

# Marriage

## **BACKGROUND**

Marriage is an institution of the Church. That is its origin and continues to be a strong institution of the church. In some churches, Marriage is of such a high order that it is deemed to be a Sacrament.

Most of today's laws have stemmed from the Jewish-Christian history and have been absorbed into society with very little realisation as to their origin and that is fine – it is a gift from God to our society.

Marriage is in the same category. By definition (from its origins in the church, and from creation itself), Marriage is a union between a man and a woman.

Some minority groups in the church are also trying to redefine marriage, as are a minority in society. I personally don't understand why the whole of society should be dictated to or in the least, influenced so much by minority groups generally, but I understand that is life.

## **SUMMARY**

My submission is that if gay people want some legal form of union to be recognised, let them have it, but DON'T call it marriage, under the Marriage Act. Let a parallel legislation be enacted but with a different name, with all the same entitlements as marriage gives, but call it by another name, because "marriage" belongs to the church, and ultimately is God's gift to society. How can we change it, if it is a gift?

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