

I would like to seriously contend for the preservation of the marriage covenant of a man and women as still stands in our nation to this day. I believe society today is under threat of erosion of what we know is the basic stable foundation of any and every community on the planet. History and nature constantly affirm the place of marriage between a man and a woman as the basic building block for all families and societies no matter what nation or the cultural and/or religious allegiances.

The security, harmony, safety and nurture available to the children of said relationship is the proven model for ongoing community stability and strength. Love demands that all members of a family and community be preserved and upheld and respected. Each child has the right to the love, attention and affirmation of a mother and father as each parent has unique roles and characteristics to shape and form their child's own unique and special personality.

I do realise and acknowledge that the family unit that I am alluding to is not perfect and also is under great strain to the point of breakdown in many quarters leaving many single parents to cope on their own with the dynamics of family life. But this does not negate the argument that I am putting forward.

To dignify same sex marriage will in my opinion only deepen the problem of raising the next generation with a wholesome view of stable family relationships and respect for the opposite sex.

With the breakdown of the typical family model we have enjoyed over generations has also come an increasing breakdown in society and escalation of antisocial activity. It seems that the Security industry is potentially becoming the biggest industry in the country . Money is being poured in by the multiplied millions to correct this distressing trend. My appeal is to spend such monies on returning to and supporting strong, proven and durable marriages between husbands and wives and resurrect the tradition that can re-establish society to a peace and security we can all enjoy. Why not have a vision for something even better than previously enjoyed.

To devalue the high and glorious ideal of marriage between a man and woman is to further erode the dignity and honour of our society. We need to make a firm stand and re-establish a proven, true and successful model for propagating our society for the generations ahead.

The family around the corner has just had a baby. (Something only a man and woman can do.) Our politicians who have the nation's interest at stake should be focused on pouring all possible resources into supporting the couple in maintaining a strong healthy relationship and securing the future of that child in a healthy family unit. Such a decision is a positive one for the ongoing security of the generations to come.

Society is becoming increasingly fragmented and we are living increasingly in a single parent world, of which the repercussions are enormous. We can only reverse this distressing trend by reaffirming the high value of marriage exclusively between a man and woman and upholding the traditional family unit.

I do want to state that I do not have an adverse attitude to those who chose a gay relationship lifestyle because that is not what people do that determines their value. Every human being is special and to be valued.

This is my sincere and firm belief after over forty years dealing in human relationships in Australia and cross culturally. I submit this statement to you for your careful consideration.