

I am a young, Catholic Australian who believes in the sanctity of marriage. God created man and woman so that they may be joined and become one. It is the natural order of the world. Yes, developments have occurred in society, but just because something is different doesn't always mean it is right. Australia as a nation is so close to legalising the killing of people, legalising murder. But propaganda makes people think killing a foetus or embryo isn't murder because it isn't legally a person. For some reason because it "isn't yet" a person, that is ok? Human rights, in some instances, have gone too far. Secularism is not the answer to everything. The natural order of the world was created so that women bore children and men fathered them. It is black and white, there is no grey. Now, with all this post modernism, rebelling against nature, it astounds me how much people can be brainwashed to accept concessions in society that only a few decades ago the majority of people knew and agreed was wrong. Is everything to become relative? People who claim to be homosexual are just that, people. They deserve all the human rights we all deserve, as individuals. I still question the extent to which someone can simply 'be' homosexual, but if that is their psychological state, then so be it. It is not a disease or anything of the sort. I have 'homosexual' friends and I respect them, they are good people, but as much as I respect them, I cannot agree with their 'choice of identity' because it goes against everything we have believed for centuries. Through the ages humans have indeed been wrong- think of slavery and the Jews, but there are also things we have been right about and should not alter- think about murder, adultery. In the beginning there was the earth, and there was man and woman. They went on to be fruitful and multiply in the natural way our bodies were made to do. Allowing homosexual marriage will take away the true meaning of marriage- something the Howard government got right. A person's faith is often challenging to explain to non-believers, but if Jesus Christ came to Earth to fulfil God's promise and did not change the nature of marriage and coupling that God laid down from the beginning of the world, it was not meant to be changed. We should accept homosexuals into our society, just as we should accept all human beings, but to accept that a man and another man or a woman and another woman can enter into a HOLY commitment of being joined for eternity- the ultimate expression of love- a religious, holy love- is not metaphysically right. Man was made to be joined to a woman, that is what marriage is and has been for the history of the world. In the history of the world Jews were not always persecuted, in the history of the world coloured people were not always discriminated against, but in the history of the world a man and a woman, and only a man and woman were always joined in marriage. Let's leave it that way and honour the truth of what a marriage really is. If homosexuals desire to go against religious teachings and fully live out their sexuality that is a decision only they can make, but if they desire to receive a SACRAMENT (which is what marriage is- it is a religious sacrament- a covenant with God, a promise to yourself, your spouse and God) which is meant for those who believe in God's salvific love, then that is not right. I hope and pray that the sanctity of marriage will forever be preserved.