

**Review: Dr David van Gend, *Stealing From a Child-The Injustice of 'Marriage Equality'*, Connor Court Publishing, Redland Bay, QLD, 2016**

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**Saying No to Child Injustice**

The author has put together a comprehensive and compelling case against 'gay' marriage along three principles: it is untrue to nature's design, unnecessary given current legal rights in Australia, and unjust to current and future children.

From the nine representative surveys in existence, statistics prove any marriage outside a biological mother and father arrangement disadvantage a child, gay marriage included.

They show higher risks of emotional harm (at least 2.2 times if comparing same to opposite-sex step-parent families). Surprisingly, children suffered more if their gay parents were 'married' than de facto, and this suffering increased with 'marriage' duration (Prof. Paul Sullins, 2015)!

The solitary statistical evidence in favour of gay marriage is a finding children of lesbian parents achieved slightly higher school grades [the author gives a hypothesis for why this might be so].

To any detractors Dr van Gend has done his research in looking at both the statistical and ideological arguments, with 463 footnotes to the text.

Unfortunately, the strongest argument against 'gay' marriage (and sodomy in general) is absent; that the human body was created and designed by a Creator God. Particles did not turn into people over 4.8 billion years due simply to time, chance (random biological genetic mutation), and natural selection. This means all are subject to objective moral standards, and the practice of sodomy is clearly unnatural, as are any traditions or institutions that have or may grow out of it.

The hundreds of thousands of children that will be negatively impacted, and the continued Marxist deconstruction agenda including free-speech muzzling should make anyone oppose 'gay' marriage 100% without hesitation.

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### **Dedication**

The victims of marriage equality will be:

- (i) Future child.
- (ii) Future children of a "genderless" culture.
- (iii) Husbands and wives degraded to "Partner 1" and "Partner 2".
- (iv) Mothers and fathers debased to "Progenitor A" and "Progenitor B".
- (v) Conscientious objectors against LGBT dogma.

### **Foreword (pp. 11-12)**

Atheist and social activist Brendan O'Neill: "Coercion is built into gay marriage."

Lesbian and social historian E. J. Graff: "Same-sex marriage is a breathtakingly subversive idea."

The 'Rainbow Agenda' includes imposing "Safe Schools", letting cross-dressing males use female bathrooms, bankrupting bakers, prosecuting pastors, and removing 'mother' and 'father' from birth certificates.

G. K. Chesterton: "[T]riangle of truisms, of father, mother and child..."

Two-men marriage institutes motherless families.

Same-sex couples do not bring together two halves of nature in a conjugal union.

U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts: “Marriage... arose...to meet a vital need ensuring that children are conceived by a mother and father committed to raising them in the stable conditions...The human race must procreate to survive. Procreation occurs through sexual relations between a man and a woman.”

Nature’s job description for marriage is not two men or women.

Levi-Strauss: “[T]he family...appears...a practically universal phenomenon, present in every...society...Andamanese of the Indian ocean...Fuegians of the southernmost tip of South America...Nambikwara of central Brazil...Bushmen of South Africa...the only social structure worthy of the name... monogamous marriage.”

The 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* on marriage: “[I]ncrease of mankind...natural instincts...be...directed aright...mutual society, help, and comfort.”

The only recorded historical case of gay ‘marriage’ was Emperor Nero with a sodomite lover, in AD 64.

In Homer the term “γάμος” means an honourable relation between man and woman, centred on the “οἶκος” (family home).

“Matrimony” is derived from *mater* (mother), and *monium* (state or condition).

ABS stats say 1% of couples are same-sex, and the Parliament that there is 100% legal equality. In 2008, eighty-five federal laws were changed with bipartisan support; taxation, medicare, DVA spouse pension, next of kin, etc.

From 2013 Dutch statistics, twelve years after gay marriage only 20% had chosen to get married.

One argument is marriage improves health and well being of partners; a companion reminds us to eat better, sleep more, visit the doctor, etc. The condescending flipside is stable or de facto relationships lack these traits.

Emotional insecurity is caused for children whenever biological kinship bonds are broken.

After the 2015 Irish Referendum, President Mary McAleese [whose son is homosexual] afterwards said, “there is more to be done”. This is code for imposing the entire architecture of homophilia.

### **D) Motherless Children; Fatherless Homes (pp. 25-34)**

Same-sex parenting means future children must miss out on either their mother or father.

Article 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is “the right to marry and to found a family.”

A number of states prohibit same-sex couples accessing IVF, surrogacy or adoption, also the case for single people. Federal law would overrule all these.

*Sydney Morning Herald* bioethics commentator Michael Cook quotes a “surrogate-mother broker”, saying, “She’s just like an easy-bake oven except with no legal rights to the cupcake.”

Cook: “Where will these women come from...where wombs are cheapest.”

“Every human has a mother and a father and I deserve to know both.”

Elton John and David Furnish created Zach using an anonymous egg-donor, a rent-a-womb and a vial of sperm.

From a 2015 Australian Marriage Forum survey of 1,200, 48% voted children should have the right to be raised by their own mother and father (vs 17% for two men).

## **II) Children of Homosexual Homes Speak Out (pp. 35-48)**

Amy, on Brisbane 96.5: “I am 21...I desperately wanted a daddy...When I was 18 I went searching for my Dad...he was in love with my mother...she found out she was pregnant with me she admitted...she was in a lesbian relationship...only used him to have a baby.

Millie Fontana-Fox, seminar on children’s rights at Parliament House: “When I was age 11 I was finally able to meet my father...one of the happiest days of my life.”

Dawn Stefanowicz was exposed to the message of the gay male subculture, that women were redundant:

“I was exposed to...sodomy, nudity, pornography, group sex, sadomasochism.” She agrees surveys of still-dependent children of gay households are worthless and misleading.

[April 2015]: “As a dependant child and teen, I was not allowed to say anything that would hurt the feelings of the adults around me.”

Heather Barwick in *The Federalist*, March 2015, “Dear gay community: your kids are hurting.

## **III) Gay Men Speak Out (pp. 49-58)**

In May 2015, two gay Irishmen Keith Mills and Paddy Manning were attacked for standing against ‘gay marriage’.

Dolce and Gabbana in the Italian magazine *Panorama*: “The only family is the traditional one.”

In 2013, Christopher Pearson was abused as a gay “traitor”.

## **IV) Social Science Speaks Out (pp. 59-88)**

“Base Camp” is a child does best when raised by biological parents.

The “No Basis Camp” holds there is no difference in disadvantageous outcomes for children brought up by same-sex parents.

USA Secular research institute ChildTrends: “Research clearly demonstrates...family structure matters for children...two biological parents in a low-conflict marriage.”

The U.S. Supreme Court (*Obergefell*, 2015): “[C]hildren raised by their two biological parents...less likely to commit crimes, experience teen pregnancy, have multiple abortions, engage in substance abuse, suffer from mental illness or do poorly in school...more likely to support themselves and their own children more successfully in the future.”

Professor of Child and Family Studies at Louisiana State University: “Based on four nationally representative longitudinal studies with more than 20,000 participants...” Children who grow up in a household with only one biological parent are worse off, on average.”

The Child Trends review: “Children growing up with stepparents...have lower levels of well-being...Thus, it is not simply the presence of two parents.”

One sociological well being measure or “life outcome” is successful completion of high school. Children raised by single and divorced parents are two to three times more likely to drop out of high school.

Douglas Allen’s 20% sample of the Canadian Census: “Children living with gay and lesbian families in 2006...65% as likely to graduate compared to children living in opposite sex families.”

Legal construct cannot compensate for biological disruption.

Prof. Paul Sullins, co-author of a 2015 U.S. Supreme Court submission: “[T]he longer...adolescents were with same-sex parents, the worse they fared. Those...over ten years, on

average, fared...worse...than those...with unmarried, mostly divorced, same-sex parents for only four years, on average.

The ‘no disadvantage’ mantra really says there is no additional disadvantage between same-sex and other biologically-disrupted families.

In 2013, the Australian Institute for Family Studies (AIFS) published “Same-Sex Parented Families in Australia.”

In 2005, the American Psychological Association (APA) Brief on “Lesbian and Gay Parenting”: “Not a single study...found children of lesbian or gay parents to be disadvantaged.” None of the 59 studies used achieved a “Gold Standard” [i.e. randomised and large sample size.]

In July 2014, the “Australian Study of Child Health in Same-Sex Families” by ACHESS and the University of Melbourne, and author Dr Simon Crouch [himself raising children in a homosexual relationship] suggested such children are healthier and happier. Information for the study was reported by parents for children under 18.

Crouch: “The self-selection of our convenience sample has the potential to introduce bias...families from...ACHESS...earning more and are better educated than...general population.”

There are only nine “representative, large sample studies”.

Swedish boys and girls in two-parent homes...50 percent less likely to suffer from suicide attempts...alcohol...and drug abuse...compared to...single-parent homes.”

Sullins 2015 study drew upon 207,000 children, including 512 from same-sex households. Emotional problems were over twice as prevalent for children with same-sex parents...serious emotional problems...17.4%...versus 7.4%...from opposite-sex parents...risk (3.6)...compared to the optimal subgroup...children with married biological parents.

He eliminated possible “instability” confounding factors by comparing children of same-sex step-parent families with those from opposite-sex stepparent families. The former group was at 2.2 times the risk of the latter.

Most differences were statistically significant at the 0.001 level (99.9%).

Children of gay parents were bullied *less* not more.

A 2004 study by Jennifer Wainright of 200,000 children between 10 and 17 found children raised by lesbian parents had a slight academic advantage in higher GPAs, and “school connectedness”. There were 44 such children, however 27 had their father and mother living with them. Sullins took the genuine lesbian households and found a significant increase in anxiety than the other 17, also the effect got more severe the longer the “marriage”.

*Slate* magazine in April 2016 seized on study “Same-Sex and Different-Sex Parent Households and Child Health Outcomes: Findings from the National Survey of Children’s Health.” It’s only significant finding was lesbian couples are more irritable and angry with their children.

There is apparently a higher rate of sexual abuse of children in same-sex households.

Mark Regnerus’ 2012 data analysis of the New Family Structures Study: “[C]hildren of lesbian mothers...ten times more likely to have been sexually touched by a parent or other adult and four times more likely...forced to have sex against their will.”

Sullins used the AddHealth database: “[A]dolescents entered...answers...anonymously into a laptop...in response to recorded questions...heard using earphones...10% to 12%...those with opposite-sex parents...forced...same-sex married parents...24%. All “yes” responses from female adolescents.



B.N. Klein: “By the time I was 11...I...found the gay community had an obsession...with their children’s sexuality.

A survey of 100,000s of adolescents would be needed to get a few hundred young people raised in same-sex households and achieve analytical certainty.

The longer social scientists study...the more evidence of harm.

## **V) LGTBQ Sex-Education at Your “Safe School” (pp. 89-108)**

Safe Schools Coalition Project Officer Joel Radcliffe: “Parents don’t have the power to shut this down.”

Gay ‘marriage’ means gay sex-education.

The SSCA was launched nationally by Labour in 2013.

In Victoria, Labour Premier Daniel Andrews has stated the uncensored version will be compulsory at all state schools by 2018.

Main program architect Roz Ward is a Marxist. In May 2016, she was suspended from La Trobe University for saying a red flag needed to be on top of the state parliament.

At the SSC National Symposium in Melbourne, 13 June, 2014: “SSC is about...same-sex attraction...being transgender.”

Margot Fink is director of SS’s *All of Us* programme and chief author of several joint ventures between SSC and Minus18.

Up to 97% of young people get over any confusion by puberty.

The best transgender medical study shows short-term relief lasting a few years followed by a twenty times long-term higher suicide rate than the non-trans population.

SSC has received \$8M in funding.

The grooming process is:

- (i) Sexualisation through conversation and exposure to images.
- (ii) Taking interest in a child's sexual development.
- (iii) Assuring the child.
- (iv) Telling them acts will not hurt.
- (v) Alienation from parents and family.
- (vi) Shaping their sexual preferences.

On the night of a speech by Liberal MP George Christensen in February, 2016, links to the Tool Shed and other sites were mysteriously taken down.

There is an International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO).

Roz Ward is no longer listed as the author of *All of Us*, however gender ideologues are only biding their time.

In 2003, Robb and Robin Wirthlin complained to their school when their grade two teacher was reading the story *King and King*. At the Appeals Court they lost; Judge Sandra Lynch, one of President Bill Clinton's appointees demonstrated all must give way to the fundamental intentions of "progressives".

President Obama's May 2016 Executive Order meant 96,000 U.S. public schools must allow sharing of change rooms between sexes.

## **VI) Bullying, Blackmail, and "Born That Way" (pp. 109-)**

Psychiatrist Dr Jeffrey Satinover says three of four boys who think they are gay at 16 aren't by 25.

Kirk and Madsen's *After the Ball*, in 1990: "Gays must be portrayed as victims".

*All of Us* states 75% of homosexuals suffer bullying, based on one study from LaTrobe University's Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, the home of SS.

Only 80% of the bullying occurred at school, only 41% were at school, and 40% were at university, or working!

The pro-argument is not normalising homosexuality will mean culpability for depression and suicide.

The author's GP experience is depression is caused by trauma of domestic violence from a lesbian partner, self-disgust at their own compulsive sexual behaviour, unresolved anger at childhood sexual abuse, or spiritual grief of holding values that conflict with unwanted sexual impulses.

In 2010, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found prevalence of illicit drug use by homosexuals more than double heterosexuals (34% to 14%), and excessive alcohol intake 25% to 16%.

Given full legal equality, there is no reason to think 'marriage-equality' will eliminate LGBT depression.

In 2015, a hundred scholars submitted evidence to the U.S. Supreme Court identifying a roughly 5% decline in opposite-sex marriage where 'marriage-equality' was introduced, in every jurisdiction.

In Belgium the drop was 7.4%, Canada 4.3%, and Spain 36% (though they introduced more permissive divorce laws at the same time).

PFLAG is Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Lady Gaga's *Born This Way* was a same-sex anthem.

Studies of identical twins show no simplistic gay gene. From the Australian twin database (Bailey, 2000) there was only a 20% concordance. Bearman and Bruckner in the U.S. National

Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health found a 6.7% between identical twins, 7.2% non-identical, and 5.5% ordinary siblings.

Bisexuality, and mid-life 'switchers' cannot be explained by the 'gay gene' hypothesis.

One source says ten of every hundred men have had sex with another man at some time but by age twenty-five only 2.8% identified as gay. The other 10% figure comes from paedophile Alfred Kinsey's 'research' in the 1940s.

In 2003, the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health found 97% of Australians identify as heterosexuals, 1.2% homosexuals (1.6% men, 0.8% women), and 1.2% bisexual. This gives a 2.4% total figure.

A 2011 U.S. Gallop Poll found people thought 25% of the population was gay.

For the past thirty years in Australia, three-quarters of new HIV transmission cases have been in "men who have sex with other men."

## **VII) Mutations of Marriage (pp. 137-146)**

Lesbian activist Masha Gessen told the Sydney Writer's Festival in 2012 that, "Fighting for gay marriage generally involves lying...The institution of marriage is going to change...I don't think it should exist."

From Dennis Altman: "[G]ay male culture is...not a monogamous culture...there are virtually no longstanding monogamous gay relationships."

Ellen Willis: "Feminism and gay liberation have already seriously weakened marriage."

A study of 156 'stable' homosexual couples by David McWhirter and Andrew Mattison found of the 100 who had remained together [65%], not a single couple had remained sexually faithful.

UK Green Party leader Natalie Bennett: “The Green Party is ‘open’ to the idea of three-person marriages.”

In April 2016, 51-year-old Kim West wanted to marry her discovered adopted child of 30.

In April 2008, Australian Jenny and John Deaves [Jenny’s daughter] told *60 Minutes* their three children were a “happy normal family”.

Genetic Sexual Attraction theory describes powerful attraction when biological relatives meet for the first time as adults.

### **VIII) The Abolishment of Male and Female (pp. 147-180)**

Klinefelter’s Syndrome is a male with XXY and causes testosterone imbalances and fertility issues.

Turner’s Syndrome is a female with only X, leaving her shorter and infertile.

Gender theory states binary is bad, that male and female are social inventions not biological realities. Whatever gender you feel is what you are; a modern manifestation of Gnosticism.

Gender was first used by New Zealand psychologist John Money. He was raised in a conservative religious family but rebelled, becoming a self-described “missionary of sex”.

In 1967, a botched circumcision left Bruce Reimer with a cosmetic vaginal fold and his parents were advised by Money to raise him as a girl. When 14, Reimer took on the name David and tried to reverse his hormonal feminisation; he had a double mastectomy, testosterone injections, and a penile reconstruction.

In the seventies John Hopkins University identified a transgender mindset: “conflicted and guilt-ridden homosexual men who saw a sex-change as a way to resolve their conflicts over homosexuality by allowing them to behave sexually as females with men.”

Operator of the largest Canadian gender identity clinic for thirty years, Dr Ken Zucker was sacked for refuting transgenderism, and his character assassinated.

Of every 10,000 births, 2 are said to be transgender, but this unjustly includes cases of Klinefelter's and Turner Syndrome. After adjustment it falls to 0.018%.

The Intersex Society of North America (ISNA) states many intersex people are perfectly comfortable adopting either a male or female identity, and wish to stop surgeries on babies until they are adults.

Head of Psychiatry at John Hopkins University Prof. Paul McHugh: "I have witnessed a great deal of damage from sex-reassignment."

Men with cloacal exstrophy (a severe birth defect with the bladder and penis exposed) who underwent castration still made normal male hormones.

### **IX) Children of the State (pp. 181-196)**

By an announcement of the Official Bulletin of the State, Spain will replace "father" with "Progenitor A", and "mother" with "Progenitor B".

Communists would put women in the factories and give offspring to the commune to look after. Through easy divorce and abortion laws they could shake off the shackles of husband and child. The payoff was pride of work and the liberation of unconstrained sexual intercourse.

Karl Marx: "Communism begins where atheism begins."

The Total State need to subjugate the family if collective utopia is to be achieved, which involves the parallel destruction of religion.

Marxist-communist fundamentals have failed to produce goals and win converts through economic changes.

Gay spokesman Herbert Marcuse in the *GLBTQ Encyclopedia*: “Many young people in the 1960s adopted Marcuse-like politics....Marcuse proposed...’perverse’ sexual desires.”

### **X) The Silence of the Shepherds (pp. 197-218)**

First a child’s education must be controlled, then dissidents suppressed. Canadian Queen’s Counsel Barbara Findlay: “The legal struggle for queer rights will one day be a showdown between freedom of religion versus sexual orientation.”

Rev. Darren Middleton, September 2016, Presbyterian General Assembly: “Those who seek to redefine marriage will seek to redefine freedom of speech and freedom of religion, as surely as night follows day.”

Rick Warren gave the invocation at President Obama’s first inauguration.

### **XI) Bigots, Bakers, and the Thought Police (pp. 219-230)**

There are the Twittermobs.

SBS CEO Michael Ebeid is a homosexual.

Mark Steyn: “The process is the punishment.”

Ex-CEO of Mozilla and creator of JavaScript Brendan Eich had his career ended after donating a thousand dollars to a no gay marriage plebiscite campaign in California, 2008.

### **XII) Settlement (pp. 231-237)**

The ‘spirit of the age’ insists there is no right or wrong.

Twenty-one per cent of Australians believe homosexuality is immoral by a 2016 Roy Morgan Research Poll.