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does not change the biological realities. It may make these people feel equal and not discriminated against; it may solve issues of their self worth and their sense of value in society, but it cannot and never will enable them to enter into the real meaning of marriage, which is to have a relationship which produces offspring, nurtures those offspring and so promotes the human race and its continuing existence. It really is not marriage at all. So the apostle Paul was at least right, all those years ago, in that such relationships are a departure from that which is natural. The fundamental reason for marriage is to promote the continuation of the species; anything else is, in fact, a threat to that continuance.

Does such legislation produce a false hope for such people, who want their human rights but as a result are still denied their ultimate human purpose? The question is the one that must be answered, and is it not immoral in the long term to provide this false hope? You cannot change nature; you cannot change the biology. Perhaps that is why God laughs at our attempts to do so when politicians imagine a vain thing; in the end there is no fruit, no offspring; it is a vain thing. We are told it is part of modern society and that our nation has moved on in the 21st century. We are told this is all part of a better and more tolerant society. Surely not? The truth is that all the political intervention, interfering with the natural order of things, actually threatens the very long term stability of that society and sows confusion and doubt.

What about our human rights? For the Christian the answer is in Jesus Christ, to know Him and do His will. Human rights are then no longer an issue. There is no fighting for what is my right, rather a submitting to the will of God and finding real purpose there. You realise that there is no need to fight; Jesus has done everything for us, and our eternal future is assured as He gives eternal life to as many as receive Him. The issues of this world, which without the Lord Jesus can seem so important, take on a different view when we know His love and kindness towards us. You may say there are Christians who want and support this legislation. Perhaps it is fair to say that maybe they have not understood what Paul the apostle understood. Writing in the Bible, he says that "Those who belong to Jesus are dead to the law that they might be married to another". Not a physical relationship here but a spiritual one, a union of heart with the Saviour of the World, that we may serve Him in this life and forever. Belong to Jesus Christ, that is the real answer, and bring forth spiritual fruit unto God, and honour Him in every part of your life. He will bless you in all that you do.

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The really big political issue at the moment in the UK is what is called “Gay Marriage”, the expressed intention of the Government to legalise “Same sex marriages” . In the USA the newly re-elected President, in his inaugural speech, has made “Gay Rights” the priority. 3000 years ago King David of Israel wrote these words “Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing?”. The suggestion is that 3000 years later the statement is still accurate and this action by the Government is a vain thing, vain in the sense of pointless or futile rather than proud or arrogant .

It seems in society politicians think they can change everything by legislation, but however hard they try it seems the problems of human beings stay the same, and in many cases get worse. There are laws which men make, and natural laws which are part of the universe in which we live. For the Christian who believes that God created the world, those laws are God given, but all scientists accept the law of gravity and, of course, it is an essential factor in our environment. What goes up must come down, and it will eventually. If you are clever you will understand the laws of thermodynamics, the relativity theory and so on, that is how scientists have defined these laws, discovering how our world really works and the principles which operate and control what happens. It is quite wonderful and part of the excitement which scientists find when they discover there are strict laws under which our universe operates. These can be known and understood in a measure, but if the laws changed the whole universe would fall apart. Natural laws are very important, they have been there since the beginning of the world, even though they may only have been discovered in recent times. The fact that these laws cannot be changed has perhaps been demonstrated recently; in spite of all the technology available there is nothing we can do to change our weather and the problems extreme weather causes. Humans really struggle when it comes to overcoming these difficulties; usually we just pick up the pieces. May be there is some hope of changing these things but in many ways it is a vain hope, and to try and change natural laws by any means is just impossible.

Surely it is the same with this concept of changing the definition of marriage, attempting to change natural laws by human laws and legislation; it is a vain thing. David in his same psalm says “God laughs at them” and maybe He is right to do so; you cannot change the biology. As has been suggested, if the laws of nature in the universe changed everything would fall apart; perhaps changing the laws of nature in our society will have a similar effect.

Paul the great apostle writing in the Bible about the concept of the relationships between people of the same gender says “Leaving that which is natural”. Paul says more and expands on his view of those relationships. His arguments are supported by many in the Christian church and also in other religions who respect what they call the sanctity of marriage. You, of course, may not agree with Paul or the Bible’s point of view, or the Muslim view for that matter. You may say or think “We all have human rights, why cannot we do what we want to do, and why should everyone not be treated equally; it is not fair to do otherwise?”. But may be the apostle Paul is right in the one thing, to change such laws is a departure from that which is natural or of nature.

The phrase “Mother nature” is a popular one; it is used to describe the forces and laws which operate in our world. “Mother nature” is that which is natural or of nature. As we have seen, there are laws within nature which govern the working of the universe and the world we live in. One of those laws relates to the way reproduction takes place and that there must be a “male and female”. Almost all methods of reproduction in nature, at some stage, involve the joining of two different elements, called male and female; it applies in plants and animals, and for the successful continuation of species it has to be so. The continual renewal of DNA is essential for maintaining the robustness of a species, and prevent the development of traits which reduce the long term survival of that species. You need a male and female lion to produce young lions. You need male and female black widow spiders to produce new spiders, even if the male dies in the process of mating with the female. Even seaweeds have male and female elements to reproduce; they are brought together through the action of the water in which they live, but these elements still have to come together. The mayfly lives but for a day, but in that day will mate to continue the species. The whole idea of pollination by bees is to bring the male element from the anther to meet with the female element in the gynaecium. This natural principle is everywhere. Please check yourself if you are in doubt.

2 eggs don’t make a baby, neither do 2 sperm, you have to have one of each; it is a law of nature. Even “Same sex couples”, if they want children and have the money to pay for it, must have a surrogate mother or a sperm donor. (Even with the use of a surrogate or sperm donor the genetics mean the child is not really the fruit of the same sex relationship, the DNA can only come from one of the partners). It is just a law of nature, there has to be male and female; there is no alternative, and try as hard as they like the politicians cannot change natural laws by Parliamentary legislation.

The fundamental purpose of marriage is the production of offspring to continue the human species according to the rules set down within nature. The concept and principle is that male and female human beings should be joined to produce children, and do so in an environment which promotes and prospers the well being of those children. A young baby cannot survive without the care of its parents. Such things are seen within the animal and bird kingdoms as part of the natural process of ensuring the continuation of the species. Birds of prey, for example, teach their young to hunt. The adults feed the young until they are able to fend for themselves. Big cats do the same; whales suckle their young and so on.

Human beings, homo sapiens we are called, (sapiens comes from the word for wisdom) are the top of the animal kingdom, with an intelligence and character above all other species and with the need, if the species is to survive, to produce and nurture offspring. This is why marriages are formed, to provide exactly that sort of nurture, training and support to the offspring they have produced. (The word is offspring as they come from the relationship between male and female, they spring forth from it, and cannot from a same sex relationship). One man with one woman until “Death do us part” is the ideal within marriage; it provides the family life required. There is no chance of any sexually transmitted diseases when this principle is followed. If every relationship became one between 2 men or 2 women the whole species would die out, and as such have no long term value to the species homo sapiens.

So one cannot change the biology; maybe it is possible to legislate and to give a different name to the relationship between 2 men or 2 women and call it marriage, but that