

Same-Sex Marriage and the Principle of Creation

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Much of the first half of the Principle of Creation clearly shows why God's on-going blessing of a long-term, growing society can only work through the union of a man and a woman.

The Principle of Creation

Dual Characteristics.

The dual characteristics state that God is most able to manifest on earth through the union of the masculine and feminine, and this duality is the root cause of heterosexual marriages. If one parent is absent things often start to go wrong in family life. If the father is absent we find many sons struggle

with their future lives and daughters often seek that missing paternal love through inappropriate relationships with other males. Extensive research shows the unconditional love of our mother during our first two years is crucially important – laying the foundation for future emotional well-being. The cross-gender, role modelling of the relationship between mother and father is also important – it helps the child build their own successful marital-union. Put simply, children reared by their married, biological parents have, on average, the highest levels of emotional stability, extended family support and financial support; the lowest rates of behavioural problems, physical abuse and sexual abuse; the best mental health and educational outcomes; they can best develop their gender identity, have the best quality of opposite-sex relationship role-modelling and have the highest chances of building a successful marital-family of their own. The heterosexual marital-family is the optimal way we have to rear children because it is most able to express the fullness of God's love for each new child.

We are, of course, talking about averages. Many single parents do a noble job in sometimes difficult circumstances – a better job than many two parent families. But still, on average, the natural biological family wins out on every level. Put simply, God's love and blessings often struggle to shine through in non-traditional forms of family and thus children face increased challenges as a result. Thus, as the marital-family norm has declined, child poverty, self-harm, drug overdoses, people on antidepressants, loneliness, etc. – have all increased.

Give-and-Take Action.

Give and take, when centred on God, leads to existence, maintenance and growth/development. The union of a man and a woman, because it is centred on God, does all these three things. Their marriage has series of purposes. (a) They continue the existence of the human species, (b) They maintain a certain quality of family life and community well-being across generations, and (c) They lay the foundation for the development of our species through lineage improvement.

For example, the heterosexual marital-family provides the foundation for healthy community life and strong nation building. The continual need for the couple to learn to offer respectful love to each other and also the optimal outcomes for children provide for the longevity of cultures. At the turn of the 20th century, all major world cultures were marriage centred cultures. One cannot talk of building a successful long-term culture without marriage.

And yet again, ample research now clearly shows us that the only form of family that does lead to continual species improvement is the heterosexual marital-family. It is the only form of family that offers, on average, lineage improvement, and when lineage improvement occurs in many families then social improvement comes about. Research shows that all other forms of the family have inherent weaknesses which often create the foundation for lineage decline and, by extension, to social decline. Thus, as Unificationists, we talk about the restoration of God's ideal through healing and growth in the marital-family.

So for God, marriage means '*a union which leads to the existence, maintenance and development of the human family*'. Can same-sex couple also fulfil these three essential purposes? Can they be married as God defines marriage?

Firstly, they cannot have children through same-sex, erotic sex – so they cannot continue the human species.

Secondly, the same-sex marriage cause is *never* just about accepting the love between two people of the same sex. It always comes with a desire to push same-sex eroticism into the heterosexual world – encouraging heterosexuals to experiment with erotic sex with their same-sex friends. We’ve seen the consequences many times in human history – nasty STDs, life-threatening diseases, and a harming of the ability of heterosexuals to build their own marital-families. Society heads downhill. The redefinition of marriage and the push by same-sex activists that follows doesn’t lead to the maintenance of community. It leads to on-going civic decay.

Thirdly, same-sex unions, on average, cannot bring about lineage improvement. This is first because they don’t have biological children of their own. Also, if they do gain children through surrogacy or IVF – the research clearly shows that these children are just so much more likely to struggle with a feeling of abandonment. Because they are separated from the love of one or both biological parents they often suffer from deep depression, or lack motivation to study, or sometimes commit self-harm, etc. Such children are also more likely to be sexually abused and find it harder to build their own marital-family. Because of the likely negative psychological feeling of abandonment in the child, same-sex families who rear children are, on average, lineage declining family structures, not socially developing ones.

(See www.familystructurestudies.com/outcomes/)

Even though same-sex couples can love and grow their ability to love each other, they cannot offer lineage improvement, long-lasting sustainable communities, nor even the continued existence of the human species. Because they cannot fulfil all of the three key intentions that God has for marriage same-sex couples cannot enter into the estate of marriage. Homosexual couples offer nothing more to society than two widows living together for companionship, or nothing more than two single mothers who are living together for an extended period of time. The way society is ‘fair’ to same-sex couples is treat them the same way as we treat these other long-term, companionate relationships. It is absolutely not fair on the rest of society if the State redefines marriage to suit homosexual couples but, in doing so, the rest of society neglects and even loses God’s intentions for marriage.

Marriage, in God’s eyes, is not primarily about couple love per se. Child well-being, social stability, lineage improvement, continuation of the human species – are essential parts of what marriage means.

The Three Blessings. In the Principle of Creation, there is also the section on the three blessings. If you place two same-sex adults in the second blessing diagram there is nothing underneath. They cannot create a child. They can, of course, gain a child through several means but this is always in violation of the natural rights of the child and many times to their spiritual detriment. Since there is no fourth position then we cannot see the natural outcome of the second blessing – there is no on-going social joy and social well-being; no chance for the establishment for God’s continued blessings.

The second blessing is primarily about child well-being. It’s where we take responsibility to give our children the best possible start in life so they and society can thrive. There is love, life and lineage, and the most important is lineage. This means that good parents often have to sacrifice their happiness, sometimes for short or long periods, in order to give their children the most beneficial upbringing they can offer.

The State has already redefined the legal understanding of marriage many times already (even though it has no moral right to do so because the word marriage doesn’t belong to the State). The first major law that redefined marriage was no-fault divorce. The State said: “If you are not happy, you can walk away from your marriage – no matter the effects on your children.” This law made it seem that the primary purpose of marriage was adult happiness, not child well-being.

No-fault divorce law also created the subliminal social message that marriage is also not about lineage improvement – that the solution to marital problems was to walk away, not to improve oneself. A parent can walk away from their path of growth even if this hurts their children.

Because of these two, State-imposed misconceptions about marriage we have seen a tremendous amount of social decay since no-fault law was passed. Also, these misconceptions laid the foundation for the social belief that same-sex couples can enter into the estate of marriage when, in reality, they can’t.

Whenever the humanistic State creates a new legal understanding of marriage it believes it is trying to create goodness. In reality, it is just laying the seeds for future social decay. God’s plan for marriage never changes. If you see the damage that came about through no-fault divorce, you will better understand that even more damage will be done now the term marriage is redefined again. When heterosexuals get confused about the purpose of marriage, kids suffer.

(See <http://loveledushere.blogspot.fi/2015/04/graphs-how-redefining-marriage-in.html>)

Species Limitations

The easiest way to understand this issue is to see ourselves as a species; a species ruled by species limitations just as other species are. Every species has one way of ensuring the existence, maintenance and development of their species. They have one specific method of insemination and one specific method of rearing their offspring. This ensures species well-being over millions of years. If a species moves away from their one, species-specific method of regeneration then their species *automatically weakens*.

Recently we have come to believe that we are immune from this species law; that our children can do just as well without biological fathers and that they don't need opposite-sex, parental role modelling. The data, however, shows the opposite. Of course, there will be some divorces and some single mothers. But if we move too far away from our species-specific method of guaranteeing best outcomes for the next generation, the social fabric weakens. Our nations spiral into uncontrollable debts and we have ever growing numbers of people find it harder to fully participate in life.

The main religions support the view that we are a species – a species which is bound by species-specific sexual and family norms. The Principle perfectly, probably more than any other religion, supports the species-limitation viewpoint.

Swapping God's Plan for Marriage with a Man-Made One

Economic communism forced people to believe the lie that it was dangerous for society if citizens took home the fruits of their own labour. They said this led to inequality. There had to be a fairer way said communists. Because the State tampered with God's natural laws, massive social decay came about.

The same is happening here. The State is constructing lies (e.g. that marriage is primarily about adult happiness; that any two people can rear children, just as well as the biological parents can; that the open promotion of same-sex eroticism will not harm society in any way; etc.) right in the heart of civil society. Once again these lies are promoted on the desire to be 'fair'. Once again these lies are maintained through fear. Thought 'police' can now destroy your career in an instance. In economic communism, you only got to the top by fully supporting these lies. The same happens here, especially on campuses, in the media, and in the political sphere – so these lies get evermore integrated into society. And faiths go into decline because they cannot let go of God's plan for marriage – so they are bigots. Decay is now written into law. A socialist, Godless, authoritarian state, one that feeds on the pain of the destroyed natural marital-family, is born. (<http://loveledushere.blogspot.fi/2015/04/a-marxist-coup-in-land-of-free-craftily.html>)

Being against the redefining of marriage doesn't mean we treat homosexuals differently than any of our other brothers and sisters. Here, one is fighting an errant State.

Reverend Moon many times warned against the promotion of same-sex eroticism. The mismatch between the redefining of marriage and the Divine Principle is clear. Worryingly, many young adults in Unification movement completely agree with the redefinition of marriage. But God can only work through faiths that uphold the centrality of the heterosexual marital-family as the conduit for God's on-going blessings.

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