Editorial

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It's a natural world we are living in

Homosexuality is assuredly no advantage, but it is nothing to be ashamed of, no vice, no degradation, it cannot be classified as an illness.

- Sigmund Freud, Letter to a woman's plea to cure her son's homosexuality (1935)

Lady Gaga sings in her new hit single, Born This Way, "No matter gay, straight or bi, lesbian, transgendered life. I am on the right track ... I was born to survive." Is not it gross, perverse, and irreverent?

Do not, I repeat, do not sing this song if you happen to be in Malaysia. You could straight away be fined \$16,000, with a bonus of public detestation. But that would be a blessing compared to the consequences in Nazis' Death Camps in 1940s—you would be exterminated there.

Our world is no better. Any sympathetic homosexual *enlisted* in Presbyterian Church or United Pentecostal Church is doomed to eternal damnation. The general stance of these denominations is that homosexuality is sinful, for the Scripture says [Jesus to Peter as the Church]: whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Gays are *bound* on this planet.

I always thought that the Catholic Church has a more compassionate notion as Pope Benedict XVI expressly clarified that "[T]he particular inclination of the homosexual person is not a sin." But *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (para 2357) proves me dead wrong, and states thus, "[H]omosexual acts are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved." Is the Pope ignorant of this?

My preconception about the Pope has so far been proven to be utterly false. For in-

stance, he bitterly opposed the use of condoms even where HIV infection is epidemic; and imposed chastity and fidelity in marriage to prevent the spread of AIDS.

On the contrary, scientific evidences show these religious conceptions to be way off the mark. Condom is the most convenient tool to control HIV, and the fact that homosexuality is a natural phenomenon is as plain as a pikestaff. Try reading pp. 31-39 without embarrassment. It may say sound Greek to you because it is—but for your definition, α -male is the dominant male of the group, β -male is the next in line; much like President–Vice-President hierarchy. The first lady would be called α -female. If you accidentally fall into human society with such a Greek-laden stratification, better avoid being ω , for it means the deprived, subordinate and lowliest of the low.

In 2005 when hurricane Katrina devastated the US, the renowned evangelist Pat Robertson accused Ellen DeGeneres as the root of the cause. Only because she is a celebrated lesbian. Now I sincerely hope that no homosexual is blamed for the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan. My sympathy to the victims; though I cannot curse the geological events, which are the real causes. It is just Mother Nature in her fury.

It may be better to understand geology (pp. 16-26, 4-46) than to subscribing people speaking in tongue, to prepare ourselves from natural disasters such as this.

And I am not gay—just happy.

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