

In the United States we remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who raised awareness when he said: *The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.*

Using non-violent means and knowing the risks to himself, he eventually gave his life for the recognition that “all men are created equal”. Where do you stand in this time in history of our nation, when to uphold the family, morality and faith so often meets with ridicule and opposition? We as members of our nation have to decide whether we are going to let a “vocal few” continue to undermine our Christian heritage. Whether we are going to remain indifferent to the morale decline and glorification of the self, which grows throughout our land.

In the January 19, 2004 issue of US News and World Report, columnist Dr. Bernardine Healy wrote in favor of the “morning-after pill” as an option “every girl should have” and holds up Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood as the heroine of the so-called: “woman’s reproductive rights”. She wrote: Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, bitterly watched her Irish Catholic mother die young, after 11 children. Later, as an obstetrical nurse, she saw the horrors of botched abortions, an epidemic of infant and maternal death, and the nasty secrets of syphilis and gonorrhoea. She concludes her article by saying: If long life is sweet revenge, Sanger had it. The last vestiges of the Comstock (anti-obscenity) laws were overturned by the Supreme Court in 1965, one year before she died at age 87. Even sweeter, by then her dream of a magic pill as easy to take as aspirin had been realized: oral contraceptives, containing the same synthetic progestin as issued today.

An interesting question to ask is if Margaret Sanger was the great savior of women and their rights that she is proposed to be. She was unhappy with her Irish Catholic mother had 11 children. I wonder which of her brothers or sisters she would have eliminated, or if she herself would have preferred not to exist. Her mother must have been generous and self-sacrificing. Unfortunately, Sanger did not follow her mother’s example. Margaret Sanger would have three children but her son Grant said this of his mother: Mother was seldom around. She just left us with anybody handy and ran off, we didn’t know where. She, in fact, carried on at least six unconcealed premarital and extramarital affairs and wrote that sex would light up the world to an earthly paradise. It was hardly so for her neglected children – it was quite simply, selfishness.

Margaret Sanger’s Journal *The Birth Control Review* had one of her favorite slogans on each issue: *Birth Control: To Create a Race of Thoroughbreds*. You may say that it sounds like she was speaking of horses rather than human beings or on the other hand that she sounds like another person who wanted to create the perfect race: Adolf Hitler. Her journal, in fact, published numerous articles by leading American eugenicists who spoke in praise of the Nazi eugenic programs.

Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, advocated a “new kind of philanthropy (to promote human welfare – works of charity)” saying that the traditional philanthropy only succeeded in making the problem worse – “it encourages the perpetuation of defectives, delinquents and dependents, [who were] the most devastating curse on human progress and expression.” True charity, by contrast, should not coddle and perpetuate the “dead weight of human waste,” but weed out the undesirables through birth control. Reminds you of Scrooge’s statement: “If they are going to die then let them do it and decrease the surplus population.”

Benjamin Wiker of the National Catholic Register in an article on Margaret Sanger wrote: Sanger’s plans for genetic cleansing for the sake of “racial health were racist as well. She was horrified by the fertility of the immigrant “Slavs, Latins, and Hebrews” and her first birth-control clinic was set up in the Brownsville section of New York City, where such racially defective immigrants predominated... And on this day on which Martin Luther King Jr. is remembered as upholding the rights of Black people Professor Wiker continues: As for the black population in the United States, Sanger “did not want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population,” she wrote: therefore, the eugenic effort had to be carried out “through religious

appeal." She suggested that the birth-control movement should "hire three or four colored ministers" as traveling preachers of birth control.

Professor Wiker concludes his article by saying that Margaret Sanger did indeed transform the world, but in such a way as to usher in not the earthly paradise she envisioned, but rather the culture of death. She was in fact, a direct opponent of Christianity and especially of the Catholic faith.

As you can see, Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, is hardly a figure to be held up in honor, but rather in horror, at the destruction she has brought about through her hedonistic philosophy. Her legacy, unfortunately, lives on in the organization she founded.

By their fruits you will know them. Dr. King said: *The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.*

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