period last year, which the cable network's executive vice president of daytime programming, Marlene Dann, attributes largely to interest in the Jackson case.

But even that does not rival the public fascination with the Scott Peterson trial, said Dann, when Court TV got a record number of viewers.

"In the Peterson trial, the people involved could be your next-door neighbors," she said. "With Jackson, while people are interested because he's such a high-profile celebrity, he is unique. People can't relate to him in the same way."

The case continues to be a staple on local talk radio, which has never met a celebrity trial it could not embrace.

"We love them. We can't get enough of them," said John Kobylt, co-host of KFI-AM's afternoon "John & Ken Show."

[...]

Still, said Kobylt, even his listeners are somewhat put off by the case.

"I think people get more intense about murder cases. Pedophilia, less so.

Obviously, victims aren't killed, they're damaged."

[...] Bill Handel, whose weekday show on KFI attracts high ratings, said his listeners haven't found the Jackson trial as compelling as previous high-profile cases.

"It's a big story ... but people are not as invested in this as they were with Peterson. People related with [Peterson's slain wife] Laci more."

Bernard Pendergrass, assistant program director at KABC-AM (790), said the trial continues to be a staple among the talk station's hosts.

"You have a larger-than-life star, Michael Jackson, No. 1. You're dealing with an icon who is now accused of molesting children. Not only that, the bizarre details you hear about almost every other day have us glued. It's almost irresistible."

KABC host Al Rantel said he focuses on the trial at least once a week, but

"the public has been sort of inoculated for the Jackson trial." The topic matter
 "sort of yucks a lot of people out."

Indeed, CNN's Klein said he is becoming known among his staff for railing against coverage of the trial during the network's morning editorial meetings.

"It's been a project to wean our producers from a sense they must cover every twitch of the story in prime time," he said. "The television news business has become so debased in the past couple of decades that producers who ought to know better find themselves covering stories they don't like at all and don't stop to ask, 'If I don't like it, what makes me think the viewers would like it?' I'm trying to get them to ask that question."

Times staff writer Matea Gold and freelance writer Steve Carney contributed to this report.

6. Michael Jackson Acquittal Repudiates Culture of Hate

Press Release, by Rod Downey, 14 June 2005

Michael Jackson's acquittal in his globally broadcast trial marks a turning point in the worldwide child-abuse witch-hunt. The jury who acquitted him has sent a message to the "guilty-until-proven-innocent" culture of overzealous prosecutors, "victim advocate" hate-mongers, and greedy child-abuse psychologists: The party is over. It is no longer possible to assume that accusation implies guilt.

The real scapegoat in this case was not so much Jackson himself but his openly expressed and unabashed love for children. The hate-mongers had to have his hide. Now that they have been slapped down, they are attempting to isolate the Jackson case as exceptional because of who Jackson is. But they can't hide the whale in the room: The Michael Jackson verdict is a triumph of love over hate.

The frothing-at-the-mouth pundits, so convinced of Jackson's guilt, are now sitting down not for their pound of flesh but a plate of crow. In the aftermath, their best effort is to focus on prosecutorial failures and Jackson's own idiosyncrasies to distract from the fundamental cultural sea-change that has taken place.

"You won't be hearing the truth from the pundits," said Rod Downey, author of the boy-love novel *The Moralist*. "They won't be telling you that the child-abuse witch-hunt has at last been repudiated, that Michael Jackson is a prophet of love for children, or that loving children is no longer a cause for prosecution and persecution but the most beautiful thing in the world."

7. Some quotes from: Harmless old buggers

Leo McKinstry, *The Spectator*, 18 June 2005

Despite the not guilty verdict, Michael Jackson's reputation has collapsed as dramatically as the ravaged features on his face. The revelations about his fondness for boyish company will haunt him for the rest of his life, even though he was cleared of charges of molestation. It cannot be happily ever after in Neverland.

For all the revulsion that the Michael Jackson case prompted in certain quarters, one fact stands out amid the welter of sordid allegations: not one boy stood up in court and unequivocally stated that he was physically abused by Jackson. As I argued in this magazine last year before the trial began, the evidence against him could hardly have been weaker. All we ever had was innuendo about damp swimming trunks and shared showers, of erectile tumescence and bedroom embraces, with most of these claims made by disgruntled former employees and money-grabbers with a history of litigation. The sort of behaviour Michael Jackson was charged with would until recently scarcely have raised an eyebrow if it came from the Latin master in many an English prep school.

But because of the current climate of hysteria over paedophilia, we seem to have lost all sense of perspective. In this new culture of fear, even the most unthreatening affection for adolescents is interpreted as the sickest of perversions, to be obliterated at any cost. What is so disturbing about this approach is that, because of its lack of discrimination, any eccentricity or romantic attachment is lumped in with the most aggressive forms of physical brutality. So, for zealous crusaders against paedophilia — like Tom Sneddon, the Californian district attorney who became obsessed with the Jackson case — attempting to cuddle a 13-year-old is seen as just as heinous a crime as sodomy or assault.

Now real child abuse is one of the most evil of all offences. Apart from murder, there is no more barbaric act. It utterly wrecks lives, leaving its victims mentally scarred for ever, even if the physical wounds can heal. I know that only too well, because my wife works as a psychotherapist. Over the years she has had to deal with a large number of cases of child abuse, where her clients went through unimaginable suffering and are still deeply troubled, broken souls.

But that hardly seems to have been the case with Michael Jackson. Even those who made the most serious allegations against him did not come across in court as having been damaged by their experience. And the same is true of generations of boys in Britain who, before our more hysterical era, were the subject of the attentions of enthusiastic but essentially harmless older men. Most of the time, the gleaming eye and the wandering hand were a source of humour rather than fear.

My own upbringing was rarely free from such tiresome figures [...]

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None of these men did me any real injury, though I did find some of them a little creepy. Yet if such advances had occurred today, and I had spoken to the police or social services — especially about the organist — their careers would have been ruined, their lives destroyed.

Some might say that would have been no more than they deserved. I feel, however, that we should be a little more tolerant, particularly if no exploitation or abuse takes place.

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[... T]he pendulum has swung too far the other way. Today even cricket coaches are warned against giving lifts to their young charges for fear of arousing suspicions, while teachers are told not to indulge in any physical contact whatsoever.

Because the hysteria has reached such epidemic proportions, we now have social workers, therapists and psychiatrists encouraging children to come forward with allegations against those

in authority, often with the promise of substantial compensation. We even have the ridiculous concept of 'Recovered Memory', where a course of counselling is supposed to help victims of abuse to recover deeply suppressed memories of past abuse.

As any therapist with true humanity knows, the nightmare of abuse lives with the victim every day; it cannot be driven into the recesses of the mind. And then there are the police, who appear to suspend the usual rules of criminal justice when it comes to embarking on one of their trawling exercises against former staff in a children's home or a school. All this does no service in the battle against real child abuse. By making the definition of abuse so wide, by seeing danger at every turn, by putting the most sinister gloss on every act of affection, all rationality has been lost. A sense of proportion has been replaced by one of panic and vindictiveness.

Ultimately, the real losers are men like Michael Jackson, who has suffered a far greater injustice than any of those families of his spurious victims who were seeking to make money out of him.

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