

## Alphabetical Listing of Stats and Quotes re: Same Sex Marriage

Amendment wording: "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in CA"

Benefits of Traditional Marriage on Society: 1. Populate society/procreate; 2. Domesticates the male; 3. Protects the female; 4. Legally acknowledges the children. 5. Helps children learn what healthy gender roles look like 6. Teaches boys how to treat girls and vice versa. 7. Sharpens each spouse with the strengths and insights of the opposite sex

Bible as Basis for our Law/Constitution: Founding father and educator Noah Webster (1758-1843) – "The moral principles and precepts contained in the scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."

John Adams, " We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

France has had 7 constitutions in the time we have had one. Because no absolutes as basis. Based on whoever in power.

At least 50 of the 55 framers of the U.S. constitution were Christians.

Every single American president has referenced God in his inaugural address.

Every one of the 50 state constitutions call on God for support.

The Supreme Court in 1892 after an exhaustive 10 year study of the matter, said: "This is a religious people. This is a Christian nation." Even today, the Supreme court opens each session with the verbal declaration, "God save the United States of America."

CA Constitution has affirmed heterosexual marriage for 158 years.

California Education Code Section 51933 "Instruction and materials shall teach respect for marriage and committed relationships." Issue of redefining "marriage" and "respect" 96% of CA schools choose to teach health education.

California Supreme Court dissenting opinions: "The majority... simply does not have the right to erase, then recast, the age old definition of marriage, as virtually all societies have understood it, in order to satisfy its own contemporary notions of equality and justice. The CA Const. says nothing about the rights of same-sex couples to marry. On the contrary, as the majority concedes, our original Const., effective from the moment of statehood, evidenced an assumption that marriage was between partners of the opposite sex." "Who can say that in 10, 15, or

20 years, activist courts might not rely on the majority's analysis to conclude, on the basis of a perceived evolution in community values, that the laws prohibiting polygamous and incestuous marriages were no longer constitutionally justified?"  
Justice Marvin Baxter

Catholic Charities of Boston, one of the nation's oldest adoption agencies, was forced to close its adoption service because Massachusetts, after its high court fabricated same sex "marriage", required adoption agencies to comply with so-called non discrimination laws or lose their license to operate.

Civic duty for Christians- Jesus, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's." Matthew 22:21

Civil Rights Issue - The debate about same sex marriage is not about whether homosexuals, as human beings, are equal with other human beings, as was the case with Rosa Parks and the fight to overcome racism towards African Americans. It's about whether homosexuality is equal with heterosexuality, and therefore should receive equal legal status and equal social respect." "Same sex marriage is no more an issue of civil rights that it is an issue of civil rights to deny a man the right to a hysterectomy. By nature, men do not qualify for hysterectomies, and homosexuals do not qualify for marriage."

What about Interracial marriage? Significant differences between interracial marriage and same sex marriage. First, removing certain state laws banning interracial marriage did not call for a redefinition of marriage, but merely an affirmation of marriage as between any two consenting adults of opposite sex. We ban discrimination based on race because it is an immutable characteristic that each person has from the moment of conception. And the word "race" appears in the constitution.

A person who participates in homosexual behavior is different from someone who is born a black or a white. There are no former African Americans or former Asian Americans. But there are hundreds of people who have left homosexuality, and who have gradually been healed and transformed to the point where they could experience and enjoy a heterosexual marriage or at least a celibate life.

Consequences of Same Sex Marriages - Lamentations 1:8,9 "Jerusalem sinned greatly.... She did not consider her future. Therefore she has fallen astonishingly."  
1. Indoctrination of Children in public schools starting at Kindergarten level. In Massachusetts, after gay marriage was imposed by the courts, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students were required to sit through a classroom reading of "King and King" - a children's book that openly endorses homosexuality and gay marriage. The book tells the story of a prince who, in his search for a princess, instead falls in love and marries another prince. 2. Parents's rights to teach and raise their children will be struck down. In Massachusetts, when parents tried to object to the school teaching about gay marriage at such a young age, school officials defended the gay marriage instruction

at the behest of gay rights organizations. Parents appealed to the courts and lost. 3. Christian charities will discontinue valuable work for the poor, single parent families, homeless, foster children, etc. 4. Will cost cities tons of money to implement and deal with all of the lawsuits, and changes. Ex. – New York Governor David A. Paterson recently announced that he was ordering all governmental agencies to amend and revise more than 1,300 state policies in order to recognize homosexual marriages performed elsewhere in the country.. 5. Policemen and policewomen who should be focused on stopping real crime could be asked to monitor sermons and arrest pastors who speak out on what the Bible clearly teaches about homosexuality. 6. The moral fabric and conscience of our state will be weakened. 7. Other versions of marriage will be waiting in line – one man, two women; 3 men; man and underaged girl; 8. Courts that are already overloaded will be overwhelmed with lawsuit happy activists trying to totally shut up the church and put it in its place. 8. Will have a domino effect on other states and nations.

Domestic Partnership CA Family Code 297-297.5 – “Registered domestic partners shall have the same rights, protections, and benefits... as are granted spouses.”

False Prophets – Lam. 2:14 “Your prophets have seen for you False and foolish visions; And they have not exposed your iniquity So as to restore you from captivity, But they have seen for you false and misleading oracles.”

Fathers – role of: Dr. Kyle Pruett of Yale Medical School in his book “Fatherneed: Why Father Care Is as Essential as Mother Care for Your Child” says dads are critically important simply because “fathers do not mother.”

Psychology Today explained in 1996 that “fatherhood turns out to be a complex and unique phenomenon with huge consequences for the emotional and intellectual growth of children.”

According to educational psychologist Carol Gilligan, mothers tend to stress sympathy, grace and care to their children, while fathers accent justice, fairness and duty. Moms give a sense of hopefulness; dads provide a sense of right and wrong and its consequences.

On the American College of Pediatricians Website, an article will be found titled, *Homosexual Parenting: Is it time for change?* Presented is the opening and closing paragraph of that article.

*“Are children reared by two individuals of the same gender as well adjusted as children reared in families with a mother and a father? Until recently the unequivocal answer to this question was “no.” Policymakers, social scientists, the media, and even physician organizations<sup>1</sup>, however, are now asserting that prohibitions on parenting by homosexual couples should be lifted. In making such far-reaching, generation-changing assertions, any responsible advocate would rely upon supporting evidence that is comprehensive and conclusive. Not only is this not the situation, but also there is sound evidence that children exposed to the homosexual lifestyle may be at increased risk for emotional, mental, and even physical harm”*

*“The research literature on childrearing by homosexual parents is limited. The environment in which children are reared is absolutely critical to their development. Given the current body of research, the American College of Pediatricians believes it is inappropriate, potentially hazardous to children, and dangerously irresponsible to change the age-old prohibition on homosexual parenting, whether by adoption, foster care, or by reproductive manipulation. This position is rooted in the best available science.”*

Freedom of Religion in Danger: National Public Radio – written version – right before legal marriages in CA became legal - - “As gay couples in CA head to the courthouse starting Monday to get legally married, there are signs of a coming storm... Two titanic principles are crashing on the steps of the church, synagogue, and mosque: equal treatment for same-sex couples on the one hand, and the freedom to exercise religious beliefs on the other.”

Founding Fathers on Same Sex Marriage: All the 13 states had laws against same sex relationships when they ratified the Bill of Rights. Many of the signers of the U.S. Constitution participated in the forming of the various states. There were sodomy laws in all 50 states until 1970.

Thomas Jefferson in his “Notes on the State of Virginia” listed a number of punishable crimes. Rape and sodomy were on the list. The laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of that time, still available online, show sodomy was punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Gays on their concept of “Marriage” – New York Times – front page story – Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> - - “Gay Couples Find Marriage is a Mixed Bag” – Conclusions: 1. Gay marriages have an initial burst after becoming legal, and then significantly tapering off. 2. Many gay married couples “reject ‘heteronormative’ assumptions about marriage, and they are becoming remarkably more open about this. Ex. Eric Erbeling (married in Mass.) “Our rule is you can play around because, you know, you have to be practical. I think men view sex very differently than women. Men are pigs, they know that each other are pigs, so they can operate accordingly. It doesn’t mean anything.”

Ex. From “Gays Defend Marriage” – website – David Benkof – gay columnist - - “ I have never been at a soiree with multiple straight “committed” couples in which someone suggest we take off our clothes and see what happens, but I’m sad to say it’s happened with gay friends in long term relationships. Of course, I know, many men cheat on their wives. But they almost never define their marriage as something that accommodates adultery.”

Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church, told the Dallas Morning news – “Monogamy is not a word the gay community uses..Some would say that committed couples could have multiple sexual partners as long as there’s no deception. Each couple has to decide.”

In Holland, which legalized gay marriage in 2001, the average is eight outside partners.

One study of gay men who had been together for over five years could not find one single monogamous relationship.

Homosexual Promiscuity – July 20, 2006 issue of “The Advocate” = gay magazine – 20% of those surveyed had had 51-300 different sex partners in their lifetime, with an additional 8 % having had more than 300.

Interpreting the Bible – “Liberal Episcopalians believe that God speaks to us today through Holy Scripture as we read it carefully and prayerfully, trying to understand what it may have meant in the culture of its time and what it means in our own times.” “God has also surprised us by showing us that men and women of faith can live holy lives in gay and lesbian relationships.” Caroline Hall in Tribune Viewpoint

John Wesley on the same – “The general rule of interpreting Scripture is this: the literal sense of every text is to be taken, if it be not contrary to some other texts. But in that case, the obscure text is to be interpreted by those which speak more plainly.” (letter to Samuel Furly, May 10, 1775)

Jesus on Homosexuality: “Didn’t Mention it” – also didn’t explicitly forbid rape, incest, polygamy, domestic abuse, or out of control gambling.

What Jesus did say: Matt. 19:3 back to Gen. 2:24 as the foundation of marriage; John 4 & John 8 dealt forthrightly with ladies’ sexual sin; Equated lust as adultery = Matt. 5:27,28; 3 x’s mentioned Sodom & Gomorrah as something that definitely happened in history and was an example to us (Matt. 10:15, Luke 10:12, Luke 17:29)

Jesus – come as you are: but you can’t stay as you are. “Go and sin no more” – John 8:11; John 5:14;

Zaccheus – Luke 19:1-10 – Just being in the presence of Jesus caused him to repent of his sin.

Language – Hijacking of: I am very concerned about the negative paralyzing impact the vocal homosexual community is having on our society. For us to move forward as a citizenry and solve the sobering problems before us, we must have a common language, and we must respect the right to freedom of speech and freedom of religion. But instead – especially in some parts of Europe, Canada, and now in Massachusetts, CA & Connecticut– because the homosexual community has succeeded in suppressing dissent, our English language is being hijacked, and healthy dialogue and debate is being squashed.

Exhibit A = the word homo - phobic. Break the word down and it originally meant – someone who is afraid of homosexuals or homosexuality. But today, it refers to anyone who dares challenge anything the homosexuals do or say.

Our own Mark Richardson in a letter to the editor on June 27<sup>th</sup>, said and I quote, “Now, in this election year, the president has heeded the advice of his chief political advisor Karl Rove and appealed to the sexual insecurities and homophobia of the religious right....” For all of you out there who believe the Bible is crystal clear in its embracing of heterosexual marriage and forbidding of anything outside of that, ... I hate to tell you this, but your view is a result of your sexual insecurities and your homophobia.

“Tolerance” – used to mean “the allowable deviation from a standard.” In CA we have allowed this deviation to be practiced first in the privacy of people’s homes, and now on the tube, in movies and even out in the streets. But now they are saying anyone who dares question their lifestyle or morality or lack of is “intolerant.” In almost 28 years of marriage and after having lived in 3 different countries, 4 different states, and 12 different homes or apartments, my wife and I have had every kind of neighbor you can imagine. I believe all of our neighbors would say we were tolerant of them. But we certainly didn’t agree with everything they were about, nor they us, and in most cases we were able to discuss that and continue to be tolerant of one another, while not agreeing or perhaps appreciating certain things about our differing lifestyles.

The same can be said of the word “discrimination” - to distinguish or differentiate; When homosexuals are physically or verbally abused in our schools, the school authorities ought to exercise firm discipline towards the guilty party. But if a Christian student in a speech class or current events class makes an argument against same sex marriage, that is not discrimination in the bad sense. And if their argument is cogent and logical and well thought through, they should be affirmed by the teacher regardless of his personal view on the subject. If a managerial job opens up at McDonalds, and a gay person applies for it and he or she is qualified in every way, they should not be prevented from getting the job because they are gay. But if that person gets the job and is sitting in the break room with another employee who happens to be an evangelical Christian and the topic of same sex marriage comes up, and that Christian shares their view from a Biblical perspective, that is not discrimination – that is freedom of speech. Discrimination comes in handy when discriminating between poison and medicine when looking for something to cure your headache.

or the word “inclusion” - - No one is saying homosexuals should not be included in the rights that are clearly granted by our constitution. We are just saying they should not be granted rights that were clearly never meant for anyone other than heterosexual marriages.

Legislating Morality Biblical Basis: 1. John the Baptist = the forerunner of Jesus Christ – called to pave the way for His ministry – told King Herod that he was wrong

to be having a sexual relationship with his brother's wife. 2. Jesus – Matt. 5:13-16 We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, and he warned them of the danger of letting their salt lose its flavor or their light being hidden under a bushel. 3. Paul – Eph. 5:11 “Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light...”

Leg..Mor. quotes – “If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at the moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proven; and to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is merely flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.” Martin Luther

Marriage Definition: to join as husband and wife according to law or custom.

Marriage (Harmony in Hetero) “Harmony in the married state is the very first object to be aimed at.” Thomas Jefferson (letter to Mary Jefferson Eppes, Jan. 7, 1798)

“The Sabbath and marriage were two ordinances instituted in innocency, the former for the preservation of the church, the latter for the preservation of mankind.” John Wesley (founder of Methodism) – notes upon the old testament

“The problem with endorsing gay marriage is not that it would allow a handful of people to choose alternative family forms, but that it would require society at large to gut marriage of its central presumptions about family in order to accommodate a few adults' desires.” Maggie Gallagher – co-author of The Case for Marriage and syndicated columnist

Paul on Homosexuality – Rom. 1:18-27; I Cor. 6:9-11; I Tim. 1:8-11;

Claim on Bible re: homosexuality – “Only six or seven of the Bible's one million verses refer to same-sex behavior in any way.” 1. Exact count of verses = just over 31,000. 2. No less authoritative; just less talked about. God's emphasis has been on the positive – His design and plan; not on the negative.

Polls – Of 26 of 28 states who passed marriage amendments: on Average 7% difference in favor of traditional marriage on election day from what the polls said; Highest difference in one state was 21%; Prop 22 – 8% difference.

Prop. 22 – 61.4% 2,000 or 4,618,673 voters.

Abraham Lincoln in Gettysburg Address, ours is a system of gov't designed “of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

Think too about the courts decision in light of these words of Abraham Lincoln, “The candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the Government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the

Supreme Court...the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their Government into the hands of that eminent tribunal". He shared these thoughts in regards to the Dred Scott decision, but the words are as alive today as they were at Lincoln's first inauguration as President. In California, the people are working to make their will the constitutional law of the state.

No on Prop 8 Website – "It's not the government's place to tell couples who have been together for years whether or not they are allowed to marry. In Ca we let the people decide what is best for themselves – without gov't interference."

Religious Liberty – "When push comes to shove, when religious liberty and sexual liberty conflict, "I'm having a hard time coming up with any case in which religious liberty should win." Chai Feldblum Boston advocate of same sex marriage

John Adams on R.L. – "Let the pupit resound with the doctrine and sentiments of religious liberty. Let it be known that British liberties are not the grants of princes and parliaments." Dissertation on the Canon and Feudal Law 1765

Respect – demand for: In an advisory letter sent out to supporters of the same sex marriage agenda after the CA supreme court decision stated, "Couples who want to should get married and ask (sometimes demand) that family, friends, neighbors, businesses, employers and community treat their marriage with respect." (from ACLU, GLAD, etc.)

L.A. Times Editorial – Aug. 8, 2008 – "The very act of denying gay and lesbian couples the right to marry – traditionally the highest legal and societal recognition of a loving commitment – by definition relegates them and their relationship to second class status." That's the same mentality that says we shouldn't keep score in our children's athletic contest, for it is unfair for one side to win and one side to lose.

Entitlement is really the issue.

"The CA Supreme court argued again and again that withholding the word "marriage" from same sex unions denies them 'equal dignity and respect.' The court thus demands moral approval for these unions, and does what open-minded people everywhere are supposed to abhor: a court imposing its morality on people who disagree.

If opposition to same-sex marriage is equivalent to bigotry, religious groups that oppose it are purveyors of discrimination and deserve to be treated as such under the law. Down this road is a significant challenge to religious freedom." Rich Lowry – National Review Online

No on Prop 8 Website – "Why vote no on Prop 8?" – "Domestic partnerships.. don't provide the same dignity, respect, and commitment as a marriage."

Separation of Church and State – phrase not mentioned in Constitution or First Amendment. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

George Wash. – “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.”

Gouverneur Morris of Pennsylvania – “Religion is the only solid basis of good morals; therefore education should teach the precepts of religion, and the duties of man towards God.” Most active member of the Constitutional Convention – speaking 173 times on the floor of the Conv. – he physically wrote the Const.

Social Experiments: There is an ancient Proverb that says, “Do not move the ancient boundary.” Another one says, “There is a way which seems right to a man; but its end is the way of death”

1. Getting high in the 60’s. Dr. Timothy Leary advised teenagers and college students to “turn on, tune in and drop out.” He advised them that the “fifth” freedom was the “right to get high.” Allen Ginsberg told a group assembled at a Boston church in 1966 that everyone over the age of 14 ought to try LSD at least once. Multiple deaths and debilitating injuries as a result and huge loss of productivity.
2. Sexual revolution in the 60’s – “Make love, not war.” Read the bumper stickers. “Hey let’s get in a pile – orgies. Aids, 20 other sexually transmitted diseases; abortion, infertility would plague one out of 5 couples...
3. No fault divorce – “reformers” made it easier in the late 60’s to dissolve nuclear families. Legacy is countless shattered lives within three generations, adversely affecting children’s behavior, academic performance, mental, emotional and physical health – and huge contributor to debt and poverty – especially among women and single parent families.

Sodom and Gomorrah – Isa. 1:10; Isaiah 3:9; Jer. 23:14; Ezek. 16:49ff; Jude 7

States that have passed marriage amendments: 27 defense of marriage amendments have been adopted in the U.S. Of these, 8 make only same-sex marriage unconstitutional, 17 make both same sex marriage and civil unions unconstitutional, and two are unique.

1. Hawaii’s amendment does not make same sex marriage unconstitutional; rather, it allows the state to limit marriage to opposite sex couples.
2. Virginia’s amendment prevents the state from recognizing private contracts that “approximate” marriage.

Amendments that ban same sex marriage: Alaska – 1998 – 68%’ Nevada – 2,000, 69.6%; 2002 – 67.1%; Mississippi – 2004 – 86%; Missouri – 2004 72%; Montana – 2004 – 67%; Oregon – 2004 – 57%; Colorado – 2006 – 56%; Tennessee – 2006 – 81%; (8)

Amendments that grant legislative authority to ban same sex marriage: Hawaii – 1998 69% (1)

Amendments that ban same sex marriage and civil unions, but not other contracts: Nebraska – 2000 – 70%; Alabama – 2004 – 81%; Arkansas – 2004 – 75%; Georgia – 2004 – 76%; Kentucky – 2004 – 75%; Louisiana – 2004 – 78%; Michigan – 2004 59%; North Dakota – 2004 - 73%; Ohio – 2004 – 62%; Oklahoma – 2004 – 76%; Utah – 2004 – 66%; Kansas – 2005 – 70%; Texas – 2005 – 76%; Idaho – 2006

63%; South Carolina – 2006 – 78%; South Dakota – 2006 – 52%; Wisconsin – 2006 – 59%; (17)

Amendments that ban same-sex marriage, civil unions, and other contracts – Virginia – 2006 – 57% (1) total – 27 states

In every state – outspent 4-1 by opposition - & weighted media, univ. professors, etc.

At least 41 states have laws defining marriage as between a man and a woman, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures; those laws allow states to reject same-sex marriages from other states. In December the Rhode Island Supreme Court ruled that the state's family courts can't grant divorces to same sex couples.