

Statement on Respect for Marriage Act

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When the United States was founded, it was built upon a belief in God and the natural law. The very first line of the Declaration of Independence acknowledged this reality by appealing to “the laws of nature and of nature’s God.” The very foundation of all human civilization is built upon the establishment and the rule of law, and to split the laws of nature from the laws of God and of man is to shatter civilization itself. The devastating effects are far more destructive than even the splitting of the atom.

Established from the very beginning of time in Adam and Eve, marriage is the bedrock of humanity. Marriage is the stable foundation for the raising of children, and stable marriages are what make up the citizens of a people. History has shown time and again that the more stable the marriages, the more stable the civilization.

But this proposed legislation under the mocking and ironic title “Respect for Marriage” courts disaster on a magnitude few dare to consider.

From the mere standpoint of the natural law, if the notion of marriage is reduced to the barren activities of sodomy, then the very idea and purpose of marriage is reduced a meaningless gesture. The entire purpose of marriage, through thousands of years of recorded history, is the begetting and raising of children – something that is physically impossible for sodomites. Furthermore, there is no human pleasure-seeking activity more rife with disease and mental-illness than that of sodomy. Just ask the World Health Organization how monkeypox is spread or where they find the greatest number of cases of HIV and AIDS.

But from the standpoint of Divine Law, we must consider the potential for Divine Justice should an abomination like the misnamed Respect for Marriage Act be passed. The Book of Genesis tells us that five cities, including the one for which the very act of Sodomy itself is named, were completely and totally destroyed by a rain of fire and brimstone. St. Peter confirmed this by warning what would become of those engaged in this practice. Second Peter chapter 2, verses 4 through 9: “For if God ... reducing the cities of the Sodomites and of the Gomorrhites into ashes, condemned them to be overthrown, making them an example to those that should act wickedly ... The Lord knoweth how to delivery the godly from temptation, but to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be tormented.”

St. Jude also warned what becomes of those falling to the sin of Sodomy: “As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the neighboring cities, in like manner, having given themselves to fornication, and going after other flesh, were made an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. In like manner these men also defile the flesh, and despise dominion, and blaspheme majesty.”

Are we, as a civilization, prepared to follow the example of the Sodomites and the Gomorrahites? Are we really so prideful as to believe that the passage of an act like this will not cause this nation of ours to share in the fate of those two once-great and powerful civilizations?

Consider, then, the fate of the whole world when God sent a flood to destroy everything.

In the 17th chapter of Luke's Gospel, Jesus explains to His disciples:

*"In the days when the Son of Man comes, **all will be as it was in the days of Noe**; they ate, they drank, **they married and were given in marriage, until the day when Noe went into the ark**, and the flood came and destroyed them all. So it was, too, in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought and sold, they planted and built; but **on the day when Lot went out of Sodom, a rain of fire and brimstone came from heaven and destroyed them all**. And so it will be, in the day when the Son of Man is revealed."* Luke 17:26-30

It's rather curious that Jesus would tie in the flood of Noah with the destruction of Sodom. Even more curious is that He would mention marriage. St. Matthew gives a similar account, and while some of the details are different, he also mentions what Jesus said about marriage in relation to the flood of Noah and the return of the Son of Man:

*"When the Son of Man comes, **all will be as it was in the days of Noe**; in those days before the flood, they went on eating and drinking, **marrying and giving in marriage**, until the time when Noe entered the ark, and they were taken unawares, when the flood came and drowned them all; so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."* Matthew 24:37-39

On the face of it, it seems that Jesus is simply saying that people will just be carrying on about their business as usual when disaster strikes. But, Our Blessed Lord's mention of "marrying and giving in marriage" seems to be more euphemistic, and the understanding of the ancient Jews with regard to the Flood of Noah may provide a clue.

The Jewish commentary known as the Midrash gives a commentary on Genesis called "Bereshith." This commentary says that God sent the flood to destroy the world because perverse marriages (male to male and man to beast) had been legalized. My dear Jewish brothers and sisters in this chamber, I beg you to pay close attention to these words from the Midrash Bereshith:

"The generation of the Flood were not blotted out from the world until they composed nuptial songs (until they wrote marriage deeds for males and beasts — i.e. they fully legalized such practices) in honor of pederasty and bestiality."

In addition to the Midrash is the apocryphal Book of Enoch. The Book of Enoch is believed to have been composed sometime between the second and first century BC and was regarded as authentic by Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Tertullian, and St. Augustine. While the text is not considered to have been inspired by the Holy Spirit, it is worth noting that the Book of Enoch also affirms the idea that the reason God sent a flood to wipe out the earth for wide-spread practice of sodomy:

"For I know the wickedness of mankind, how [they have rejected my commandments and] they will not

carry the yoke which I have placed on them. But they will cast off my yoke, and they will accept a different yoke. And they will sow worthless seed, not fearing God and not worshiping me, but they began to worship vain gods, and they renounced my uniqueness. **And all the world will be reduced to confusion by iniquities and wicked- nesses and [abominable] fornications that is, friend with friend in the anus, and every other kind of wicked uncleanness which it is disgusting to report, and the worship of (the) evil (one). And that is why I shall bring down the flood onto the earth, and I shall destroy everything, and the earth itself will collapse in great darkness.**”

It should also be noted that in 67 AD, Emperor Nero, largely regarded by the Church Fathers as a prefigurement of the Anti-Christ, is the first ruler of the Western World to have legitimized same-sex ‘marriages,’ participating in at least two himself, once as the groom and once as the bride. Nero died by his own hand a year later.

Ladies and Gentlemen, nothing good can come from the passage of a bill such as this. The end of the Declaration of Independence emphatically states this burgeoning country’s reliance upon God for protection, stating, “For the support of this Declaration, **with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.” If God was with us in declaring our independence from the tyrannical rule of King George in England, where do you think He will be, should we enshrine the mockery of His institution of marriage into law? He withdrew from mankind when He sent a flood to destroy it for the crime of same-sex “marriage.” He withdrew from Sodom and Gomorrah when he sent a rain of fire to destroy them and the surrounding cities. And Jesus Himself recalled both the flood of Noah and the destruction by fire of Sodom and Gomorrah while speaking of marriage and giving in marriage. What fate, then, do you think such an act like this will bring to the United States of America?

And even if you do not believe that the United States will suffer divine punishment as a whole, then at least consider for yourselves the place you will have for all eternity should you participate in this abomination!

I leave you with the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, warning what becomes of those who merely CONSENT to the activities of the Sodomites, even if they do not perform them, personally:

“professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And they changed the glory of the incorruptible God into the likeness of the image of a corruptible man, and of birds, and of four-footed beasts, and of creeping things. Wherefore God gave them up to the desires of their heart, unto uncleanness, to dishonour their own bodies among themselves. Who changed the truth of God into a lie; and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

*For this cause God delivered them up to shameful affections. For their women have changed the natural use into that use which is against nature. And, in like manner, the men also, leaving the natural use of the women, have burned in their lusts one towards another, men with men working that which is filthy, and receiving in themselves the recompense which was due to their error. ... Who, having known the justice of God, did not understand that **they who do such things, are worthy of death; and not only they that do them, but they also that consent to them that do them.**”*