

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in reference to an article and to a request urging Anglicans with any point of view with respect to the changing of the marriage canon to allow same sex marriage to come forward. It is to this that I would like to express the following to which I have given much thought and that I have prayed about.

I would urge you strongly not to change the marriage canon. My reasons are based in the Bible let me first say that the decision is appalling as well as shameful to the name of our Lord. The word of God is explicit with respect to marriage. God created marriage for one man and one woman. The word of God as quoted in Genesis 2:20-24

"20 Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

And Adam said:

"This is now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called woman
Because she was taken out of Man."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
This speaks of what is right in the eyes of God.

Then the Word of God as in Leviticus 18:22
"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is
an abomination."

While in the Word of God in Matthew 7:1, Jesus confirmed
it "Judge not that you not be judged." We have no right
to judge our brother or our sister for God will be our Judge.
But the church should not condone the marriage of
two such individuals. In this the Church would commit
a grievous error and one that no doubt we would have
to answer for.

The Word of God according to St. Matthew 19:4-6

"And He answered and confirms, when asked about
divorce, "Have you not read that He who made
them at the beginning made them male and
female and said, "For this reason a man shall
leave his father and mother and be joined to his
wife and the two shall become one flesh." And
again in the Word of God according to St Mark 10:6-8.

If this then is what He considers to be right and just, are we then to take this lightly, shall we consider otherwise? Are we not to be in the world and not of it? The Word of God is good and plenty for me!

Again in the Word of God as in Romans 1:18 and 1:26-28

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. So even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men leaving the natural use of the woman burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due."

Also in the Word as in 2 Peter 3:3 "Knowing this first that scoffers will come in the last days walking according to their own lusts."

In the Word of the Lord in 2 Peter 3:17, "you, therefore, beloved since you know these things before hand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness being led away with the error of the wicked."

Also we stand in judgement as stated in the Word of God in Revelation 20:5

Changing the marriage canon, therefore, is a thing not even to be considered and not a matter open for discussion. It shames the Holy Name of Jesus Christ.

A man and woman given in marriage is sacred in the Eyes of God.

Let us therefore stand firm in our resolve to keep the Church's reputation spotless and blameless and without blemish and so that people listening are not lead into confusion and therefore into Satan's clutches.

Let us not forget as quoted in the Word according to Proverbs 22:1, "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches." The Anglican Church has a reputation to consider and a reputation can be fragile. Once damaged, is hard to restore.

As well, how can man bless what God Himself has cursed?

May God offer His Guiding Light
and illuminate His Way

God Bless You,
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