

# Thoughts on the current marriage debate

I have avoided delving into this hotly debated subject for months since so much hot air was spewing forth from media commentators and politicians. However, it has now become so facile and perverted that I feel I must say something, even though few will hear me.

My patience began to snap when otherwise intelligent broadcasters began chairing discussions, with other apparently intelligent people, and none of them seemed to understand what marriage actually was. It is this disfiguring of the institution of marriage that allows homosexuals to dominate public sentiment.

The powerful tool used by the Gay lobby to hijack marriage is the right for equality. It is on this basis that many in the wider population have come to support Gay marriage. Basic facts seem to have been long forgotten.

## **Homosexuality is a minority issue**

Most people would not think it, since homosexuals have cornered the market in the media. In fact, all the statistics on the matter have consistently shown that the homosexual proportion of the population is extremely small. Claims by Gay lobby groups that the proportion is as high as 40% are lies (unless you live in Brighton). In every documented case the figure is under 3% up to the late 1990s (when I last researched it). Respectable organisations have shown that the figure is actually 1% homosexual males and even less women.<sup>1</sup> Time Magazine (26 April 1993) agreed with this 1% figure. Homosexuality is less popular than golfing and jogging.

Note that the criminal constituency in society is about 3%. Should we now campaign for the poor criminals who cannot help their unnatural behaviour? What about burglars rights? Homosexuals do not form a legitimate minority, but are a relatively small collection of deviant individuals with a very powerful lobby in the media.

Now how can it be that such a small component of society, less than the criminal fraternity, should be able to completely demolish the marriage institution, which was established by divine command<sup>2</sup> and the common law of all societies going back to ancient times? Furthermore, homosexuality itself has always been considered a crime against God<sup>3</sup> and nature.<sup>4</sup> Classical societies that descended into open homosexuality (like Greece and Rome) did so as part of a wider degeneration that led to their collapse. It is also

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<sup>1</sup> British Market Research Bureau, 1987, survey for the DHS showed 1.5% practising homosexuals in Britain, bisexuals 1%. The survey, *Sexual Behaviour in Britain* (1994), the most exhaustive of its kind, revealed 1.1% active homosexual men and 70% of men believe that sex between men is wrong. In the USA, Judith Reisman puts the figure at 1%, Paul Cameron gives nearly 3%; the *National Survey of Men*, of 1993 has figures from Dr. John Billy that only 1.1% of males had been actively homosexual in the previous year. In France a 1992 survey showed that only 1.1% of men and .03% of women had engaged in homosexual activity in the previous year.

<sup>2</sup> Gen 2:18–25; Matt 19:4–6; Mk 10:6–7.

<sup>3</sup> Lev 18:22, 20:13; Judg 19:22; Rm 1:26–27; 1 Cor 6:9–10; 1 Tim 1:9–10; Jude 1:7.

<sup>4</sup> The Buggery Act of 1533 was the UK's first civil sodomy law, before this it had been dealt with by ecclesiastical courts. The Act defined buggery as an unnatural sexual act against the will of God and man [later defined by the courts to include only anal penetration and bestiality]. The Act remained in force until repealed in 1828. Buggery remained a capital offence in England and Wales until the enactment of the Offences against the Person Act 1861. The UK repealed buggery laws for England and Wales in 1967 (regarding consensual homosexual acts in private), ten years after the Wolfenden report. Adapted from Wikipedia.

noteworthy that this historical degeneration was often accompanied by paedophilia.

While we respect the chosen opinions of others and do not treat them badly, there is no reason why a minority opinion should dominate society and have legal rights above the majority. Homosexuals are on a par (as a minority deviance) with paedophiles, incestuous people, criminals, supporters of polygamy, UFO abductees, supporters of bestiality, transvestites, transgenders and so on. It is only the careful strategic hijacking of public opinion that has allowed the Gay agenda to punch far above its weight. There is no reason to bow down to this. Homosexuality is a deviance and it only affects a very small portion of society. It should not be allowed to overturn an ancient institution that affects the majority.

### **Equality is not the issue**

Homosexuals portray Gay marriage as the culmination of their struggle for equality, beginning with the cancellation of the laws against homosexual fornication, followed by the various changes made by the New Labour government.<sup>5</sup> Gay marriage is the zenith of this series of advances, which they say have all been about establishing equality for Gay people, who have long suffered discrimination unfairly.

However, there is no logical reason why homosexuals should desire to be part of an institution established to protect heterosexual partnerships. Some homosexuals want civil recognition and legal rights attached to a committed relationship. They have these in the civil partnership. Actually, most homosexuals are promiscuous and don't seek long-term committed relationships at all.<sup>6</sup>

### **What marriage is**

Marriage is an ancient institution recognised in all societies, pagan and Christian. It was established to protect the commitment of a man to a wife in the sight of God and society. It established a new family unit that was now separated from the couple's parents. All societies have formalised marriage in a ceremony that was before God, recognising it as a divine institution and it has always been a public affair set within the local social situation. Witnesses were required to ensure that the man and the women were all that they said they were.

The result of the marriage meant several things. The woman was no longer available for the advances of other men. She was committed to her husband by a solemn oath. The man was no longer able to court other women and was committed to honour, nurture and provide for his wife by another solemn oath. These oaths were before God and men. The bond of marriage sealed the two people up to each other.

A key reason for this sworn commitment was to ensure a stable background for bringing up children. It is the only stable basis for doing so. Children need a father, a mother and a stable home in which to develop properly to maturity. Many people who have been bereaved have bravely done their best for children who have lost a parent, and this is recognised; however, the best basis for rearing children is a father and a mother in a

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<sup>5</sup> In 2000, the Armed Forces allowed Gay individuals to serve openly. The age of consent was equalised, regardless of sexual orientation, in 2001. Repealing clause 28 of the Local Government Acts (amended 1988) in 2003 [which had forbidden the promotion or teaching of homosexuality]. Transgender people had the right to change their legal gender in 2005. The same year, same-sex couples were granted the right to enter into a civil partnership, a similar legal structure to marriage, and also to adopt in England and Wales; Scotland followed in 2009. Finally, the Equality Act in 2010.

<sup>6</sup> The image of the long-term homosexual partnership (as in the current TV series 'Vicious', with Derek Jacobi and Sir Ian McKellen, a gay couple who have been together for 50 years but endure a love/hate relationship) applies to the minority. It is well documented that most homosexuals are extremely promiscuous. This was a key factor in the initial rapid spread of AIDS.

committed marriage. Though we do not need them, modern statistics still bear this out. [As an aside, research has shown that children of Gay parents have a higher risk of depression.<sup>7</sup>]

Now there is no reason for homosexuals to seek marriage since it is everything they have denied. Marriage is of a man and a woman – they have a same-sex relationship and have chosen to ignore normal relationships. Marriage is meant to be a stable basis for raising children – homosexuals are unable to procreate. Marriage is conducted with an oath before God – homosexuals are practising a moral choice that God has condemned. There is no logical reason why homosexuals should desire a marriage bond.

### **Where does the equality argument stop?**

Now the Gay lobby strongly advocates that equality is the key issue. But why stop with homosexuals. If we are going to say that marriage is no longer between two adult people, male and female, where do we stop? Tradition and Scripture have stated that sexual relationship types outside of heterosexual marriages are prohibited; modern politicians deny this – but where does that end.

In the lists of prohibited relationships, according to the Bible, homosexuality is but one. Others are:

- Polygamy.
- Incestuous relationships (relationships within the immediate family).
- Prohibited close relationships (such as marrying a first cousin).
- Paedophilia (sex with an immature child).
- Bestial relationships (sex with a beast).<sup>8</sup>

To this we can add modern sins that were not considered in Scripture, such as marriage to an inanimate object, such as a doll.<sup>9</sup>

Now if homosexual marriage is considered acceptable, then why not the others? There is no logical reason (other than moral sensitivity) to leave them out.

How can politicians prevent these others demanding acceptability when they use the same arguments ('I really love my partner', 'I demand equality with heterosexuals')?

Since it is only the moral climate in society that has changed to make Gay marriage acceptable, then a change in the moral climate about incest would mean that it too becomes acceptable under law in time.

No, the guide is not modern mores but absolute truths established in Scripture and adhered to by society for thousands of years.

So, if you use the equality argument to support Gay marriage, then there is no logical reason to prevent incestuous marriage or bestial marriage. There are already moves by

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<sup>7</sup> How Should a Christian Respond to "Gay Marriage"? Ken Ham; May 20, 2010; AIG website.

<sup>8</sup> In America a man actually married his dog. Many people advocate this form of marriage. See: See "Man Marries Dog for Luck – Then Dies," [www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/02/04/1075853937098.html?from=storyrhs](http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/02/04/1075853937098.html?from=storyrhs); and M. Bates, "Marriage in the New Millennium: Love, Honour and Scratch between the Ears," Oak Lawn (Illinois) Reporter, April 5, 2001, as referenced at [www.freerepublic.com/](http://www.freerepublic.com/)

<sup>9</sup> Some sick people in America have had a form of a marriage ceremony with a doll; usually a large mannequin.

some people to bring the age of consent down to enable the legalisation of paedophilia.<sup>10</sup> Allowing Gay marriage will open the door to further destruction of morals in society in time.

It is not about equality (paedophiles would welcome this). It is not about love (all perverted people actually love their chosen partner, whether it is a dog, a sister or a doll). It is about overturning the natural moral order in society and opening the door to further degeneration and particularly about destroying perceived religious repression.

### **The real issue – attack on religious freedom**

The Gay lobby has a clear strategy, which has been extremely effective over many decades. By placing people in influential positions, and by targeting the young with propaganda, it has gradually changed public opinion. But Gay marriage is not their final goal. Religious fundamentalism will always stand against the homosexual agenda, and the Gay lobby wants to defeat this, whether Evangelical, Roman Catholic, Muslim or otherwise.

It is at this point that politicians are being disingenuous; and homosexuals know this. Politicians have affirmed that the rights of churches to deny Gay marriages are protected under law. But they well know that this is not a sovereign national decision. The EU has already stated plainly that if Gay marriage is adopted in the UK, it will demand that all churches comply with the law under the human rights act and discrimination acts.

Churches will not be able to opt out of Gay marriage ceremonies by EU laws that we are tied to by treaty. If a Gay couple is rejected by a church then they can apply for litigation against that church and the EU will support them. This is the law as it stands now.

Lawyers have already issued public warnings about this; e.g. advice from Aidan O'Neill from Matrix Chambers suggested the ban was '*eminently challengeable*' in the European Court of Human Rights.<sup>11</sup>

Now Cameron and Clegg know this because they are not fools. Therefore, they are lying to the British people, most of whom are not aware of this.

The real satanic ploy behind all this is to put the final nail in the coffin of conservative institutional churches. It will be impossible to be a formal, evangelical, institutional church and not fall foul of this policy. Churches will either have to disband as they are currently established or become corrupt hypocrites. Those that try to withstand the policy will be targeted by homosexuals and receive such large fines that they will be bankrupted and collapse anyway.<sup>12</sup>

Make no mistake; this law will make it possible for the Gay lobby to utterly destroy churches as they see fit. That it has been brought about by a Conservative government, of all things, is a strange irony.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> B. Sorotzkin, "The Denial of Child Abuse: The Rind, et al. Controversy," NARTH.com; L. Nicolosi, "The Pedophilia Debate Continues – and DSM Is Changed Again," NARTH.com.

<sup>11</sup> Coalition for Marriage Campaign. Quoted by former Archbishop of Canterbury Carey.

<sup>12</sup> In the way that they targeted Christian Bed and Breakfast hotels and put them out of business by legal action.

<sup>13</sup> It was a Tory government that brought in Clause 28. Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1988 caused the controversial addition of Section 2A to the Local Government Act 1986 (affecting England, Wales and Scotland, but not Northern Ireland), enacted on 24 May 1988.

### **Grounds for attacks on personal liberty**

Furthermore, Gay marriage will attack the religious freedom of teachers, who will be forced to teach against their conscience in the classroom and become hypocrites by law. Teachers have warned the government that they fear facing the sack unless they support homosexual marriage. Before this current controversy, teachers have complained that Gay sex education is propagandising homosexuality to overtly influence confused kids towards a Gay lifestyle. Even Tory MPs have issued warnings about the effect on teachers: *'People will feel circumscribed by a new state orthodoxy. ... out in the classroom there will be a real threat to their freedoms.'*<sup>14</sup>

In addition, social persecution has already erupted in the public sector. Adrian Smith, a housing manager from Trafford, was demoted and had his pay docked by 40% for posting a message to his friends on a social networking site, saying that gay marriage in churches was *'an equality too far'*.

If this is going on now, and people's thoughts are being policed even before the Gay marriage act has been enacted, how much worse will persecution become for every straight person?

### **Conclusion**

Even prominent Gay people, who see the potential repercussions of all this, do not favour Gay marriage; such as historian David Starkey, journalist Matthew Parris and some Gay Tory MPs with a Catholic background. Their concern is that this is a bridge too far that will damage society and eventually stimulate anger against homosexuals when the dust has settled.

This is a dangerous game that politicians are playing with far reaching effects. There is no doubt that this will change society for the worse and the full ramifications are as yet unknown. However, every society that that tolerated, or legislated for, homosexual equality, from the time of Sodom and Gomorrah onwards, found that it was the death knell for their civilisation. This is a key sign that the end is approaching.

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<sup>14</sup> David Burrowes MP; *Huffington Post*, Politics, 25 May 2013.