

‘Marriage equity’ for not married and not equals

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According to the Australian Marriage Equity website the demand of the LGBTQIA group is the following: *We believe a person’s gender or sexuality should not affect their legal rights and responsibilities under Australian marriage law. Our approach to achieving marriage equality is through lobbying, advocacy and education.*

The issue from their point of view is achieving *legal rights and responsibilities*. As citizens, if the state wants to recognize them the legal right, they should enjoy the rights within the legal system. Why would it require ‘marriage equity?’ I believe the phrase ‘marriage equity’ is misleading and deceiving as it uses the word ‘marriage’ wrongfully and totally against what marriage has been known since the inception of human creation.

Marriage is a well-known social institution which has been serving as the foundation of family and enhanced the human population. Marriage is historically a religious and civil practice allowing union of two individuals of opposite gender. One of the main essence of marriage is to produce children for the continuity of human race. Marriage makes relationship of a woman and a man legal with the permission to live as one unique pair and entrusts the responsibilities of mother and father for their children. Legal rights and religious entitlements for the married couples are as wife and husband, and as mother and father.

Followers of all faiths including Jews, Christians and Muslims, believe marriage was instituted and ordained by God for the lifelong relationship between one man as husband and one woman as wife. They consider it as the most intimate of human relationships, a special gift from God, and a sacred institution. It is a gift of God, and the sacrament of matrimony is intended to perfect the couple's love and to strengthen their indissoluble unity. By this grace they help one another to attain piety in their married life and in welcoming and educating their children.

Almighty God Allah has created everyone of us from Adam and Eve (peace be upon them), and they were the first married couple – man/husband and woman/wife. The institution of marriage continued throughout the history of mankind as the matrimonial union of a man and a woman. This is a sacred institution that is the foundation of the continuity of human race. Why should anyone temper with it? Why don’t we think about the consequences of abnormally changing something that is perfectly working for the society and mankind?

If everyone decides to have relationship only with people of the same gender, what will happened to the future of human race on earth? In nature, God has created living creatures in pairs – female and male for the progeny to continue. Human being is a part of the animal kingdom of God and inherit the same traits. In Islam any sexual relationship beyond married man and woman is a big sin and condemned in the Qur’an. Any violation of this will attract severe torment from Allah. The purity and continuity of human race is dependent on valid marriage.

Can’t the government give legal rights to people who are not married but somehow related by some kind of commitment? If the government wants they could recognize the legal rights of the people of LGBTQIA groups accepting their relationship under ***another name with appropriate definition*** that reflects the nature of their relationship. Relationship between members of the same gender was never called or recognized as

marriage, and logically speaking this is not marriage at all. Find another appropriate term to express their relationship (eg **h**arrage for **h**is/his or **h**er/her relationship) so that they could enjoy their legal rights from the state without misusing the sacred institution of marriage.

If we mix hydrogen and oxygen under certain conditions, we could produce water. But if we mix hydrogen with hydrogen or oxygen with oxygen, we would never produce water under any conditions Why would you call the two mixtures equal? Is hydrogen equals to oxygen or water? The answer is NO, so why would we call union of two things something when they are clearly different than it.

Marriage requires matrimonial relationship between a man and a woman – husband and wife. And certainly relationship between two men or two women will never satisfy the requirements to be called marriage. The whole motive, intention and phenomenon of relationship between people of the same gender is new, so we must find a new term for it, and certainly not try to make it equal to something that is totally different.

The phrase ‘marriage equity’ reflects neither marriage nor equity. Relationship between a man and another man is not the same as the relationship between a man and a woman. If two people of the same gender fall in love, that is not marriage. As for the equity, simply (man + man) = two men, and similarly (woman + woman) = two women which are never equal to (man + woman). Why should we call two unequal things as equal?

Since the underlying issue is the legal rights from the state, it is not necessary to express the relationship of people of the same gender using the misleading and inappropriate phrase ‘marriage equity’, while they are people with non-marriage, and never equal.