

AN OPEN LETTER ON MARRIAGE AND THE HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONSHIP.

According to the Holy Bible, the Book with the oldest origins and still reckoned among the best-selling books in the world, "marriage" is defined as the binding contract between a man and a woman and having the potential of reproduction. Genesis 1:27-28. 2:24. 4:1-2.

This has been confirmed throughout history and not least by Jesus Christ. (Matthew 19:4-6.) "Haven't you read," Jesus said, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female', 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." So marriage, since "the beginning", is the joining together of a man and a woman, and has the potential to reproduce.

There is a lobby in our day to change the God defined meaning of marriage in order to accommodate the gay and lesbian relationships that want equal recognition with the rite of "marriage". A gay or lesbian bond or relationship cannot seriously be compared to marriage. If the Creator had "married" an "Adam" and a "Steve" in the beginning there would not be any human race! Such a relationship would have been an end in itself! So how can anyone try to compare such a relationship with God ordained "marriage"? God in His wisdom and creative design brought together "Adam" and "Eve". "Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living." (Genesis 3:20.) There we have "marriage" and "family" as it was in the beginning and has been recognised worldwide ever since.

If lesbian and gay people want to form a homosexual bond - which is quite clearly not what was intended by the "marriage" relationship God instituted - let them not seek to hijack the God ordained term "marriage" but come up with another term for their relationship. The union of male with male, or female with female, is completely contrary to the God given concept of "marriage" - a very different and absolutely sterile bond having no possible potential of reproduction. (It is also recognised as a major route of infection for AIDS along with other forms of sexual promiscuity - the Bible describes them as receiving "the due penalty of their perversion." Romans 1:27. It is strange that the government will promote health warnings for drugs and smoking and alcohol and remain silent about the health warning that the Bible has carried about homosexuality for thousands of years.) So let those who wish to promote it come up with another name for this homosexual "bond". Why not coin a phrase such as "bond-age" to distinguish it from "marriage". (Both words would then reflect the teaching of the Holy Bible on the subject. See Romans 1:18-32.)

Those advocating the homosexual bond also want to change the meaning of the word "family" as defined from the beginning in the Holy Bible. A family is a father, a mother and the fruit of their union together - a child (children). It is obvious that not all "marriages" produce a family! This can be due to family planning or infertility or other causes. Nevertheless a "family" is only made possible by a "father" and a "mother". For anyone to claim to have 2 mothers or 2 fathers utterly confuses the concept of a "family" and expresses a biological impossibility - the words all become meaningless. It is true a child can be adopted, but as every child was conceived by having one father and one mother those with a genuine concern for the child should seek to reflect the natural order of a "family" and have the child adopted into a male and female relationship. Any other combination of persons should not be addressed as a "family". Let them be identified by some other name to reflect the un-natural grouping of persons and the departure from the age-long usage of the word "family". This is not to ignore the fact of life that can result in one parent having to raise the child(ren) because the "family" has been reduced through such things as death or broken marriage vows. The broken marriage vows result in the "family" being torn apart. In the case of a death or of adultery removing the father or mother the natural order can sometimes be reflected by bringing a new partner into the "marriage" - a male to replace the male, or a female to replace the female.

A gay couple knows that their relationship is absolutely sterile! So if children are to be part of their group they need to resort to the fruit of a "marriage" of a male and female (or the fruit of an "artificial" marriage of a male and a female - artificial insemination or other artificial means). The "family" in the true sense is made up of the male and female donors and the resulting child(ren). Of course an adoptive father and mother could make up a "family" unit by adopting a child from a dysfunctional family situation and providing the semblance of a natural family - a "father" figure, a "mother" figure and the child(ren). For those wishing to invent and establish some other grouping why do they see the need to hijack and redefine the already clearly defined name "family"? Let them invent a new name such as "troop" or "group" for their proposed new situation? Surely they should be willing to have their own identity!

We all know that when we get an appliance it is not good to ignore or disregard the maker's instructions. You are at liberty to do so if you want but the results are not the responsibility of the maker. In the same way each one of us is at liberty to ignore or disregard our Maker's Instruction book - the Holy Bible - and jump to our own conclusions. You will have to accept the consequences for your action both in this life and when you appear before your Maker to give an account of your life here on earth. God has good news for you - it's not too late to turn from any disobedience against God and to seek His forgiveness. Although any disobedience deserves death from Holy God His message today is "... the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23.) God, who has been insulted by each of us disobeying and ignoring His loving advice, freely offers us an undeserved gift - "the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." He can offer such a free gift because His Son Jesus Christ willingly took the curse and full punishment of the death we deserved and He paid it in full for us - *but we need to be willing to believe in His love and generosity.* John 3:16, 36. Do not think you can change the Word of God! Turn from any rebellion against God's Word "...turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" Acts 20:21 . 26:20.

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