

To the Editor ...

Morning-after pill quite useful

We thank you for publishing in the "Outlook" magazine an article titled "Dangerous games on in spite of the morning-after pill" (*DN*, January 10).

It offers a balanced and scientifically sound rejoinder to an article that appeared last May, alleging that greater access to the morning-after pill, also known as emergency contraception (EC), encourages unprotected sex among youth.

This article allays these fears by drawing on scientific data to demonstrate that access does not lead to abuse, nor does it influence the degree to which women have unprotected sex.

*More sex
not the
common
outcome'*

In fact, during the data collection, the actual use of EC even fell short of the researchers' expectations.

It is important to note that these results are not unique. They are consistent with findings from similar studies in the developing world.

EC is the only option women have to prevent pregnancy after unprotected intercourse. Whether it is used in response to method failure or rape, EC can reduce the risk of unwanted pregnancy and its consequences.

Although it offers no protection

against sexually transmitted infections or HIV/Aids, EC pills are safe and contain the same types of hormones found in oral contraceptives.

For more information on EC, contact EC-a/rique@pcnairobi.org.

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I read an article in your opinion page in which the writer was trying to say that Christianity is not protecting the lives of people by not embracing condoms, and that to use condoms is a form of salvation.

The writer probably has very little knowledge about salvation, or she is just avoiding the real issues on the HIV/Aids pandemic from the perspective of a true Christian.

Jesus, indeed, identified with sinners, but he did not condone sin. Sin is detestable in any society, and despite many names assigned to it (mistake, error, misjudgement, etc), it is still the same old sin and it leads to death.

The Bible says that the wages of sin is death. That cannot change and will never change until Jesus comes back. What can be changed is the human heart. The inclination of the human heart is to sin, not because people want to, but because it is an old Adamic nature that education cannot remove.

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