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The Real Goal of the Same-Sex Marriage Movement



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Late last week, after the Supreme Court of the United States declared without any



Carlos McKnight, 17, of Washington, holds up a flag in support of gay marriage outside of the Supreme Court in Washington, Friday June 26, 2015. (AP Photo)

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Constitutional basis that the Constitution mandates same-sex marriages be state legitimized across the nation, a disquieting level of triumphalism broke out from coast to coast. The president shined lights representing the gay pride rainbow flag on the White House — a gross boot-on-the-throat display from an anti-religious leader.

Corporations, undoubtedly fearful of the consequences of ending up on the wrong side of the riotous left, began tweeting out rainbow symbols. News outlets similarly embraced the rainbow symbol, as though it were uncontroversial to do so; BuzzFeed, Huffington Post, and Mashable all turned their logos rainbow, with BuzzFeed's Ben Smith explaining, "We firmly believe that for a number of issues, including civil rights, women's rights, anti-racism, and LGBT equality, there are not two sides."

Let's move beyond the romantically idiotic language of Justice Kennedy's decision. The notion that gay rights advocates and their allies, who have spent decades suggesting that the institution of marriage represents patriarchal



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oppression, love and respect marriage so much that they wish to join in its binds, is inane. And the idea that the gay rights movement desperately seeks the tax assistance available to male-female married couples was made false long ago with the promises of civil unions.

No, the gay rights movement and the broader American left celebrated the same-sex marriage decision in wild fashion because the decision established two fundamental notions: First, that government has replaced God in the moral pantheon of the United States; second, that the new god-government has the power to root out and destroy any God-based institutions, destroying the social capital and fabric that holds together the nation.

The emotion that greeted Justice Kennedy's decision reeks of religious fervor. In ancient Israel, the Jews cheered ecstatically each Yom Kippur when the High Priest emerged from the Holy of Holies; that signified God's acceptance of the repentance of the people.

This weekend's Dionysian displays mirrored that sort of delirious jubilation with Justice Kennedy as a stand-in for God: He declared the fundamental morality of homosexuality, not merely its legality. Kennedy went so far as to declare that the government could confer "dignity" on relationships. Now, the notion that the gay rights movement seeks the "dignity" of marriage is similarly ridiculous — movements that seek "dignity" do not hold parades featuring the Seattle Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and a bevy of chaps in assless chaps. But they do seek the "dignity" of being told by a higher authority that their actions are right, just and good.

With God safely shunted to the side in favor of Justice Kennedy, the next step in the gay rights movement will be the smashing of idolators — namely, those who cling to their religion and church in spite of Justice Kennedy's New New Testament. Leftists have already moved to ban nonprofit status for religious institutions that refuse to acknowledge same-sex marriages; leftists have already sued into oblivion religious business owners who refuse to participate in same-sex weddings. It will not stop there. Religious schools will be targeted. Then, so will homeschooling programs. The secular religion of the left has been set free to pursue its own crusade against the infidel.

Religious institutions were the key social glue binding Americans together; we trust one another because we share values, beliefs and social institutions with them. With all three of those elements being memory-holed by the government in favor of self-expression, social capital will disintegrate; our trust in each other will fall apart, and government will fill the gap. With this week's judicial tyranny, leftists move one step closer to their ultimate goal, as expressed at the 2012 Democratic National Convention: "Government is the only thing we all belong to." And that will be an ugly America indeed.

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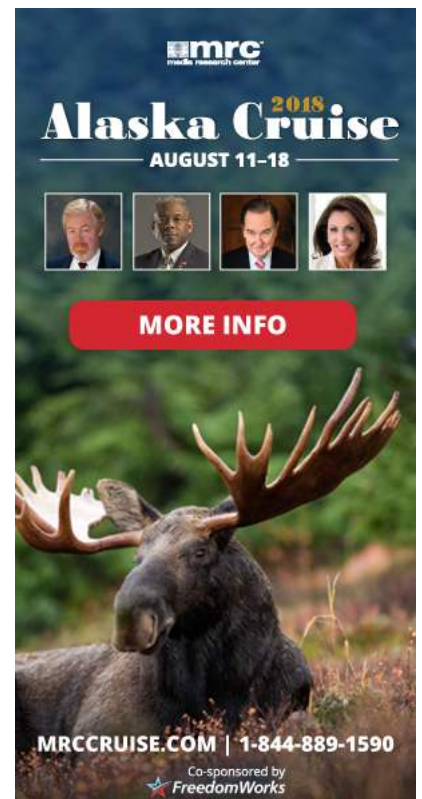
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rodney smith • 2 years ago

Please tell me the end result of all this; protection from discrimination, civil unions, marriage, adoption , etc . Will the education of our children change ? Will we have to find other terms for a man referring to another male as his husband or vice versa for a female ? Will the dress now become normal wear for a man? and at our next wedding, it would be acceptable to see one of the man in a same sex marriage walking down the aisle in a long flowing dress? Is it the end result to have no definition of marriage at all? In that case, it can be or become whatever we want it to be? Just asking.

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TheKingOfRhye ➔ Guest • 3 years ago

What about straight couples that don't want to have to children? Or can't, for that matter? Is the sex they have immoral or something? If someone's going to say gay sex is not 'normal, natural, healthy and good' then I guess that is too.

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Why does homosexuality happen in nature?

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BalancedMind ➔ Guest • 3 years ago

Bonding as well as procreation...

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Procreation is not a requirement for something to be normal, natural, healthy, or good

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all sex is capable of being risky and degrading. Perverse, however, is an opinion word. What you think is perverse is relative to you only

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TheKingOfRhye ➔ Guest • 3 years ago

Personally, I don't see how any sexual act consented on and enjoyed by both parties could be morally degrading....

And what on earth does S&M have to do with this, anyway?? I enjoy that kind of thing myself, but I never did it with the goal of being 'ennobled', I did it for the pleasure of me and my partner, simple as that. Is it risky? Possibly, if you don't know what you're doing, but you could say that about anything. Degrading? Well, sometimes people LIKE to feel degraded ;)

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Ino ➔ Guest • 3 years ago

"How can a husband and wife wanting a child ever be morally degrading?"

Because morals are relative. If you don't think a man and a woman having a child is 'morally degrading' then good for you but you don't speak for all the humans on this planet, you only speak for yourself.

"And how can two sadomasochists ennoble each other by inflicting physical pain on each for sexual gratification?"

Because they both physically and sexually like it?

If 2 people whipping each other or flogging each other is something that sexually turns them on then that is their own thing. If you don't like it then you don't have to do it.

And there is nothing 'ennoble' about sex to begin with.

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Steve M ➔ Guest • 3 years ago

"Deep affection + sex = the ultimate and most satisfying orgasmic bliss possible between a man and woman."

Or between man and man, or woman and woman.

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You fancy yourself quite the expert on homosexual sex acts.
How did you come by such expertise?

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Steve M ➔ Guest • 3 years ago

You seem to think you are quite the expert on homosexual sex.
How did you gain your expertise?

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Ino ➔ Guest • 3 years ago

"Out of the billions of married couples wanting children you can't come up with one real world specific example that I asked for. "

Because you are asking for an example of something that 'ennobles' the act of sex when in reality nothing ennobles anyone's act of sex.

" You hide your ignorance under the term "relative" and think you're being smart."

It is all relative though. So you think that a man and a woman having sex is 'ennoble', good for you. It doesn't actually make it so but you are allowed to think what you want.

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Ino ➔ Guest • 3 years ago

"So if someone raped and killed you in front of your husband and kids (assuming you have any) deriving additional sexual pleasure from strangling you to death that wouldn't be absolutely wrong or degrade the person who does it?"

The person who does the act of rape and murder clearly wouldn't view it as wrong or degrading since they are the one choosing to do it.

I absolutely do think it would be wrong and degrading to the victim but that opinion is relative to myself. I don't speak for humanity, I only speak for myself.

When are you going to learn how relativity works and stop pestering me? It's really not that complicated.

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Steve M ➔ Guest • 3 years ago

Relativity: The fact that there is no one point in the universe that has a unique, special, or superior vantage point.

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Steve M ➔ Guest • 3 years ago

Try reading Albert Einstein or Brian Greene or Neil de Grasse Tyson. Absolutely true? Who knows. But it has stood up to every test it's ever been subjected to.

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Ino → Guest • 3 years ago

Yep. I'm just getting concerned at this point that you don't understand how relativity works because you keep asking me pointless scenarios like you are still trying to figure out how relativity works.

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Steve M → Guest • 3 years ago

"Absolute truth" does not exist.

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Ino → Guest • 3 years ago

"If all things are relative and there are no absolutes then how could you be absolutely certain (know the absolute truth) about " how relativity works" or about anything? Do you see the contradiction?"

It's not a contradiction. Relativity has a definition and it has a set way of how it works. I acknowledge this and agree with it...but nothing is stopping you from not acknowledging it or disagreeing with it.

If you and I have the same understanding of how relativity works then that means it is relative to both yourself and myself. That doesn't mean the rest of the world agrees.

Are you done now?

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Ino → Guest • 3 years ago

it can't possibly be a contradiction.

If you and I both understand and agree with how relativity works then that means it is only relative to our own agreement/acknowledgment.

That doesn't mean anyone else agrees or acknowledges what I agree or acknowledge or what you agree or acknowledge. That's how relativity works

Are you done yet? Seriously why are you keep pushing a dialogue about relativity when the reality of it was cemented long ago between us...assuming that you even understand or agree with how I view relativity as existing

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Ino → Guest • 3 years ago

Alright you are either trolling at this point or you legitimately do not understand how relativity works. Good bye

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Missy → Guest • 3 years ago

How cute that you think that your acceptance matters.

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BalancedMind → Guest • 3 years ago

I thought it was the point of christianity that humans are more than animals. Your focus on procreation only makes humans nothing more than animals. That can't be in line with your

religion... Wasn't there a higher goal for humanity?

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Steve M → Guest • 3 years ago

Your "God" is irrelevant when it comes to equal rights under the law. Practice whatever you wish within your church, but it doesn't necessarily apply in civil matters. That seems to be beyond your ability to understand.

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Steve M → Guest • 3 years ago

I was pretty sure, but I checked anyway.

I have the entire text of the US Constitution on my hard drive, downloaded from the US Government Printing Office and converted into a MS Word "doc" (You might want to do that before you shoot yourself in the foot or nether regions again). I did a word search for "Divine Origin". It's not here Neither do the words "God" or "god" or "creator" appear ANYWHERE in the constitution.

The Declaration of Independence is not the governing law of the USA.

It would seem YOUR comprehension is the one that is lacking. Your type person make a habit out of fantasizing that what they want to exist actually exists. You must live in an alternate reality.

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Asemodeus → Guest • 3 years ago

Weird, isn't it, that the constitution makes no claims on the divine and actually rebukes the idea that religion is a qualifier for office. It's almost like the founders fought a war against an actual country founded under Christian values and went into lengths to make sure not to replay their mistakes.

On the other hand, the confederates states of America's constitution did mention god explicitly as a divine command to keep slaves. Something that didn't exactly work out for them.

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Karol Mooney → Guest • 3 years ago

oh Missy. it may not matter to YOU but in general it matters to the gay community or why would they care about "marriage" as opposed to "civil unions?"

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Steve M → Guest • 3 years ago

Many people think your religious beliefs are nothing more than "mud and manure". But just because you choose to wallow in it doesn't mean other people have to.

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Steve M → Guest • 3 years ago

And you are certainly proof of that!!!!

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FastClock → Guest • 3 years ago

Will you also oppose marriage between people past child bearing age or for sterile men or women? How generous of you to decide such an important issue in other people's lives, when they don't try to push you around. You are

truly a great American patriot, and I hope your children, grandchildren, etc., will remember you forever.

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