

CHRISTIANS BEING PERSECUTED IN THE UK

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Like very many others I am deeply concerned about the attacks upon Christians in our country and how the law appears to be against them. For example, it is clear that the rights of homosexuals are taking priority over the rights of Christians.

There was a couple who owned a hotel in Marazion in Cornwall. The hotel was a Christian Hotel and on their literature their position on marriage was clearly stated. It was not hidden. They made it clear that their hotel was a Christian hotel and that they upheld Christian beliefs.

This couple, Peter and Hazel Bull refused a gay couple to share a double room and it was said that they acted unlawfully and they were both fined. Why did two homosexual men demand to be guests at this hotel which clearly stated the hotel's position. Were they out to be combative and cause trouble and set a precedent?

This hotel was also their home of Mr and Mrs Bull and surely we all have the right to exclude people from our premises.

Individuals have their rights to their religion and beliefs and so do Christians.

Without preaching at anybody, the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, condemn homosexuality and true Christians live by what the Bible says.

I have seen newspapers and magazines advertising hotels and guest houses with expressions such as, Sorry we do not cater for gay couples. One in eight guest houses do not accept gay couples.

There are many organisations which are for gays only and heterosexuals are not allowed. There are many clubs in the cities which are not gay but are exclusive. There are holiday companies exclusively for gays. There are some clubs that will not grant admission to you if do not wear a tie.

Is this not discrimination?

That Mr and Mrs Bull had a Christian hotel must take into account that if they allowed gays into their hotel their Christian clientele would be offended and probably would not stay with them again and so Mr and Mrs Bull would lose their income from Christian guests as well as their livelihood.

Mr and Mrs Bull were discriminated against. They were prosecuted because they are Christians.

Therefore it is an offence to be a Christian!

Mr and Mrs Johnson of Derbyshire had successfully fostered children in the 1990s, but now they are not allowed to foster any more because they are Christians and agree with the Biblical teaching that homosexuality is a sin.

This is discrimination against the Johnsons and Christians.

Why are the rights of homosexuals taking precedence over Christians?

Nadia Ewedia was an employee of BAA at Heathrow Airport. She was told she could not to wear a cross as a necklace and yet Asian and other nationalities could wear national dress, the most obvious example was the turban which is a symbol of religion.

A man in Bournemouth had official permission to preach in the open air. One day one of his supporters who was behind him had a placard saying that homosexuality did not have God's approval. It was the preacher who was arrested and thrown into jail and had a heart attack there and died.

A girl of fifteen wore a fidelity ring to school and was told not to. She was a Christian and the fidelity ring was a symbol that she would wait until she was married before having sex. Other girls went to the school with body piercings including those on their hands and faces.

A little girl in a local school was expelled because she mentioned Jesus and Heaven. Her mother, who was a Christian and classroom assistant at the same school, was subsequently sacked.

It is unlawful or unacceptable to be a Christian!

A boy was prevented to be a member of the school football team because he was a Christian!

If you are a Christian you are penalised!

I have met children who have developed serious psychological problems because both their parents are of the same gender!

The idea of clergy marrying gay couples and in church is inappropriate. A church wedding is for one man with one woman and in accordance with Biblical teaching and therefore Church teaching and has been so for centuries. It is called Christian marriage and while many who get married in church may not be Christians it is a religion ceremony not to be entered into lightly.

Of course some churches are to blame for allowing homosexual vicars.

If gay people want a civil partnership that is a secular event and there are plenty of venues where this can be done. To dictate to clergy that they must perform civil ceremonies in a church and threaten to penalise them for their devout beliefs is discrimination. They are entitled to their beliefs and to practise them. The Coalition for Marriage has had about 200,000 signatories so far in support of traditional marriage and only after a few days.

I could quote many other examples where the Christian faith is being attacked. The Department of Education has said that Divine Creation must not be taught as it is not fact nor is it scientific. There are many scientists who disagree.

Christians are being dictated to. The law is against them.

Let me say here that I am not homophobic. I do not have a fear or intense dislike of gays. I have had friends who are homosexuals, and still do, and I am glad to call them friends. What they do in the privacy of their homes is their business and no one else's. But, sadly, it does not stay private and there are risks to the innocent of homosexuality.

I know homosexuals who strongly disapprove of heterosexuals and yet we do not use the word heterophobic to describe them.

We are told that there must be equality in society but rights of gays are more important than Christian convictions and that is not equality.

There is another distressing set of facts. In 1967, under the awful Harold Wilson, homosexuality was decriminalised for homosexuals over 21 so they could perform homosexual acts in private. Under

John Major in 1998, the age of consent was reduced to 18 and, in the obnoxious reign of Blair, the age was reduced to 16. And in the Act homosexuality was also referred as buggery.

It was Harriet Harman who propelled this act with Section 12 with the rights of gays. She is a politician for which many have no respect. I have written to her politely six times without a reply, another of many reasons why I could never support the Labour Party.

It is accepted that HIV/AIDS is rife among gay, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people and they are the main carriers of HIV/AIDS which is known as the gay disease. In some parts of the world, over 40% of gay men have the disease. In the UK, many young men are affected by the disease. In the year 2010, there were 34 million people worldwide with the disease and 1.8 million died of the disease in that year. Over 16.7 millions children in Africa have AIDS.

In the UK, what does it cost the National Health Service to treat HIV /AIDS patients and others with sexually transmitted diseases?

If we followed both the hygiene regulations and the morality of the Bible, we would not have this problem on its epidemic scale. One man and one woman for life with no extra marital affairs is recommended and that, in itself, is wise and convincingly acceptable. Remarriage on the death of one's spouse is also morally acceptable in the Bible.

In the days when Christian beliefs were paramount, society was not perfect but the morals of the nation were generally better. If the morality of the Bible was more closely followed, we may not have so many problems today. It is just that everybody makes their own morality. Society in the UK is in decline and rapidly.

Why do the rights of homosexuals come before the rights of Christians? Why are Christians being persecuted for their faith and beliefs?

The law is wrong if it does that. Christians are suffering discrimination and are not protected and their human rights are violated! The rights of gays exceed the rights of Christians. That is not equality and it is wrong.

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