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The institution of marriage is at the core of Sikh religious teaching and Sikh religion rejects celibacy and asceticism and condemns promiscuity regardless of sexual leanings. Sexual relationship is allowed within the bounds of a "marriage of bliss" which unites a man and a woman for the purpose of procreation and raising children in a caring and loving family environment.

God created man and women for the propagation of human race otherwise he could have created only men or women, but He didn't. According to Sikh philosophy biological union of a man and a woman is necessary for procreation and the union of one man and one woman is called marriage. Although some aquatic mammals and other microorganisms use other methods to produce their offspring yet for humans biological union of two opposite sexes, called marriage, is the only method to produce their offspring.

Imagine for a moment if the progeny of Adam and Eve had decided to be homosexual no one of us, including the proponents and those supporting the Bill, would be here today to discuss what we are debating because the union of two homosexuals, does not and cannot produce anything. What the proponents of the Bill are proposing and supporting is against the law of Nature. God created humans on this planet to propagate the human race and not to destroy it

A human being must conform to the purpose for which God created human being, to propagate human race through the union of two opposite sexes, man and a woman. The union of two homosexuals does not form that union and hence cannot be called "marriage".

Union of two Gay or Lesbian is merely for the sexual gratification for themselves but in no way is going to help any society advancement. Gay and Lesbian, under the Human Rights, can exercise their right to live the way they want to live and tie the knot but that union of two same sex humans is against the Laws of Nature and will tarnish the sacred institution of marriage and cannot be called a marriage. A new term shall have to be coined for that union.

If two, lesbians or Gays, adopt a child which is the modern trend then who will the child call his/her father and mother? A child cannot call a woman "Father" or a man "Mother" it will further confuse the child so you will have to coin new terms for Father and Mother. Only heterosexual marriage can provide a healthy environment for bringing up children and



for catering for the needs of the human society. Imagine the consequences if their adopted children followed the example of their parents and the trend continued then after a few centuries it will be the end of the human race on this planet. We are not heading for that end, are we?

Sikh philosophy doesn't approve of any such union and we, the Sikhs, are totally against the Same Sex Marriage and the use the term "marriage" for that union.

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