

Same-Sex Marriage

If you have read our article on 'Political Correctness', you will be aware of the diabolical origins of aggressive homosexual activism which has led to the point today where the defence of traditional marriage can be seen as out of touch and intolerant.

It is no longer a case of morality versus immorality, or the rationalism that the nature of humans is male and female, not homosexual and heterosexual.

A manufactured and intimidatory onslaught is being waged by the liberal and left wing media to change society's view of marriage, family and sexuality, and it is succeeding. Now, anyone who attempts to argue the moral or rational case is abused as 'homophobic', of denying the homosexual minority the right to express their 'love' just like any others, and even worse, here in Australia we are following in Canada's downward moral spiral, for in Tasmania legislators are proposing laws where free speech, the right to express ones views about abortion within 150m of a clinic, could be fined \$65,000 and jailed for one year. You can assume that just as the abortion agenda is encroaching on the right to free speech, it will soon be followed by laws against the opponents of same sex marriage!

Kevin Rudd, betrayed all that is rational, as well as his 'religious faith' by claiming that "30 years of research has seen the Australian Medical Association, the American Academy of Paediatrics and the American Psychological Association acknowledge that same-sex families do not compromise children's development."

Common sense would make most people doubt that, but more recent research disputes it.

In an article in 'The Australian', May 25 2013, Christopher Reason reported that in the journal Social Science Research, Mark Regnerus published a large-scale study comparing children raised by homosexual couples and those raised by married parents. It found many significant differences between the groups, with outcomes for the former rated "suboptimal" in about almost every category:

Regnerus surveyed adults aged 18-39. While the data he obtained could hardly be considered entirely objective, there's a strong case for arguing they're more reliable than parental self-reports.

Compared with children of intact biological families (IBF), the children of homosexual parents (a lesbian mother – LM- or gay father GF) have much lower educational attainments. They report less safety and security in their family. They are much more likely to have received welfare (IBF 17%, LM 69%, GF 57%). They are much more likely to suffer depression and to report continuing 'negative impact' from their original family. They are likely to have been arrested more often. If they are female they have typically had more sexual partners, female and male.

By comparison with kids from IBF, the children of lesbian mothers are more likely to be currently cohabiting. They are almost four times more likely to be on public assistance and more than three times more likely to be unemployed. They are nearly 4 times more likely to identify as something other than entirely heterosexual. More alarmingly they are no less than ten times more likely to have been touched sexually by a parent or other care-giver, although this may be in part explained in terms of the abusive behaviour of a parent which precipitated separation or divorce.

They are also nearly four times as likely to have been ‘physically forced’ to have sex against their will. They smoke more and use marijuana more often, and more often plead guilty to non-minor offences.

Regnerus found that children of homosexual fathers are nearly three times as likely, and the children of lesbian mothers nearly four times as likely, to identify as something other than entirely heterosexual. Children of lesbian mothers are 75% more likely, and children of homosexual fathers three times more likely to be in a same sex romantic relationship. In his sample the daughters of lesbians had four times as many same sex partners as daughters of intact biological families. The sons of both lesbian mothers and homosexual fathers had seven times as many male sexual partners as the sons of IBF’s.

These figures put paid to the long standing conventional wisdom that children of same sex couples are no more likely to turn out gay than anybody else.

So, it seems the traditional view of marriage compares well after all, and there is no surprise in that to most people, but how did marriage come about? Was it some kind of accident, or was it actually designed with a deep and profound purpose?

Here is the origin of marriage, right back at the genesis of humanity, Genesis 2:24, *‘Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.’* Marriage was to be a sanctuary, the closest union between two human beings, which would provide the safety, protection and stability needed for the nurturing of a growing family. Genesis 1:28, *‘And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.**’*

Marriage consists of a man and his wife – Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve! This would ensure that the resultant children would grow up in a household with both male and female role models, so that the different character of the sexes would be preserved and imprinted as the children develop.

Yes, there is a difference in the roles of male and female! 1Peter 3:7, *‘Likewise, you husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, **as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.**’* 1Corinthians 11:3, *‘But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and **the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.**’* The father bears the ultimate responsibility for the family, in every way. He should provide for, lead, and educate his children as they grow, for the family educated and reared in God’s way builds the sound foundation a stable and prosperous society needs.

Deuteronomy 6:7, *‘And you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.’* Proverbs 22:6, *‘Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.’*

Working together with her husband, the wife shares in all of those responsibilities except leadership and as we see in the example of Proverbs 31, takes responsibility for the wellbeing of the family, and in 1Timothy 5:14, *‘I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, rule the house, give no occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.’*

Yes, men and women are different, both physically, emotionally and temperamentally. Children need the example of both attributes ideally, and it is far more difficult to provide successful balanced childrearing if one of the characteristics is missing. Without a strong father to support her, mothers often struggle to provide the discipline and correction all children need from time to time. Proverbs 19:18, *'Chasten your son while there is hope, and let not your soul spare for his crying.'* Ephesians 6:4, *'And, you fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.'* Without gentle, caring mother-love young children need, they may not be exposed to that aspect of character we all need to develop, Titus 2:4, *'That they may teach the young women to be sensible, to love their husbands, to love their children.'* This is not to say that the other sex cannot provide these attributes, but not as easily as what comes naturally.

So precious and important is the family unit so described, that God set in motion laws to protect it. The Ten Commandments contain 2 laws relating to family. The fifth commandment instructs children to honour and respect their parents, while the seventh commands us not to commit adultery.

Jesus Christ amplified that for Christians, Matthew 5:27-28, *'You have heard that it was said by them of old time, You shall not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.'* He forbade divorce for Christians for the same reason, verses 31-32, *'It has been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, except for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery.'*

The far less than 10% of people who are homosexual, may be able to persuade society to reject laws against its practice, and even get people to vote for same sex marriage, but they can't change God's eternal laws, and in the end their perverse influence will be short-lived and last for only a relatively few years, for at the return of Christ, God's law will be re-established worldwide, and only repentant homosexuals will gain eternal life, 1Corinthians 6:9-10, *'Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.'*

As we have seen in the research article quoted, breaking God's laws concerning the family results in damaged families, and damaged children. If we break God's laws, in the end they break us, as witnesses the harm caused by casual sex, pornography, casual cohabitation rather than the commitment of marriage, adultery, and divorce. Most of the problems which confront society today stem from breaking those laws.

So, we can see that this intimidatory onslaught by the homosexual lobby upon the sacredness of true marriage is completely selfish and destructive. In the end it will bring only guilt upon themselves, harm to the children they raise, and damage to society, and we have not even mentioned the truly profound purpose of godly marriage and what it pictures for the future, when true Christians marry Jesus Christ, Revelation 19:7, *'Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready.'*

True love for our family cannot be separated from those instructions God has given to protect it, and it is sad that the advocates of same-sex marriage mostly have little knowledge of God, or the Bible. If they did, they would understand that marriage is about the expansion of the family of God through the rearing of children educated in God's Law. 2 John 6, *'And this is love, that we walk after his*

commandments. This is the commandment, that, as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.'

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