

Dear Sir

We are terribly disturbed by this bill that is before the Parliament at present. For thousands of years the concept of marriage has been regarded as a permanent union between husband and wife, providing a stable relationship for children that became the fruit of that union. Despite the problems that marriages go through, such a family still provides the best building blocks for a stable society. The loosening of this concept to provide so-called 'choices' for people who wish to explore 'diversity' in their relationships seem to me an undermining of time-tested foundations of society. Both from the Christian and from the Muslim point of view this would be a serious undermining of fundamental structures of our society. Why should the whims and pressures of tiny minorities in society be foisted on the general population against their will? The moral standards in our society are already pretty low without lowering them any further. I am a Christian and not a Muslim, but I can sympathetise with Muslims who see a deterioration in our morals. It provides fodder for militants to act in unacceptable ways in our society. Let us not give them further reasons for radical behaviour. For those of us who accept the concept of God as Creator, we also have to accept his guidelines for acceptable behaviour. Marriage that does not involve a husband and wife is biblically unacceptable. I want to express my strong distaste for this bill.

Yours sincerely
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