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**Public Lecture in Honour of
Sir Gerald Gordon CBE QC LLD**

**“Crumbs from Under the Master’s
Table: Some Thoughts on Distress”
by Lord Hope of Craighead**

"Sexual abusers seek out their victims in private: a girl in a tent, a woman alone late at night with a taxi-driver. There is distress, but there are no eyewitnesses and there is no physical injury. The lecturer recalls his dialogue with Sir Gerald through the pages of the Scottish Criminal Case Reports as to how the Scots law should deal with the problem of corroborating the victim's evidence of what was done to her."

**Friday 12th June 2009, Playfair Library,
Old College, University of Edinburgh, 6.15pm**

The lecture is public and free of charge, and will be followed by a wine reception.

Registration is not required.

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This lecture follows on from a two-day conference in honour of Sir Gerald: see <http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/conferences/gordon> for further information. These events, organised jointly by the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, have been generously supported by the Clark Foundation, W. Green and the Scottish Universities Law Institute.