

KEY ARGUMENTS FOR TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

Marriage in the culture of our shared faith values

Marriage was ordained by G-d to bring children into the world with *continuity of biological identity* through the committed union of a man and woman, which is uniquely fitted to nurture and raise children.

Marriage and society

Legislating other forms of marriage affects *all* society. It removes moral boundaries on sexual morality. The world leader in “marriage equality”, Sweden, has institutionalized incest, allowing a brother and a sister, by a common parent, to marry. Finding its way into early education, it impacts a new generation of children, 26% of whom at age 12 have as yet a fluid sexual identity, inviting them to lock into alternative sexualities.

Children

Integral to a child's (indeed, a person's) identity is the knowledge and nurture of its parents. To take in an already orphaned child has merit, but to commission with donor gametes and surrogates a generation of orphans for same sex marriage is an injustice to children. Children also need the *complementary* nurture and rearing of a mother and father.

Human freedom and autonomy

A human being has a body, mind and soul. The soul – the mirror of G-d – in the human being knows the difference between right and wrong. Physical impulse and mental arguments can often push one to do what is wrong, and a person is free, and should use this freedom, to assert the spiritual knowledge of right and wrong over them. To establish same sex marriage with the argument that homosexual impulses cannot be contained or transformed, even by one whose conscience rejects them, is both false and a denial of human freedom and autonomy, including that of homosexuals.

Discrimination

Love and respect is due to *all* persons, because their essential identity, the soul - or spirit or conscience made in the “image of G-d” and resonating with Divine values – is equal. To disapprove of a chosen behaviour (separate from this essential identity), such as the homosexual act, which comes from bodily impulse or mental decision, is not discriminatory. Racism is discriminatory because it attacks a person's essential identity and value because of skin colour or origin, which are not chosen behaviours.

Inevitability

Because G-d is ultimately in charge, only good (what He has morally ordained), not wrong, is inevitable; notwithstanding that, in Abraham Lincoln's words, “you can fool all of the people *some* of the time”.

Caring

Love of others, including homosexuals, cannot include exposing them to physical dangers endemic to certain lifestyles, or psychological dissonance, by telling them that they can be no other.