

Romans 1:26-27

“For this reason God gave them up to degrading passion. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural~~~~~and received in their own person the due penalty for their error.”

This text is I believe often used as an argument against same sex relations and, on the surface, it indeed looks like St. Paul condemns such relations as against nature, and subject to the wrath of God.

However it would seem to be a true statistic that roughly 10% of people are by nature sexually attracted to one of the same sex and do not find any sexual attraction to those of the opposite sex. This is a scientific fact that could not have been known in St. Paul’s day.

If this is true then it would be against nature for such a man or woman to engage in sexual activity with one of the opposite sex. For them the natural way would be to have sexual activity with one of the same sex.

So- it would seem to me to be reasonable for those who, by nature, are repelled sexually by one of the opposite sex, but attracted to one of the same sex to be united in a permanent union with the same conditions and vows as in the marriage of a heterosexual couple.

St Paul- who appears not to like marriage very much, says (1 Corinthians 7:9) “But if they are not practicing self control; they should marry. For it is better to marry than to be aflame with passion”

Would it not be better for two men or two women who love each other and desire each other to marry and share a full life together ,blessed by the civil law and by the church?

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