

# Without Authority Barry Worrall

*Fathers 4 Justice : misguided ?  
- this book gets to the reality*

## **The starting point, the theme, and perspectives**

In the first weekend of February 1990, the author was living contentedly. As an academic in computing, with a wife and two children, and comfortably housed in an affluent suburb of Newcastle upon Tyne, he looked forward to this continuing. That weekend, out of the blue, his wife left, driving off in the family car, with their two children. To Bristol, about 350 miles distant.

The ensuing events were to radically change his life, and his views. The following years of the author's life evolved into a remarkable re-appraisal of our society. Along with others, the author recognised the need for changes in society's attitudes, and in the law, including constitutional reform.

## **The subjects and time-scales**

Two strands cover contemporary periods :

- ❖ sketch autobiography, 1947 - 1990;
- ❖ documentary of reforms in family law, 1947 - 2000.

Two further strands cover consecutive periods :

- ❖ personal account of a legal case in matrimonial and family law, 1990 - 1993;
- ❖ documentary of the early years of the men's rights movement, 1990 - 2004.

A final strand covers an undefined period :

- ❖ conjecture on the future, 2004 - .

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## **The author**

Barry Worrall was born in 1947, educated at the universities of Newcastle upon Tyne and Southampton, initially in science, later in computer science. His career commenced as a software developer with computer manufacturers and users, then for 26 years as lecturer in computing at Northumbria University in Newcastle upon Tyne. He is now retired.

Since 1990 he has been progressively involved in the father's and men's rights movement. In 1994 he attended the inaugural meeting of The Cheltenham Group, a men's rights organisation concerned for family law. He is currently the group's Director.



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### Why this book was written

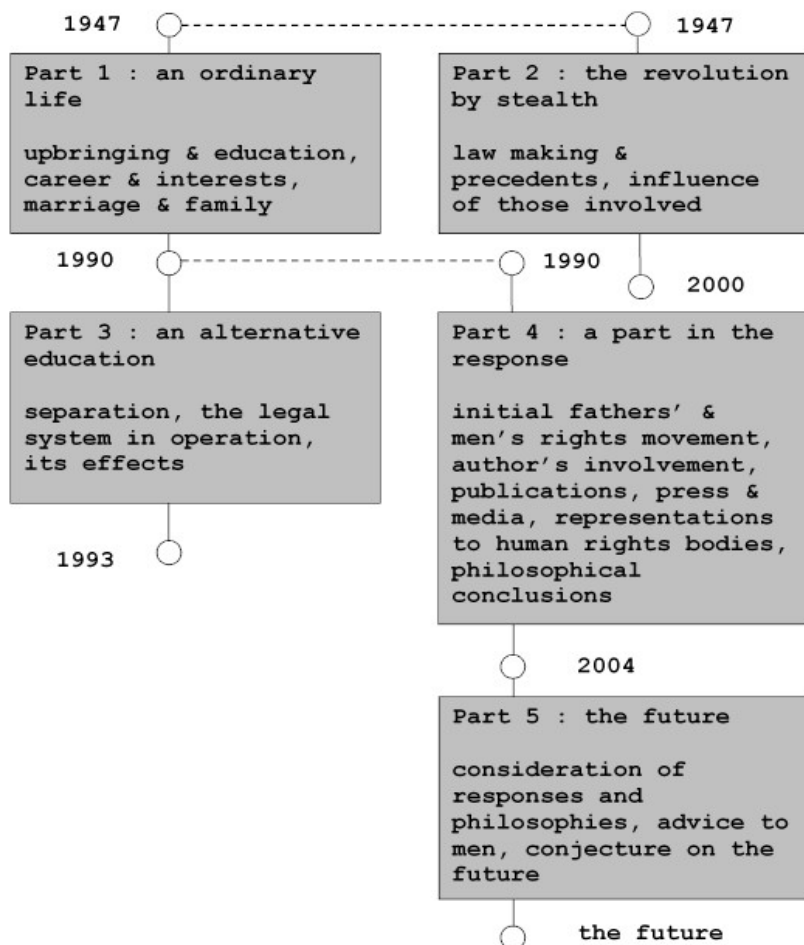
Fathers 4 Justice has made known some of the failings of family law. Barry Worrall has taken the next step, by exposing the entire degenerate system. He tells us, in an innovative way, what is going on, how this came about, and who has been responsible.



### Significance of this book

It has been said that there would be history books written about this theme. This is the first such book.

# Timechart



## Foreword

Barry's story needs telling. He refers to it as *anecdotes from an ordinary man*. In one sense it is, because Barry's story is that of millions of men in the UK today; decent, well-educated, law abiding, family men, the salt of the earth who, through no fault of their own, have had their lives torn apart by a corrupt family law system.

But, in another sense, Barry's story is not that of an ordinary man. Unlike most ordinary men, Barry decided to do something about it and he has spent the past 14 years campaigning tirelessly to change things. I have worked with Barry for a large part of that time at close quarters and I have seen him put up with the most appalling frustrations and battles, not only with politicians and lawyers but also with other men's groups who have often failed to understand what is going on and have been ill-equipped to fight the powerful enemy bent on destroying them.

The first men's family law reform group was Families Need Fathers which was set up in 1974 at the time when the post-1969 reforms had started to bite. Men were finding themselves, through no fault of their own, stripped of their children, homes and income and being left heartbroken and destitute. Its problem was that it had objectives that were far too limited and it failed to understand its enemy. It took the line that the best way forward was appeasement and discussion. It is a sobering thought that, in thirty years, little or nothing has been accomplished. As I write, I have just received an email from a new group called Fathers 4 Justice which is fighting the same fight.

Barry's account is unique. He gives a very sound historical account of family law reform, starting with the Labour Government's

liberalising agenda of the late 1960s, and blends this with events in his own life – the normal events of a young professional man. The plain innocence of Barry's life contrasts starkly with the underhand scheming of the judiciary who pursued their agenda relentlessly and against the wishes of Parliament to strip men of all rights within marriage and create the mother and her child as the only family unit now recognised in law as legitimate. The coming together of these two series of historical events in Barry's case was shocking.

It is difficult to see what is going to happen to our society. Not only have the reformers got things badly wrong, they fail to acknowledge this and continue in a state akin to neurotic obsession. When I gave evidence to the Law Commission on their proposal to extend wives' property rights to the unmarried, I pointed out that every one of their predictions regarding the impact of their reforms on society had failed to come about and asked if they felt they were doing the right thing. The chairman of the meeting just looked at me and failed to answer.

It is hard to get inside the head of someone who appears to operate in a manner so completely at odds with the tenets of science, engineering and all human endeavour based on a rational link between action and consequence. All I can say is that progress will not be made until such individuals are removed from positions of influence. I hope and pray that Barry's account will help in some way towards this goal.

John Campion  
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