

Response to the Civil Partnerships in Places of Worship Consultation

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I am responding to the Government's commitment, as part of its LGBT work programme, to implementing Section 202 of the Equality Act 2010 to allow civil partnerships to be registered on religious premises, where faith groups wish to host them.

Before rejecting the proposal, I wish to lay out, word upon word, line upon line, the historical and social context of the proposed legislation.

In 1997 the Labour Party were swept into power with plans for building a New Britain. At the time, there seemed to be practically nothing of a revolutionary nature that Mr Blair might do by way of combating the values of the then exhausted and sleaze-ridden Conservative Party, and for which the British people wouldn't have given him their full support.

Yet the form this revolution took was not a demand for redressing the widening gap between the rich and poor, or with addressing the problems of a growing illiteracy amongst school children, or a breakdown in discipline in our schools, or a growing anarchy on our streets, - or even transforming Britain into a thriving and productive economy. Instead it was the demand for drugs, alcohol, condoms, treatment for AIDs, HIV and a host of other STIs, as well as abortions for teenage girls - all free and confidential at the point of delivery - and all without the knowledge or authority of parents. It was also a demand to transform our towns and cities into a rainbow of competing minority groups and dysfunctional families that come in all shapes and sizes. All this was paid for by the productive and stable part of society, namely families with a husband and wife, mother and father at their centre, and the voluntary aid of numerous Christian based organisations.

When we view Britain, fourteen years later, what do we see?

- We see Britain not just exhausted and sleaze ridden, but demoralised and paralysed by political correctness, being impelled with no slackening of pace down the same Gadarene slope.
- We see the corruption of government, the breakdown of trust and loyalty at both corporate and family level, the dramatic rise in divorce rates, the extermination of millions of our unborn babies, the widespread sexual abuse of children, especially when put into the care of social services, the spectre of enforced euthanasia hanging over the elderly and disabled;
- We see the rise in motiveless, violent crimes committed by children that would have been rare even among adults a generation ago;

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- We see a society blighted by addictions to alcohol, drugs, gambling and pornography;
- We see the huge increase in mental and emotional disorders amongst our children and the sheer hopelessness and nihilism of feral children being raised on rundown, gang-ridden estates throughout Britain;
- We see our prisons, bursting with an increasingly younger population;
- We see rising unemployment, rising debt, homelessness, insecurity, and the imminent collapse of business, trade and industry;
- And finally we see society infantilized, feminised, stupefied, bedazzled and seduced by cutting edge technologies, the mass media; yet stripped of a moral compass and afraid to think, speak, choose or act according to their consciences, but forced instead to bow the knee to the diktats of individuals like the anarchist lesbian, Angela Mason, and Sir Trevor Phillips (both of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, and who traitorously persecute Christians in Britain whilst heaping praise on Islam) or face the prospect of joining Christian dissenters, such as Mr and Mrs Bull, Mr and Mr Owens, and a growing list of others who have been publicly ridiculed, fined, sacked, had their businesses shut down, threatened with violence and even imprisoned, for no other reason that they wish to uphold decency and family values.

When we view all this and we ponder on Ian Duncan Smith's statement,

"the collapse of marriage has brought soaring crime rates, doubled the chances of living in poverty and cost the country an astonishing £100 billion a year...."

we would think that life cannot get any worse: that the pendulum will swing the other way. But not so - Humanly speaking Britain is beyond redemption...

...Yet all this is denied by Theresa May, the Home Secretary, who, whilst giving her first major speech on LGBT rights at an event hosted by the gay lobby group Stonewall, interspersed her speech frequently with comments like:

"I think that shows how far we, as a society, have come;"... "As a country we have come a long way;" and "as a party, my own party, the Conservatives have come a long way. We now have more openly gay MPs and openly gay ministers than ever before." And yet again: *"We've come a long way. I said at the start of my speech that as a nation we have come a long way, and we have."*

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But ominously she repeats the mantra of the gay liberation lobby and useful friends like her by saying that there is so much more to do. Incredibly proud that she and the Home Office came top of this year's Stonewall Workplace Equality Index. She has said:

"despite the real progress we have seen in recent years, there is much still to do.".... "And we will go further – we will implement section 202 of the Equality Act which will remove the ban on civil partnership registrations being held on religious premises."

Yes, she will.

But the Christian Church, for the last two thousand years, with all its faults, has defended the faith and acted as a bulwark against barbarism and paganism. It remains the last defence of marriage, the family, children and civilised behaviour and yet in the words of Theresa May and the David Cameron:

"We are committed to taking action to tear down these barriers and to help build a better Britain."

My own Conservative gay MP, Conor Burns, has used precisely the same jargon when I raised my concerns about the queer, Stonewall actor, (Sir) Ian McKellen, being allowed to cruise around the nation's schools, under the pretence of tackling homophobia. Mr Burns also said:

"The government remains determined to take concerted action to tearing down barriers to equal opportunities and to build a fairer society, and I fully support them in this aim."

Fairer society? More tolerant? More inclusive to whom? Not all animals living on Diversity Farm are equal. Even foxes have more rights than those of the Christian, the unborn child and now the disabled.

After less than a year in power, Mr Cameron is introducing laws that will effectively - in time -

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make it a criminal offence to practise the Christian faith, defend marriage based upon Biblical principles, or even for me to write a letter like this.

Allow me to finish by quoting from the most celebrated of gay human rights champions, Peter Tatchell, and allow him to guide you smoothly to where Section 202 of the Equality Act 2010 will lead.

In *"Beyond Equality"* he writes:

"In many ways, our transcending of heterosexual mores is a positive and immensely liberating experience. Compared with most straights, queers tend to be more sexually adventurous with a wider repertoire of sexual behaviour, less bound by the strictures of traditional morality, and more experimental in terms of relationships. We don't need a marriage certificate to validate our partnerships"

"Although getting rid of homophobic discrimination is a laudable aim, it doesn't go far enough. Ending anti-gay bias will not resolve all the problems faced by lesbian and gay people. Some of our difficulties arise not from homophobia, but from the more general eroto-phobic and sex-negative nature of contemporary culture."

"We get equality, but at a price. The cost to our community is the surrender of our unique, distinctive queer identity. The unwritten social contract at the heart of law reform is that lesbians and gays will behave respectably and comply with the heterosexual moral agenda. No more cruising, orgies or sadomasochism!"

In *"Teenage Sex- What Should Schools Teach Children?"* he writes:

"Until very recent times, all sex education was overwhelmingly biased towards promoting heterosexuality, marriage, parenthood and traditional family life. Anything outside this exclusive framework was either ignored or condemned....."

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“This old-style monocultural sex moralism is now totally out of sync with our modern multicultural society where there is a great diversity of cultures and communities, lifestyles and love-lives.”

.....” Nothing must be off limits.”

“Sex education, to be effective, needs to start at a very early age, beginning gently in the first year of primary school and gradually becoming more detailed and explicit at secondary level.....”

“The best way to persuade teenagers to adopt oral sex and mutual masturbation is by making them look and sound sexy.”

But Tatchell, in *“Insignificant Other”* wants to go even beyond to something called the Civil Commitment Pact, where any kind of relationship is given social and legal recognition.

“For these reasons, I have suggested a new legal framework – Civil Commitment Pact. It would allow people to nominate as their next-of-kin and beneficiary any 'significant other' in their life. This could be a partner or lover, but it could also be a sister, carer, house-mate, favourite nephew or life-long best friend.”

“Any new partnership legislation should allow people to select from a menu of rights and responsibilities. This flexibility would enable them to devise a tailor-made partnership agreement suited to their own particular needs.”

As night follows day Section 202 of the Equality Act 2010 will smash down the barriers to full on LGBTQIAXYZ...relationships. For these reasons I oppose the Government’s Civil Partnership proposals.

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