

Should Christians support same-sex “marriage”?

Equality for children?



Heather Barwick

Heather Barwick, now married with a child, describes the heartache she endured being reared by two lesbians. “I grew up surrounded by women who said they didn’t need or want a man. Yet, as a little girl, I so desperately wanted a daddy,” she said. “I ached every day for a dad... another mum could never have replaced the father I lost.” Describing her feelings of loss, she said, “My father’s absence created a huge hole in me ... Same-sex marriage withholds either a mother or father from a child while telling him or her that it doesn’t matter. That it’s all the same. But it’s not.”

<http://www.cnsnews.com/blog/michael-w-chapman/woman-raised-lesbian-couple-i-ached-every-day-dad>

Instead of expressing sympathy for Heather, homosexual sympathisers and activists attacked her, claiming on one website that she “spit on her gay parents” because she used her personal experience to defend traditional family values.

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2015/03/20/1372065/-Christian-Daughter-Spits-on-Her-Gay-Parents#>



Katy Faust

Katy Faust, also raised by a lesbian couple lamented, “Our cultural narrative becomes one that tells children they have no right to the natural family structure or their biological parents, but that children simply exist for the satisfaction of adult desires.”

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/quartet-of-truth-adult-children-of-gay-parents-testify-against-same-sex-mar>

Dawn Stefanowicz, in a frank and graphic testimony of her childhood with a promiscuous homosexual father who later died of AIDS, wrote, “As children, we are not allowed to express our disagreement, pain and confusion,” She added, “Most adult children from gay households do not feel safe or free to publicly express their stories and life-long challenges; they fear losing professional licenses, not obtaining employment in their chosen field, being cut off from some family members or losing whatever relationship they have with their gay parent(s). Some gay parents have threatened to leave no inheritance, if the children don’t accept their parent’s partner du jour [of the day].”

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A homosexual “marriage” where one partner assumes the dominant role and tries to be the father that she is not, or to be the mother that he is not, is a counterfeit that will never make up for the absence of a genuine mother or father. Children deserve better. They deserve nothing less than to be reared by their natural parents in a loving, stable and enduring relationship sealed by marriage vows.

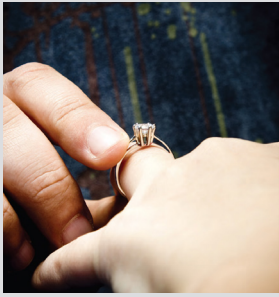


Dawn Stefanowicz

Tolerance?

A Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Australia to all Australians on the ‘Same-sex Marriage’ debate contains real life examples of intolerance. It reads:

- *The City of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, ordered Christian ministers to perform same-sex weddings under pain of 180 days’ imprisonment for each day the ceremony is not performed and fines of \$1000 per day; some British MPs have threatened to remove the marriage licences from clergy who fail to conduct ‘same-sex marriages’.*
- *Clergy in Holland, France, Spain, the US and Australia have been threatened with prosecution for ‘hate speech’ for upholding their faith tradition’s position on marriage; the City of Houston, Texas, has even subpoenaed pastors, compelling them to submit sermons to legal scrutiny when discussing sexuality.*
- *In Colorado and Oregon, courts have fined bakers who refused on religious or conscientious grounds to bake wedding cakes for ‘same-sex weddings’; in New Mexico, a wedding photographer was fined for refusing photograph for such a ceremony; and in Illinois accommodation providers have been sued for not providing honeymoon packages after ‘same-sex weddings’.*



- Yeshiva University in New York City was prosecuted for not providing accommodation to 'same-sex married couples' and other Catholic university colleges have been threatened with similar actions.
- Catholic adoption agencies in Britain and some American states have been forced to close for not placing children with same-sex couples: for example, Evangelical Child Family Services in Illinois (US) was shut down for its refusal to do so.
- Catholic organisations in some American states have been forced to extend spousal employment benefits to same-sex partners.
- In New Jersey an online dating service was sued for failing to provide services to same-sex couples and a doctor in San Diego County was prosecuted after refusing personally to participate in the reproduction of a fatherless child through artificial insemination.
- Parents in Canada and several European countries have been required to leave their children in sex-education classes that teach the goodness of homosexual activity and its equality with heterosexual marital activity; for example, David and Tanya Parker objected to their kindergarten son being taught about same-sex marriage after it was legalised by the Massachusetts Supreme Court, leading to David being handcuffed and arrested for trying to pull his son out of class for that lesson. They were told they had no right to do so.
- The Law Society in England revoked permission for a group called 'Christian Concern' to use its premises because the group supported traditional marriage which the Law Society said was contrary to its 'diversity policy'.
- In the US, Canada and Denmark pastors or religious organisations have been forced to allow same-sex marriages in their churches or halls: Ocean Grove Methodist Camp in New Jersey (US) had part of its tax-exempt status rescinded because they do not allow same-sex civil union ceremonies on their grounds.
- British MPs have threatened to stop churches holding weddings if they do not agree to conduct same-sex ones.

Homosexuals have the right to live as they choose, but they do not have the right to silence those who disagree with them.

Telling the truth

Masha Gessen, a lesbian activist speaking at the Sydney Writers Festival in 2012 said, "I agree that we should have the right to marry, but I also think equally that it is a no-brainer that the institution of marriage should not exist. . . . Fighting for gay marriage generally involves lying about what we're going to do with marriage when we get there, because we lie that the institution of marriage is not going to change, and that is a lie. The institution of marriage is going to change, and it should change, and again, I don't think it should exist."

<http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/381148/state-dept-lgbt-speaker-we-dont-want-gay-marriage-we-want-no-marriage-ian-tuttle>

It seems that homosexuals have more in mind than simply "expanding" marriage to include same-sex couples.

Dennis Altman, a long-standing Australian homosexual activist, speaking at the 2012 Sydney Writers' festival expressed some radical ideas about marriage. "As I said at the beginning I would like to see the law changed, okay? I would like to see that very unpleasant line in the marriage act where a celebrant is required to say "marriage is between a man and a woman" removed and then I would like to see the entire Marriage Act repealed."

He continued, "Now I am going to speak now as a gay man: one of the things about gay male culture is that it is not a monogamous culture. All the evidence we have suggests that monogamy is a myth. There are many longstanding gay relationships. There are virtually no longstanding monogamous gay relationships. I happen to think that this is a good thing. I happen to think that this puts sex in a much better perspective than the concept that we are being fed."

<http://www.biblesociety.org.au/news/what-sort-of-marriages-do-homosexual-people-want>

Do homosexuals want marriage as we understand it? Or do they want to transform and destroy it? It is critical that Christians speak up and urge the government not to tamper with marriage.

MORE INFO

In YouTube search: Marriage Forum; 'Gay Marriage' Massachusetts update; Consequences homosexual marriage by Bill Muehlenberg.

Also online: gotquestions.com; thepublicdiscourse.com (search 'Katy Faust open letter'). Google search 'Timothy Dailey comparing lifestyles'.

Websites: Australian Christian Lobby; Australian Family Association; Family Voice Australia; Life Ministries; Saltshakers.

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