MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL

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I am writing as a minister of religion. However, I am not writing so much on behalf of myself and the affect the redefining of marriage may have upon my vocation, or my conscience. I am writing primarily on behalf of children and future generations.

Children are increasingly growing up in today's dysfunctional world not knowing who their mother or father are. Have you ever considered what might be put on a child's birth certificate in the future? A child has a right to know who their natural father and mother are. If this right is in any danger of being lost, or in anyway compromised, the child will be robbed of his/her identity. Once an individual's identity is lost, the potential for anarchy and social disorder may increase, let alone deep unhappiness, depression and mental illness.

I am not entirely against same sex adoption of children, however, I am concerned that by granting same sex marriage, issues around a child's identity will become even further confused, even worse, be lost altogether.

With our concern to extend equal opportunities to vulnerable groups like the gay and lesbian community, which is only right, we must not inadvertently expose an even more vulnerable community of children.

I would argue that same sex marriage blurs the edges of what true marriage is. I am sure that same sex couples can help to maintain a stable and democratic society, but the redefining of marriage to include same sex couples is a step too far. This is going down a road with a blindfold, and future generations may not thank us for the consequences.

Marriage should be respected as between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others.

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