

Homosexuality: Ireland is on the Brink of a Spiritual Catastrophe

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A general referendum will be held in the Republic of Ireland on 22 May, 2015, in which the electorate (age 18 and over) will be asked to answer *Yes* or *No* to the following question: Do you agree that the following section should be inserted into the Irish Constitution: "Marriage may be contracted in accordance with law by two persons without distinction as to their sex"?

Polls suggest that the proposal will be carried by a fairly large margin. If it is, then Ireland will become the first country in history to place 'marriage' between two homosexuals (whether two men or two women) on exactly the same legal footing as a marriage between a man and a woman.

When we think of a country rebelling against the Bible, the Word of God, and doing so on a grand scale, we do not normally think of Ireland. Even the most wicked regimes in recent history – Stalinist Russia, Nazi Germany, Maoist China – did not go as far as this!

In March, 2013, we posted a paper dealing with this issue: *Same Sex 'Marriage' – Our Insane Society Needs to Wake Up*. But the insanity continues.

In this paper we will focus, not on the serious moral and spiritual damage caused by homosexuality, but on the rights that non-homosexuals will lose if this referendum is passed.

If you are living elsewhere, you ought to be very concerned about the decision that the people of Ireland will make on 22 May. If a seemingly traditional Catholic country like Ireland is seen to legalize homosexual 'marriage', the scope for resisting the introduction of similar legislation in other countries will be considerably reduced. This effect will be even more pronounced in that the change will occur at a Constitutional level and will therefore be extremely difficult to reverse.

Spiritual decisions have real consequences

The date 22 May, 2015, is matched if not anticipated by 21 January, 2003, when the so-called Millennium Spire was erected in Dublin City. This is the largest May Pole in the world, a pagan shrine to Baal. The Irish word for the month of May, *bealtaine*, refers to the fires (*-taine*) that were burned to Baal (*beal*) on 1 May in pre-Christian Ireland. The people of Ireland rejected the God of Christianity on 21 January 2003 and bowed instead to Baal. A little over five years later, our entire economy was in crisis and the country took on a debt burden so great that we are now little better than a vassal state controlled by the international bankers.

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Dublin Spire...May Pole...Shrine to Baal

With seemingly no recognition of the spiritual implications of what they did in 2003, nor the cunning steps that were taken to destroy their economy, the people of Ireland are now going one step further and rejecting the spiritual gift of marriage. The country now stands on the brink of a major spiritual catastrophe.

Psalm 111 tells us that the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Alas, the Irish people – and in particular their political and religious leaders – are without even a modicum of wisdom. They have no fear of God and even presume to have the right to decide good and evil. 'Nice' is the new righteous, godly or just. A word that is not even found in the Bible has become the litmus test for deciding moral issues. People want to be 'nice' to homosexuals and recognize 'gay marriage' without giving any thought to the serious spiritual implications of what they are doing.

Only a society that has lost all fear of God can do what the people of Ireland seem determined to do on 22 May.

What rights will homosexual 'marriage' destroy?

Let's set aside for the moment the question of whether or not homosexuality is natural and whether homosexuals should have a right to marry in the eyes of the law. Rather, let's ask instead what rights non-homosexuals currently have under Irish law – but will lose – if this referendum is passed.

Be assured, such losses will occur and will only increase over time. Engineers sometimes call this the cascade effect. A shift or displacement that seems relatively minor in the beginning can knock larger and larger pieces out of place until huge damage is caused over a wide area. The LORD did not condemn homosexuality on a whim – He condemned it because, if left unchecked, it is extremely destructive and will do great harm to society.



The right to marital dignity will be lost

At present a man and a woman in marriage enjoy a moral dignity in their relationship. It is universally accepted and recognised. We also know that it is approved before God. No society in the past, whether Christian or pagan, saw fit to place homosexual relationships on the same legal and moral plane as marriage.

In fact, most non-Christian societies rejected homosexual liaisons as unnatural and, where they were accepted, they were viewed as the exception, not the rule. They were never expected to last, they were accorded little or no social recognition (except among fellow homosexuals), and they were frequently viewed with shame by close family members and the community at large. Remember, these attitudes obtained among societies which did *not* practice Christian values.

Non-homosexuals will lose the right to marital dignity if this referendum is passed. Your marriage (if you are married) will be reduced to the same moral plane as a liaison between two homosexuals.

Parenthood will be impaired

The emotional connection that your children have with you as a parent will undergo a subtle but important change. It will no longer rest of your God-given right as a father or mother. Instead the state will define and regulate 'parenthood' and your God-given right will have no more status in law than the 'parental' rights of two homosexuals.

Social bonds will be weakened

At present, when you meet a married couple from a foreign country, irrespective of your religion or theirs, you recognize the special status of their relationship. Why? Because marriage is special. It is not just a Christian institution, but a human institution. If this referendum is passed, that special status will no longer exist. All marital relationships will be reduced to a set of rights bestowed or withheld by the state, a legal artefact devoid of any spiritual significance.

This will affect, not only marital relationships, but parent-child relationships, familial obligations, inheritance rights, and many important social values – some not easy to define – which depend upon the universal recognition of the sanctity of marriage.

'Wife' or mistress?

Society has always recognized the sharp distinction between a wife and a mistress. Incredibly this distinction will largely disappear if this referendum is passed. A wife will be no better than a lover with certain state-ordained rights.

Indeed, a long-time mistress may even accrue rights, including property rights, that would never have been possible otherwise. This is potentially a legal minefield.



The loss of free speech

At present it is still just about possible to openly criticize homosexuality and the homosexual lifestyle. However, if this referendum is passed, the Irish people will have endorsed, not just 'marriage' between homosexuals, but the entire lifestyle that it entails.

For example, studies show that a significant proportion of homosexual 'marriages' are open, meaning that one or both partners can, with a free conscience, engage in sexual activity outside the 'marriage'.

If your married *heterosexual* son or daughter decides to exercise the same 'right', would you be pleased? Have no doubt, homosexual 'marriage' will do real harm to traditional marital relationships.

The loss of freedom of conscience

While no society can function well without a set of common standards in relation to trade and commerce, employment, and similar social contracts, it has always been accepted that no person can be coerced into endorsing any activity that he believes to be immoral. Commercial printing firms can now be compelled to print material which flagrantly endorses the homosexual lifestyle, even if they regard it as immoral.

If this referendum is passed, the right to object to perceived immorality of any kind, not just homosexuality, on grounds of conscience, will be substantially destroyed.

Commercial printing firms will be compelled to print material regarding immoral and socially harmful activities which may not necessarily be illegal. These include, for example, material promoting the merits of abortion, pornography, group sex, psychic readings, witchcraft, psychedelic drugs, polygamy, prostitution, euthanasia, and sado-masochism.

Certain forms of employment will be illegal or impossible for Christians

If this referendum is passed, Christians will no longer be able to engage safely in a range of employments. Counsellors will not be able to counsel against the harmful effects of homosexuality. The same restrictions will apply to medical doctors, psychologists, social workers, teachers, and many employed in the caring professions. Pastors and preachers could be open to litigation if they teach or highlight what the Bible plainly states regarding the sinfulness of homosexuality. Others, such as hoteliers, caterers, and florists, will be unable to withhold their services on conscience grounds from flamboyant groups seeking to promote their homosexual 'lifestyle'.

The loss of clear gender distinctions

Judging from numerous law suits initiated in the US, as well as bills brought before state legislatures, gender identity may in future be determined, not by birth but by personal choice. If this referendum is passed we will move rapidly to a situation where boys who gender-identify as girls will be allowed by law to frequent rest-rooms, bathrooms and showers used by girls. Equally, men who gender-identify as women will by law be allowed to enter facilities normally restricted to women only. Remember, this is happening already in the US.

Much more could be said...

Much more could be said about the dangers of homosexuality and homosexual 'marriage'. Let this suffice:



After 22 May, 2015, this could be the largest spiritual vacuum on the planet.

**"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;
that put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"
- Isaiah 5:20**

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