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Wrong Side of History?

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: This author does a good job of putting the homosexual marriage debate into perspective with the TRUTH.

You're probably aware that the Supreme Court is hearing cases on the constitutionality of laws defining marriage as a relationship between a man and a woman. You've probably also heard talking heads insist that public opinion has shifted, that same-sex marriage is inevitable, and 50 years from now everyone will wonder what the big deal was.



This is for those of you who may be a bit unsettled by all of it. You're not crazy. The world may be going mad, but not for the first time. In the words of the apostle Paul, "professing to be wise they became fools."

To better understand what's going on, re-read the story of the *Emperor's New Clothes*. When the crowd is gathered and the emotions are highest, that is the moment at which the peer pressure is greatest. Only the child, who was unaware of the peer pressure, had the courage to state the obvious.

The path of least resistance is to go along to get along. That's why so many people choose it. But you just can't make yourself do it. It isn't so much about being true to yourself as it is about being true to what is true. You anchored yourself to the concept of truth, which means that not every idea is brilliant. It isn't that you have a personal vendetta against those that disagree, you just recognize that if nothing is true, then everything is true...which is completely unworkable.

Over time, you came to be thankful for the fact that, by virtue of having an anchor, there were some places you couldn't go and some ideas you couldn't embrace. It has actually saved you a lot of trouble. But now everyone is so angry about it.

If you sympathize with this sentiment, let's remind ourselves of why we have an anchor at all.

We don't make the rules. Sure we can decide speed limits and tax rates, but with respect to the laws of the universe, we are subject, not lord. We may not like them, but we cannot change them.

We could pass a law banning gravity because it discriminates against wingless creatures, but the moment we launched ourselves off a building to celebrate our independence from it we would simply reinforce the limits of our legislative authority.

Natural marriage flows from the laws of nature. It is not a uniquely valuable relationship because people gathered in their caves eons ago and launched a campaign to stigmatize people attracted to the same sex. Marriage between a man and a woman is uniquely valuable because ...

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