

OPINION

“How Does Same-Sex Marriage Hurt My Marriage?”

The same-sex marriage advocates have their foes cornered. They already seem to have maximum media favor and all the power of Hollywood as back-up. Now they can pounce upon the argument with a final deathblow as they ask our nation, "How does same sex marriage hurt your marriage?" Often they are answered only with blank stares.

"How does same-sex marriage hurt MY marriage?" The question itself forces me to accept the premise that marriage belongs to me in the first place. This is a premise I cannot and will not accept. The institution of marriage is not mine. It is much larger than any one person and is not subject to the whim of any one society.

Marriage has its basis in the foundation of the Judeo-Christian ethic that is the bedrock of our nation. To let the historical definition of marriage succumb to the pressure of popular opinion would be the same as tossing out the Judeo-Christian moral foundation of our civilization. To jettison the Judeo-Christian moral foundation would do much more than hurt my marriage. It would start a moral landslide from which we might never recover.

The question that must be asked of the same-sex advocates is just where will we draw the line for the next social movement? Once the same-sex advocates are placated will we need same-relative marriage or adult-child marriage or how about cross-specie marriage? The question of same-sex marriage has conveniently bypassed the most fundamental moral question: is the homosexual act morally right?

Another major flaw in the question of how same sex marriage might hurt my marriage is that it disguises the social ramifications inherent in the acceptance of same sex marriage. It will lead to the collapse of the Judeo-Christian foundation of our nation. It would only be a matter of time before life in our nation would dissolve into moral chaos.

Once again, hidden behind the question, is the false premise that homosexual activity is acceptable. It seems we have moved a long way from the closet and we are now at the church altar. We have been shuttled against our will from tolerance to acceptance. Now we are moving from acceptance towards approval. Once an activity becomes approved it then becomes a right. A right is protected under the law and with law comes enforcement.

Those who once played along with the homosexual agenda and gave them toleration may next face criminal prosecution. My marriage will not be the only thing hurt if the same-sex marriage movement is not stopped. "Hurt" will be too mild a word to describe what might transpire.

Adolf Hitler did not like having any laws telling him what to do. The transcendent Judeo-Christian moral laws troubled him the most. Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf*, "With the appearance of Christianity the first spiritual terror entered into the far freer ancient world." ¹ Once he freed Germany from the moral terror and restrictions of the Judeo-Christian ethic he began to solve the "Jewish problem." After the war he promised to solve the "church problem."

He wrote *Mein Kampf* in 1924. It took only ten years for his ideas to unhinge a nation from its foundations. What Adolf Hitler was able to do during his reign has been a cultural puzzle to many people. How could a whole nation be so easily swayed into gross error? The answer is simple: once the "terror of the transcendent" (as Hitler labeled the Judeo-Christian moral ethic) is removed, the rest is history.

Famous people and people in the news may have their own personal struggles with the marriage covenant, but this should not be used as a smokescreen to obliterate an eternal moral standard. Certain standards are in place for a reason: they set a standard. These non-moveable standards serve as correctives and even allow gracious opportunity for healing, forgiveness and restoration when used properly. Remove the standards and all things become permissible and correction becomes nearly impossible. We must look somewhere beyond Hollywood for the values that have the strength to hold a civilization together.

The same-sex marriage issue is but a symptom of a larger problem that happens to be facing America. The problem is this: will we adhere to an ethic that has withstood 6,000 years of human history and forms the basis for society's laws or will we allow it to be replaced. I guarantee you what will fill the void, as history has proven over and over again, will not be pretty. There is more than MY marriage at stake.

¹ Adolf Hitler, *Mein Kampf*, tr. Ralph Manheim (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1943) p. 454.