

Gay Marriage, God and Sin:

Should Gay or lesbian people be allowed to marry? That is a big question in today's American society. Many other countries already allow it. Why not here? Because in America many people have a religion-based belief that homosexuality is a sin, and those who have a strong religious background want our laws to reflect that belief. We all want our laws to reflect our beliefs.

No one is suggesting those with strong religious backgrounds give up his or her sense of connection to God or Spirit, but asked to question whether those beliefs match current levels of Spiritual connection and understanding of right and wrong.

Sexual energy exchanged between people is a sacred act. Perhaps those on the extreme right have an innate sense of the sacredness of sexual energy and are unable to label it for what it is so instead focus on general behavior? Sexual energy connects us directly to the cosmos and each other in a way that is profound. Perhaps those on the extreme right also innately understand that the misuse of sexual energy is what could be called sinful?

Leviticus 18:22, of the bible, clearly states that one shall not lie with another man as with a woman. It does say that. Leviticus also says one shall not have sex with animals, with your mother, with your father, with your sister, with your grandmother or grandfather. It also says that these rules were handed to Moses and his people because those in Canaan, the land to which the Israelites were headed, were so out of control in their darkness (misuse of sexual energy) that they were to be destroyed and God didn't want that to happen to the Israelites. It seems to me that these rules were made for a people (Canaanites,) who had no sense of a Godly connection.

The Course in Miracles states "The ego equates having with getting, while spirit equates having with giving". [I don't recall the exact citation]. Spirit, or God, is love and light therefore love can only be had by giving it. Light, by its very nature, cannot be acquired by taking it. Any attempt to do so only raises the level of darkness within the individual who tried to take it. Giving energy is right and taking more energy than is given is wrong or sinful. Marriage is a commitment to give energy to each other equally. Giving energy can only be done in love (Spirit [love] equates having with giving). How does that threaten or hurt any society? Everyone has to take energy to some degree, but when it's done to feed a fear-based reaction, that is misuse; a sin; a reflection of darkness.

Incest takes more energy than is given. Rape takes more than is given. Pedophilia takes more than is given. Manipulation of others emotions takes more than is given and is a misuse of divine

energy. I absolutely **do not** advocate the exchange of sexual energy among family members because of the karmic level of taking energy that occurs in families and that is why it's wrong, as well as the genetic issues. Homosexuality does not fit into that category.

Homosexuality is a mutual exchange of energy between two consenting adults. Sometimes based in love and sometimes not, just as with heterosexual relationships. Homosexuality in itself does not misuse energy and is therefore not a sin. Homosexual love takes nothing from anyone anymore than heterosexual love does. **Sin is not about the gender, but it is about the misuse of energy.**

Feeling scared or threatened by things we don't know or understand is an innate reaction. Everyone does it. Fear is darkness within us. When we are afraid, we seek light. When we try to take light from a fearful position, that light becomes dark. Our darkness actually increases. Holding a bible and shouting words like 'sinner' will not increase light, but will increase dark for the one screaming 'sinner'. Looking to others with tolerance, understanding and love brings you light. Because light is from Spirit, or God, it can only be created within and given away: never taken. That is a law of energy.

Using God, or anything else, to oppress a mutual, loving exchange of energy between people is a sin. There was a time in America when marriage between races was considered a sin. People eventually figured out that love is love: that the exchange of love energy between two consenting adults is not a sin and is not threatening.

I have faith that those who consider homosexuality a sin will figure out that it is not. I have faith in God and people that fears can be overcome and feeling threatened by things we may not understand stopped. I have faith that definitions of right and wrong will be determined by the giving and taking of energy rather than through superficial lines of behavior that disguise truth. I have a vision of a world in which light dominates dark because it is created from within where all are made in the image of God. I have a vision that understanding God creates light through giving love, tolerance and appreciation of differences with the consideration that differences add to society's whole rather than take away from it.