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Homosexual Nazis are savaging the church

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On Sunday, the Associated Press reported that six Episcopal priests in Connecticut may be removed as rectors of their parishes by their bishop because they have actively opposed the election of the first openly "gay" bishop, Vickie Gene Robinson of New Hampshire.

According to AP:

Bishop Andrew D. Smith said in letters sent to the priests that they had "abandoned the communion of the church," which would mean the priests would no longer lead their parishes. The priests could later be defrocked.

Apparently, the six churches had the audacity to try to "break away from Smith's authority and be supervised by another bishop." One of the priests being threatened, the Rev. Christopher Leighton, has referred to the threat as "spiritual gag orders." He was further quoted as saying:

The real story is our freedom to speak and our freedom to practice our faith is what is being inhibited ...

Exactly.

From a strictly humanistic point of view, the homosexual community *preaches* tolerance to compel

people to accept their deviant lifestyle, but they certainly don't *practice* tolerance when people exercise their choice to disagree. These priests are being threatened with the loss of their jobs because they are refusing to kowtow to a conspiracy to terminate their constitutional First Amendment rights.

But that's not the only problem with this ugly picture. Both the Old Testament and New Testament of the Bible clearly identify homosexuality as sin and as an abomination before God (for example, Leviticus 18:22, Deuteronomy 22:5, Romans 1:18-32). And Scripture tells us there are consequences for continuing to actively sin against God:

"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God."

– 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, NASV

In taking a stand against sin – as all Christians are admonished to do in Scripture – it is not these priests who are in error, but their bishop, who has taken a stand against God in support of sin. It is the bishops who approved a homosexual bishop who have "abandoned the communion" – and they knew it when they did so. *"He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous, Both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord"* (Proverbs 17:15, NASV).

Frankly, I have never understood why homosexuals continue to justify putting their private body parts in places where they were never intended to be placed – never mind why the priests in black robes who occupy America's courts would create special rights for such repulsive activity. The claim that homosexuals were born the way they are – that they have no choice – is flat-out wrong. As I have noted before:

... there is no evidence of a genetic basis for homosexual behavior. Nonetheless, in a society of victimology and dysfunctionality – where it is politically correct to be helpless and hopeless ... the homosexual lobby has corruptly seized this mindset as their own.

But, the cry of "we cannot help what we are" implicitly acknowledges that even homosexuals themselves understand their behavior is immoral and that they are not willing to take responsibility for what they do. After all, why do you need to blame genetics for who you are if there is nothing wrong with your behavior?

I've also heard "gays" assert that homosexuality should be considered "normal" because it occurs in various animal populations. This mindless rationalization falls flat on two counts. First, some animals also eat their young – does this mean humans should emulate that behavior, too? Second, humans are gifted with minds that can reason, rather than acting like a beast blindly driven by hormones to copulate with whatever opportunity presents itself, as anyone who owns a male dog can likely attest.

This latest attempt by homosexuals to infect the church with their virulent sickness, however, is no longer just about unfounded opinions. It is war against God. It is an insistence that sin be called good. It is no different than the intimidation tactics of the Nazi brown-shirts and the vicious attempts to silence dissent practiced by every tyrant, thug and bully throughout history.

Declaring war on God is foolish and suicidal. The church is called to be light and salt to a dark, decaying world – not to embrace darkness and decay, and not to cherry-pick which parts of Scripture they will or

won't follow. People of faith who would honor God must stand against this evil.

"... those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed."

1 Samuel 2:30, NASV

The bad news is this is but one battle in a long series of battles in an assault on God, His people and His ways. The good news is God rules and will right all wrongs at the appointed time. Stand firm.

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