

FROM WHERE I SIT
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"ELDER ABUSE" here in our community !

FROM WHERE I SIT !.....February 8th 2012 is” **BELL LET’S TALK DAY”** ...and we all are being encouraged to speak up and participate in the conversation about mental health.

In a recent Globe and Mail article titled “ Con – artist son leaves mother destitute!” revealed an all too familiar, sad and cruel, long term pattern of “ELDER ABUSE” by a greedy son directed to his own mother.

In this case, the presiding Judge on weighing all the evidence stated “ that the son was an out-and-out psychopath who lacks any redeeming qualities or hope of rehabilitation and would rip off the wings of angels in heaven and sell them to the devil for his own gain if he could.”

Finding the son guilty of fraud ,the Judge sentenced the son to 10 years in the penitentiary – triple the length of time the crown requested.

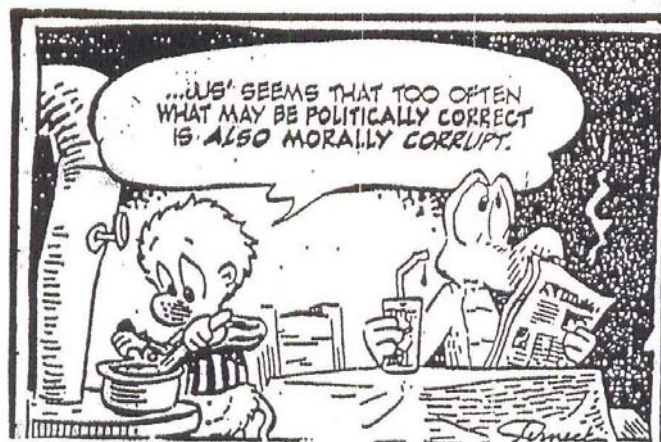
I found it interesting that the Judge in this “our” very costly and secular Justice system actually had some knowledge about angels and the devil..... but at no time did he mention “ elder abuse” in his judgement.

Sadly, this type of “elder abuse” is all too prevalent in families today and our Justice system has historically been far too slow, expensive , elite and bureaucratic in addressing this serious crime except in the very obvious and outrageous cases such as [this fraud case](#).

I know of one case in particular where a loving, elderly 85 year old mother with diabetes and cancer was finger printed and charged with criminal assault and this charge was orchestrated by her own son and daughter-in-law as a on going, subtle , politically correct – morally corrupt, sophisticated and cruel “elder abuse”..... motivated solely by greed.

The OPP, Crown Attorney, Justice of the Peace all knew the true facts but processed this [terrifying, extremely demeaning finger printing and criminal assault charge](#) anyway causing undue stress, cost and community embarrassment to this lady....thereby shortening her lifeand her enjoyment of life which she so richly deserved .

In this particular case [in my humble opinion](#), Justice was blind and the elite, costly, tax funded legal leaders were sadly politically correct.... and morally corrupt !



And nobody spoke up.... and there was no shame !except for this 85 year old victim !
And as is the pattern all too often in “elder abuse”, the victim in this case was financially independent but emotionally dependent on her son and could not and would not defend herself.

And the more important **higher** LAW, namely her own faith - community refused to get involved conveniently rationalizing as did the non-participants in the “Good Samaritan” parable that neutrality and silence was a convenient, easy way option.

The faith – communities in this case were North Street United Church in Goderich and Christ Church in Port Albert and the 85 year old victim was my mom. The son was my older brother Glen and his wife Theresa.

Inside families and outside families , greed surfaces and “elder abuse” victims are undermined in many cruel, insulting ways and publicly and privately accused of being senile or hard to handle and we must today have a faith- based, impartial community “check and balance” **with a spirit of openness and fair play** to address potential “ elder abuse” cases.

We must speak up ! **Neutrality is NOT an option !**

With “the greatest generation” of World War Two men and women now in their late eighties and the massive “Baby Boom” generation now retiring , we must not be bystanders to petty, cruel “elder abuse”.....or any other kind of abuse or bullying.

Now THAT’s fair play and teamwork !

“Fraud” is criminal deception, a dishonest trick and/or a person or thing that is not what it seems or pretends to be.

“ELDER ABUSE” is **fraud in some form or another and** a growing, cruel, morally corrupt, mental health issue that TODAY must be addressed by all community leaders to establish an impartial ,volunteer BOCALA – “ before-official-complaint-and-legal-action” faith - based committee to address this issue and hopefully prevent further orchestrations or rationalizations making a mockery of “our” **secular JUSTICE system and “our”** shared heritage of being a **just and caring.....** if not Christian community !

Pax nobiscum !

regards,

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