

# Human Condition Commission

*A British government body addressing loneliness epitomizes bureaucratic overreach.*

by Theodore Dalrymple



In the general Confession that begins the Anglican Church's morning service are the following words: "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us."

These words might serve not as the confession of the British government, but rather as a description of it. Last week, for example, it [City Journal](#).