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Dear friends and family,

Is it 'morally wrong' for a wife to agree that her husband find a mistress? Is it 'morally wrong' if two men agree to live together as 'husband and wife'?

When society shared a notion of God, most agreed that some acts were 'wrong' and others 'right'. Right and wrong were more than social conventions, more than mutual agreements. They were considered in the same category as reality, as truth, as the way things are. Right and wrong, like mountains, rain and animals, were part of God's creation. Our task as humans was to recognize them, accept them and enjoy their freedoms and limitations. Today morality has become something personal. It is viewed more as an optional software package than a necessary piece of hardware. Our current common moral ground is very elementary: We agree that something is 'morally wrong' only if it can be shown to 'hurt' another or the environment.

During the Second World War, C. S. Lewis was invited by the BBC to give a series of broadcasts on Christian faith. In explaining morality, he compared the human race with a fleet of ships. To call the voyage a success, (1) the ships should not collide with each other. We should not 'hurt' each other. Furthermore, (2) each ship must also be in good condition, it must float, have a functioning motor and rudder. And (3) the fleet must have a destination. We cannot talk of a successful voyage



if the fleet arrives safely in New York when it was sent to Rotterdam.

Christian morality is more than the avoidance of collisions. I fear that we Christians are in danger of forgetting this. Secondly, the Lord sees

and cares about what happens within us, even those thoughts, actions and motives that have no direct impact on others. Thirdly, the destination of the fleet is not determined by what is currently socially acceptable in our Godless society, neither by what most Christian communities allow themselves to practice at any point in time. It is our heavenly Father who determines and reveals the correct human destination, what is morally right and wrong, also for our generation. We deceive ourselves if we accept the popular philosophy that all is 'morally right' if there is love, mutual agreement, and we don't hurt others. Each of us is playing an instrument in the great orchestra of humanity, and it is the Lord God, our creator, who provides the symphony we are to play.



### Family developments

As a family we going through happy times. The highlight of our summer was the wedding of **Vikki** and **Steven de Jager** on 22 July. They live in a flat not so far from Eindhoven, and we enjoy seeing them nearly every week. **Elsa** is now in her second year of a 4 year nursing course. She must work hard but continues to enjoy it. **Edward's** (17) health continues to improve and during the last half year, playing Christian songs on the piano has become his new hobby! **Julie** (13) is working very hard at school, more than ever before!

## Local involvement

As Anneke's health continues to improve, a degree of normality returns to the home. We can again invite some guests for a meal and can use our living room for varied meetings. To sustain this she needs her daily walking and rest routines. We have learnt to take these seriously. Philip is more intensely involved in the development of the fairly large Christian assembly here in Eindhoven. His network of ministerial contacts here in Holland is also slowly increasing.

## Ministry visits abroad

During this last semester, Philip has had the privileged of helping with some Bible teaching at two family camps (Doncaster, UK and Chalaloc, FR), at three youth events (Point de Repere, CH, Trier, D and Putten, NL), and in three week-end ministry visits (Reconvelier, Zurich and Paris).



## Written ministry

A few months ago, "The Transforming Power on Forgiveness" and "Brokenness" were published in Dutch by Heart Cry. In Germany, Daniel-Verlag published a hardcover

copy of "Homosexual Partnerships" in German. Very few Christian communities today can ignore the moral considerations raised by the homosexual lifestyle. This last book seeks to help church leaders and those involved in pastoral work think through the relevant Scriptures and current arguments. Has the Lord God revealed enough to make His will clear on this matter? This contribution is currently freely available in pdf format in English, Dutch and Italian, and soon also in French, at: [www.philipnunn.com](http://www.philipnunn.com) under eBooks.



## Plans to visit Colombia in 2012

In January Philip is booked to travel to Colombia for 2,5 weeks, to help in a week of Intensive Bible Studies and then visit some assemblies and families in the area. In the summer of 2012, we would like to visit friends and assemblies in Colombia **as a family**. This summer marks 5 years since we left Colombia, and Anneke, Edward and Julie have not returned since then.

Again, our sincere thanks for taking the time to read this, and to those who regularly pray for us and support us. May the Lord make 2012 a year of personal growth and fruitfulness for you too!

- Philip & Anneke

