

WHAT FUTURE WITHOUT CHILDREN?

A STRANGE FORGETFULNESS

Those who push with zeal to “normalize” same-sex relationships blindly close the door on the lessons of history. They ignore the dynamics of why they are alive, and treat with contempt those who would need to take on the added burden of sustaining the population. Using the United Nations figure of 2.1 children per couple, that would mean for every “free” incident of same-sex coupling, another couple would need to have 4.2 babies. That’s not going to happen in a culture that has already demonstrated an unwillingness to keep marriage permanent. The people with a lack of responsibility for the baby in the womb cannot nurture a new generation of children.

Even the birds would teach the heterosexual necessity. From the dawn of bird history, Mr. Robin has fertilized Mrs. Robin’s eggs, Mrs. Robin did the incubating, and then together they raised those hungry little dependents family style. By the time the fledglings left the nest, they were fully equipped for the responsibilities of adult “robinhood,” and would instinctively dedicate themselves to bring up future robin generations.

No! Two mother or two father robins cannot fill that same role. There would be no babies in the nest apart from both parents. I suppose though, that if two boy robins or two girl robins would prefer setting up nests, robin lawmakers could dictate that same-sex nesting be celebrated through the whole forest, and that opposite sex robin couples could be made to sacrifice some of their eggs to the cause, lending a false sense of normalcy to a sterile existence. But the natural family nest bypassed would yield only pretend nests and no babies. Thus, the time of the singing of birds would end in eerie silence.

A CULTURE OF TERMINAL HEROICS

Apparently, the newest form of heroics making its rounds is for people who rate as cultural icons or sports heroes to “come out” as lesbian or gay. This is seen as a cause so deserving as to receive direct affirmation from top political leaders and many churches. The momentum builds with the seeming intent of steamrolling all opposition and turning the law of the land on its head—attempting to confer respect and status on same-sex relationships, and raising up a new phantom institution called gay marriage. And what is gained by such heroics? What does this new institution contribute to the future of humanity? And at what cost has it come to this, in terms of disease and death by AIDS? How did we get to the place of imagining that humans could thrive or even survive a successful push to obliterate natural marriage and family and go on trying to erase even gender differences?

I suspect that this is an intended rebellion against the historical, Biblical concepts of God and morality. But that’s hardly where this is going to end. Ultimately this is an unscientific fight, defying even nature and biology. It pits what people claim to be, yet cannot be, against what they are, and what sexuality was designed for. The long-simmering defiance of the traditional marriage and family has spilled over into the rejection of being male or female. Even school children are encouraged to ignore the

biological law of their own physical gender, while trying to determine whether they “feel” straight or gay. If this doesn’t push them to the edge of the cliff, what will? Since when is taking on biology a fight humans can win?

SHORT MEMORY AMERICA

So just another reminder of where we have arrived in a stunningly short time. The days when “come out” homosexuals could not serve in the military is too recent to even turn the page of history. For those of you whose memory doesn’t quite span thirty years, in 1986 the Supreme Court affirmed that states could outlaw homosexual acts between consenting adults. Probably the very earliest public support for homosexuals dates back less than fifty years, to 1969. That’s when patrons at the Stonewall Inn, an illicit homosexual bar in New York’s Greenwich Village, rioted against local police in an incident considered the birth of the homosexual rights movement.

THE LONG VIEW

We tend to view civilization as the result of the gains of human wisdom and understanding, a kind of experimental evolution to discover what works for society. But such is far from the case. Rather, a truly working worldview is a population that responds to the instruction and the commandments that match the design and the purpose for which the male with his female were created. On this coupling hinges the rising and thriving of new generations of people to replenish the earth.

This is the same idea as the specifications and instruction manuals that come with new equipment. Suppose a builder buys a new automatic washer. He knows what it was designed and built for. He washes his work clothes in conformity to the instructions for the machine. He does not attempt experimenting by loading it with sand, gravel, and cement. This is not a cement mixer. And no judge or lawmaker would laud his efforts to make it one. By the way, the instruction manual must actually match the particular machine, just as human sexuality must actually be addressed in the context and the purpose of human existence and reproduction (a point totally missed in the “new heroics” of human sexuality).

This leads to several conclusions explicitly taught and confirmed in the Scriptures:

1. The man and the woman are the design of God, and their union is the only means of human reproduction.
2. Sexual fulfillment was designed, not to be squandered nor spread to multiple partners, but as a powerful incentive for men and women to get married and stay married, and to actively pursue the responsibilities of parenting. Not only is this the haven of peace and security that every child deserves, it is also good for the adults. They form the family units that are absolutely essential and basic to any culture. They are typically self-supporting. Far from being a burden or troublemakers, they are the cornerstones of civilization.
3. This fruit of the womb is God’s reward. Children are not dispensable. They are to be treasured as gifts from God. Babies are meant to be born into the permanent marriage of the father and the mother, there to be nurtured and instructed in the ways of God.

WHAT INSTITUTION IS FOR THE CHILDREN?

On the other hand, the farther we go down the path of undefined and unbounded sexual freedoms, the greater the disconnect from the wellbeing of the culture. Where civilization and stability are not derived from strong families, other institutions arise in a vain attempt to fill the gap. This includes welfare and social services for vast numbers who are disengaged from natural family circles, as well as protective programs for endangered women and children. Too many men face little or no responsibility, even for their own offspring. How then do they become anything but long-term adolescents and consumers, and all too often, prison inmates? The real issue is the desire to please self—hedonism.

And yes, we really have developed a vast alternative institution especially geared to men and boys (and increasingly girls), who miss out on the civilizing effects of solid marriages and family life. It is called prison. It is working by locking away remnants of a dysfunctional society. And its growth is phenomenal.

According to *Newsmax* magazine, July 2014, if the U.S. prison population of 2.4 million could be incorporated into a city, it would be our fourth largest after New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago. One can properly argue that for all its negativity, prison is a necessary institution. This is especially true in a culture lacking the foundation of marriage and family. But the question none can answer is this: what is the point of pushing for the legitimacy of homosexual pursuits, and raising up a counter institution to marriage that obliterates the legitimate institution for children, and that furthers no social or human good?

~Lester Troyer