



PROTECTION OF MARRIAGE IS A FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE

It is not hateful to disagree with those who say 'any' grouping of people can be married and receive the same benefits, privileges and recognition under the law

The recent debate in the Kansas Senate over the Marriage Amendment, **HCR 5033**, is but one example of the misconceptions and deception that swirls around the debate over who should be able to marry. The Kansas Senate placed a "killer amendment" on the resolution, dooming it to failure. This amendment took out the provision that the **rights, benefits and privileges** afforded to marriage by the state be reserved for the union of one man and one woman, thus setting the stage for civil unions, domestic partnerships, pseudo-partnerships for business purposes, etc. in order to receive tax benefits, and other things afforded to marriage.

It would open the door for changes in family law; in adoption by allowing homosexual couples to adopt...presently a single person can adopt a child, but not a homosexual couple in Kansas. Tax laws would have to be rewritten; there could be huge ramifications in Social Security benefits. It is possible that two men or women could enter into a 'pseudo-relationship', claiming a marriage to receive those benefits. Who would go into the bedroom to check?

One of the reasons for children being required to have social security numbers now is because of the fraud in tax returns...parents claiming more child deductions than they actually have. So-called monogamous 'marriages' by homosexuals could have a dizzying effect on benefits afforded by companies, etc. because of a rapid succession of partners...a trend quite common in the homosexual community.

Some other things to consider:

- Anthropologically and sociologically speaking marriage was instituted because men, who have unlimited reproductive potential, wanted to make sure that progeny produced by a sexual union was theirs, so they entered into a 'contract' with a woman whose reproductive capacity was limited to ensure that his biological progeny would receive the family name and property. In exchange, he would give the woman and his children protection and sustenance in exchange for her caring for the children and the home.
- From a Christian viewpoint, marriage is the earthly model for the union of Christ, the Bridegroom, with His bride...the Church. The fidelity and purity of that relationship in marriage mirrors the fidelity and purity of a relationship in Christ.
- Marriage between a man and a woman is a treasure that needs to be protected and sanctioned by the state

because it is beneficial to the state...it produces stability and security for all, resulting in good citizens.

- Countries that have adopted a "watered-down" approach to marriage have found that people don't even bother to get married anymore. In Scandinavian countries, for instance, 60% of first-born children are born out of wedlock.
- Counterfeit marriages devalue the real thing, just like counterfeit money in a monetary system devalues the real money.
- Just because marriage vows are not being honored; because people are not keeping their promises, is not a reason to devalue the institution itself. The institution has worked for thousands of years; just because those practicing homosexuality *want* to be married does not make it good for marriage.
- Homosexual marriage is not a civil right. Homosexuals as a group of people do not qualify for a class that has suffered discrimination because of an immutable quality such as skin color, gender or ethnicity. They have not suffered economic loss as a result of their behavior...in fact their average salary is approximately \$61,000 per year.
- Every person has the right to marry...a person of the opposite sex. However, the state has placed restrictions on all people. For instance, you cannot marry a child; you cannot marry a close relative; you cannot marry more than one person; and you cannot marry someone who is already married.
- The "spin" that the press and others have placed upon this issue is that defense of marriage acts and constitutional amendments ban "gay marriage." In fact, a union between two people in the homosexual lifestyle can never equal marriage...their union defies the definition of marriage. There can be no biological union between homosexuals that can produce children...other than technologically-enhanced reproduction or adoption.
- Marriage "in name only," which is what marriage would be if civil unions and domestic partnerships are equated with marriage, will do nothing to strengthen and stabilize society and protect children; in fact, it will have a destabilizing effect on marriage as an institution.
- The Bible says it is wrong. 2Timothy 3:16 states, "*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good deed.*"

Either we believe what the Bible says about homosexuality or we don't. God is not mocked.