## Foster parent struck off after child converts to Christianity

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This link from my friend Darrell. A British foster parent who has cared for over 80 children spanning a ten year period has been struck off the register after one of the children she was looking after became a Christian. The carer, who cannot be named for legal reasons, began working as a foster parent for a local council in the North of England in 1999. In 2007 she was asked to look after a Muslim teenager that had been assaulted by one of her family members. The council asked her to support the child in the religion and culture in which she was brought up, to which she happily agreed having previously cared for children from various religious backgrounds. The girl had already expressed interest in Christianity while attending school, before she was placed into care by the council. When she asked if she could attend church, the carer initially tried to discourage her, offering instead to take her to a mosque or to visit relatives. The girl persisted, and when her auxiliary social worker appeared to give her consent, she started attending a local evangelical church. But whenever the foster team caught wind of the girl's baptism in January of this year they were livid, and accused her carer of failing to "respect and preserve"

the child's religious upbringing.

**Quote:** "In April, council officials told the girl that she should not attend any church activity for six months, so that she could reconsider the wisdom of becoming a Christian. The carer was also instructed to discourage the girl from participating in any Christian activities, even social events. The council then told the carer there had been a breakdown of trust and in November removed her from the register. 'It never occurred to me that they would go that far,' she said. 'I was concerned that the council seemed to view Christianity in such a negative light. I wonder whether if it had gone the other way – if one of my Christian young people had decided to embrace another faith – there would have been this level of fuss.' She added that the girl has been devastated by the experience.

The council have since decided to place the girl back with her abusive family, who have not been informed of her conversion to Christianity. Another child that was being looked after has now been placed with another foster parent, and the carer has been struck off the register. Unfortunately this incidence of open hostility to Christian carers is not unique in the British isles. Just a few years ago, a Christian couple who had fostered children for many years were struck off the register after refusing to sign an equality policy, which would have meant they would have to promote <a href="https://homosexual relationships">homosexual relationships</a> equally with heterosexual ones if asked by the children. Thankfully that unjust ruling was later overturned

. But friends of ours who fostered teenagers for many years also found an anti-Christian element within the fostering system. They were often asked to look after teenagers who were addicted to drugs and alcohol. They held Christian house-group meetings in their homes for any who wished to attend. Many of the teenagers they worked with got saved and started to come off the drugs and the alcohol. The social workers couldn't understand what was

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happening. But when they found out that around 80% of the people in their care were claiming to have been 'born again', they put a stop to the meetings. My friends then decided to give up foster care. Some of the kids went back on drugs after being passed on to other carers, and unfortunately one person who was starting to come around actually committed suicide. I dread to think what will happen to this Muslim girl who has become a Christian, all because some big-wig in the North of England thinks they are protecting her 'human rights'.

Unfortunately this is the kind of society we now live in. It seems that anyone who supports traditional values and holds a faith in Jesus Christ is at best frowned upon, and at worst automatically considered to be intolerant and bigoted. We know we are now living in the last days, because the Bible prophesied that all these things would happen before Jesus Christ returns. The Scriptures foretold that in the last days, there would be people who would be without natural affection, false accusers and despisers of those that are good (2nd Timothy 3:3). That verse is bang up to date with current news events. Isaiah was once asked by God to pronounce judgement against all those who had chosen to disobey His commandments. But when Isaiah saw the Lord in all His glory, he realized that he too was just as sinful in God's sight (Isaiah 5-6). After having pronounced judgement against many for their unrighteous deeds, he then pronounces judgment against himself because of his own sins.

## Isaiah 6:5-7

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

It wasn't the live coal that purged away Isaiah's sins. Rather it was the innocent life that was given upon the altar that was able to make atonement for Isaiah's soul (Leviticus 17:11). There is One that has borne God's judgement for sin in your stead. His name is Jesus Christ. Like Isaiah did, acknowledge before God that you are a guilty sinner. Believe that Jesus Christ bore God's punishment for your sins when He died upon the cross. And God promises that whoever trusts in Jesus Christ shall have forgiveness of sins and everlasting life in heaven (Acts 5:31, John 3:16).

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