

The Same Sex Marriage an Aberration of African Culture and Morality

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Abstract: It is no news to state the obvious fact that many nations on the globe are busy crafting laws that deviate from God's original intent, content and purpose for His creation among which is the law on same Sex marriage. Sodomy and lesbianism baptized with the name Same Sex Marriage is in Africa a repulsive and dirty act of having carnal knowledge of a person of the same Sex. This is in disagreement with the process of procreation and general rule for sex relationship, therefore, unacceptable in the continent of Africa Christianity. The word sodomy is etymologically derived from the dreadful irreverent act of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah recorded in Genesis 19. Those who practiced or are practicing it did so and are doing so in violation of the process that brought them into the world and African morality. This research report derived its inferences from related literatures, journals, articles and comparative study of the stand of Christianity, Islam, African morality and natural law. It is found that (a) this practice is in deviance of God's original intent, content and purpose in creation and or natural law; (b) it is un-African as it is un-natural and (c) it is unhealthy as it is awfully dirty and prone to the spread of venereal diseases. This report is vehemently opposed to it wherever it is practiced. And any law anywhere trying to encourage it is not only devilish but unacceptable as it is in a variance with all natural laws.

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INTRODUCTION

It is no news to state the obvious fact that many nations on the globe are busy crafting laws that deviate from God's original intent, content and purpose for His creation among which is the law on same Sex marriage. We are particularly referring to Sodomy and lesbianism baptized with the name Same Sex Marriage. It is in Africa a repulsive and dirty act of having carnal knowledge (sexual intercourse) of a person of the same Sex. This is in disagreement with the process of procreation and general for sex relationship, therefore, unacceptable in the continent of Africa. This word sodomy is etymologically derived from the dreadful irreverent act of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah recorded in Genesis 19.

Anthropologists have struggled to come up with a definition of marriage that absorbs commonalities of the social construct across cultures. Many proposed definitions have been criticized for failing to recognize the existence of same-sex marriage in

some cultures, including in more than 30 African cultures, such as the Kikuyu and Nuer. With several countries revising their marriage laws to recognize same-sex couples in the 21st century, all major English dictionaries have revised their definition of the word marriage to either drop gender specifications or supplement them with secondary definitions to include gender-neutral language or explicit recognition of same-sex unions. The Oxford English Dictionary has recognized same-sex marriage since 2000. Alan Dershowitz and others have suggested reserving the word marriage for religious contexts as part of privatizing marriage and in civil and legal contexts using a uniform concept of civil unions, in part to strengthen the separation between church and state. Jennifer Roback Morse, the president of the anti-same-sex marriage group National Organization for Marriage's Ruth Institute project, claims that the conflation of marriage with contractual agreements is a threat to marriage [1].

Same Sex Marriage particularly is referring to baptismal name of Sodomy. Same sex marriage could also be referred to as the practice of homosexuality and or lezibianism. It is “(also known as gay marriage), which is marriage between two persons of the same biological sex or social gender. Supporters of legal recognition for same-sex marriage typically refer to such recognition as marriage equality”, [2].

The recognition of such marriages is a civil right, political, social, moral and religious issue in many nations. The conflicts arise over whether same-sex couples should be allowed to enter into marriage, be required to use a different status (such as a civil union, which either grant equal rights as marriage or limited rights in comparison to marriage), or not have any such rights. A related issue is whether the term *marriage* should be applied. It is in Africa a repulsive and dirty act of having carnal knowledge (sexual intercourse) of/with the same Sex. It is also in disagreement with the process of procreation and generally unacceptable in the many parts of the continent of Africa. This word sodomy is etiologically derived from dreadful irreverent act of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah of the Old Testament of the bible which is the base of the two major religions (Christianity and Islam) of the world (Genesis 19). Those who practice it do so in violation of the process that brought them into the world.

Since 2001 America, Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, South Africa and Sweden had begun allowing same-sex couples to marry nationwide.

Same-sex marriages are also performed and recognized in Mexico City... Some jurisdictions that do not perform same-sex marriages recognize same-sex marriages performed elsewhere: Israel, the Caribbean countries of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, parts of the United States and all states of Mexico. The introduction of same-sex marriage has varied by jurisdiction, resulting from legislative changes to marriage laws, court challenges based on constitutional guarantees of equality, or a combination of the two. In some countries, allowing same-sex couples to marry replaced a previous system of civil unions or registered partnerships... A related issue is whether the term marriage should be applied [3].

This pronounced ugly development is being solicited for by many other countries of the world. Here in Africa, South Africa is numbered among the nations that had

approved same sex marriage. One is not surprised to have this in South Africa which is a white concentration in Africa. One can boldly opine that South Africa by white influenced domination is not a pure African moral home. African morality in this part of the world is not pure. Nigerian National Assembly recently and precisely on Tuesday 2011, demonstrated pure African morality by condemning Homosexuals in line with what is originally African. In agreement with even Christianity which can be referred to as the Whiteman's religion Africa originally abhors most of the things the bible does as Apostle Paul classified homosexuality as one of the evils that will not allow men into the Kingdom of God, “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers.

Nigerian lawmakers in true African moral sense of the fear (reverence) of our Culture, Ancestors and the Most-high God rather than go the South African way or follow Obama who wants to win a second time in American election

... hasten to pass a bill prohibiting same-sex unions in the country. The senate...took a strong stand against same sex marriage in Nigeria in an all-in-favour debate on a bill prohibiting same sex marriage in Nigeria... (on grounds that) the Muslim religion forbids it. Christianity forbids it and the African traditional religion forbids it. (Therefore) should not be allowed because it will lead to a breakdown of the society.” All senators that debated the bill at the Tuesday plenary accepted Obende's line of argument [4].

The Senate described “It as being morally and spiritually wrong and unacceptable,”. .. loathed in most African countries [5]. It is regarded as both spiritual and moral abomination. Though, Nigeria has a sizeable number of gay couples not legally joined, all about us, the Penal Code, the Bible, Religion in general and African Culture already prohibit same sex marriages or carnal knowledge against natural order in Nigeria. Homosexuality can land men up to 14 years imprisonment in the South and capital punishment for men in areas under Sharia or Islamic Law. In the past, proposals to constitutionally ban same-sex marriage and severely punish convicts were promoted twice but failed each time. Following demonstrations for same-sex marriages during the international conference on HIV/AIDS in 2005, the Federal Executive Council approved a law prohibiting same-sex marriage and sent it to the National Assembly for urgent action [6].

The proscribing of same sex marriage in Nigeria in other words is victory over sodomy which is an insult to God and nature. This research report derived its inferences from comparative study of the stand of Christianity, Islam, African traditional religion, moral values and natural laws. It is also as unnatural, unhealthy as it is against the law of procreation as “*Atani na amu oke oke n’agwu agwu*”. (“Atani”, an animal that bears only males is at the verge of extinction). “Following demonstrations for same-sex marriages during the international conference on HIV/AIDS in 2005, the Federal Executive Council approved a law prohibiting same-sex marriage and sent it to the National Assembly for urgent action. That bill could not be heard before that term expired” [7].

African Culture: Culture is an umbrella word which encapsulates a number of human values within it. The word is derived from the Latin word “cultura”, which literarily means "cultivation". It is the act of developing the intellectual and moral faculties especially by education, expert care and training, enlightenment and excellence of taste acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training, acquaintance with and taste in fine arts, humanities and broad aspects of science as distinguished from vocational and technical skills, the integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief and behaviour that depends upon the capacity for learning and transmitting knowledge to succeeding generations, the customary beliefs, social forms and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group; also : the characteristic features of everyday existence (as diversions or a way of life) shared by people in a place or time (popular culture) (southern culture) c : the set of shared attitudes, values, goals and practices that characterizes an institution or organization (a corporate culture focused on the bottom line) d : the set of values, conventions, or social practices associated with a particular field, activity, or societal characteristic).

Quoting authors like Homes, Arensberg and Niehoff, in his book “*Religion and Culture*” presents three deferent definitions of culture as,

that complex whole which includes knowledge, belief, art, morals, law, custom and any other capabilities and habits acquired by man as a member of the society...(ii) the learned and shared behaviour that man acquired as a member of society... (And) (iii) The sum total of what individuals learn in common with other members of the group which they belong.

Culture is, therefore, considered to be group-specific behaviour that is inherited or acquired, at least in part, from social influences. Here, group is considered to be the species-typical unit, whether it is a troop, lineage, subgroup, or so on. *Prima facie* evidence of culture comes from within-species but across-group variation in behaviour, as when a pattern is persistent in one community of chimpanzees but is absent from another, or when different communities perform different versions of the same pattern. Following the above definition one can reduce African culture to mean those characteristic features that are peculiar to Africa and Africans. Relating this to the topic under consideration one would make bold to say that same sex marriage is not part of African culture.

African Morality: African morality comprise of those laws which are derived primarily from African natural environmental expressions. It is proper in this paper for one to proudly assert that there are those morally practicability in Africa that are indigenous to her. These include extended family system, hospitality, communal co-existence and respect for social norms. In African morality, procreation is well pronounced as each man must prove his firm in the number of women he can marry and the number of children he could raise. In Africa it is an abomination for one to live a celibate life or couple with lower animals. It is not only indecent to do so, but a violation of natural course that led to the populating of the world. Same sex marriage is one of the negative social values that cannot be acceptable to Africans in the near future.

Cultures are externally affected through contact between societies, which may also produce or inhibit social shifts and changes in cultural practices. War or competition over resources may impact technological development or social dynamics. Additionally, cultural ideas may transfer from one society to another, through diffusion or acculturation. In diffusion, the form of something (though not necessarily its meaning) moves from one culture to another. In this case two different cultures may rob off each other and at long last exist inter woven. For example, hamburgers, mundane in the United States, seemed exotic when introduced into China. "Stimulus diffusion" (the sharing of ideas) refers to an element of one culture leading to an invention or propagation in another. "Direct Borrowing" on the other hand tends to refer to technological or tangible

diffusion from one culture to another. Diffusion of innovations theory presents a research-based model of why and when individuals and cultures adopt new ideas, practices and products [8].

Acculturation has different meanings, but in this context refers to replacement of the traits of one culture with those of another, such has happened to certain Native American tribes and to many indigenous peoples across the globe during the process of colonization. Related processes on an individual level include assimilation (adoption of a different culture by an individual) and transculturation. Inculturation is also a means of transmission. What is outstanding in Senates ruling against same sex marriage is that none of the above processes of culture transmission or corruption will penetrate Africa that easily.

The Etymology of the word Sodomy: The word “Sodomy” could be described as (a) an offensive and awful carnal knowledge or intercourse between people of the same Sex or (b) an offensive sex relationship between human beings and animals like the approval of United States of America for soldiers to relate with horses. It is the same sex intercourse that is referred to as Sodomy taking its root from the culture of Sodom and Gomorrah. It was this dirty and a repugnant culture that grieved God and indeed, what caused the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Till now God has neither changed his verdict on this same immorality and social incongruity, nor has he advanced any “if clause” that may have amended his original arrangement for procreation in favour of sodomy or same sex marriage culture. God by Pauline conclusion has grouped all sodomites or same sex marriage advocates as foolish and people of reprobate mind. He also grouped their dirty act under other dreaded sins and punishable sinners.

The crime of sodomy encompasses a variety of sexual acts. Sodomy may be committed by human partners of either the same or opposite sex, or between a human and an animal (bestiality). It may be done either by force, in which case the coerced party is considered a victim rather than an offender, or with consent. One type of sodomy involves the penetration of the male sex organ into the anal opening or the mouth of a man or woman. In some jurisdictions, oral stimulation of the female sex organ also constitutes sodomy. Some jurisdictions also define as sodomy sexual relations between

members of the same sex (homosexuality), sexual contact with a corpse (necrophilia) and bestiality [9].

The Manifest of Sodomy: The angels that visited Sodom on investigation knowing the disposition of the inhabitants and appearing in the mere character of travellers, preferred the open street to any house; but as Lot pressed them vehemently and they knew him to be a righteous man, not yet willing to make themselves known, they consented to take shelter under his hospitable roof. Our Lord, willing for the time being to conceal his person from the knowledge of the disciples going to Emmaus, made as though he would go farther, Luke 24:13; but at last, like the angels here, yielded to the importunity of his disciples and went into their lodgings. Abraham’s prayers for the city notwithstanding the people were bent on the evil intents of their hardened hearts to the point of seeking to commit even the same atrocity for which God had come to investigate land. They were bent on having carnal knowledge of the men sent by God described as “lords” by Abraham. The men of Sodomy were so deviant to the extent that they could accept a more natural offer of Lot’s two virgin daughters, though not sanctioned by God. But it is

...that sacred light, in which the rights of hospitality were regarded among the eastern nations, could either justify or palliate this proposal of Lot. A man, who had taken a stranger under his care and protection, was bound to defend him even at the expense of his own life. In this light the rights of hospitality are still regarded in Asiatic countries; and on these high notions only, the influence of which an Asiatic mind alone can properly appreciate, Lot's conduct on this occasion can be at all excused: but even then, it was not only the language of anxious solicitude, but of unwarrantable haste (Adam Clarke's Commentary).

The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah are prominently featured from Genesis chapters 10, 13, 14, 18 and 19. Chapter 19:13-25 biblical account has the story of God’s verdict on this evil practice thus;

For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it. And Lot went out and spake unto his sons in law, which

married his daughters and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city... And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken. Haste thee; escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou are come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; and he overthrew those cities and all the plain and all the inhabitants of the cities and that which grew upon the ground.

By implication they were not ordinary beings. We may not do well to give any further interpretation to the meaning of the word "lords" as it is not the main focus of this paper.

Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse... but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. .. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves... For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly... Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents... Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them [10].

African World View: For the Apostle Paul Sodomy or same sex marriage is not only abominable but ultra verse divine and natural laws. In comparison with African

tradition and religion its unacceptability runs across even unto animals and domestic fowls. Same sex marriage ranks high among evil omens in Africa till now. In Edda, Afikpo South Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, for instance any fowl or animal that is involved in same sex intercourse is viewed as having defiled the land and is liable to be slaughtered for desecrating the land for the pacifying of the gods. This type of punishment is not contemplated for man as it is inconceivable that any man in his right senses can ever belittle himself to such an act of indecency. African morality does not see anything deadly wrong in the use of free women and adultery though the later is morally not acceptable as it prohibits same sex marriage.

Opposition to Same Sex Marriage: Some Christian groups have been vocal and politically active in opposing same-sex marriage legalization in the United States. Roman Catholic advocates of monogamous heterosexual marriages contend that same-sex relationships cannot be considered marriages because marriage, by definition, necessarily involves the uniting of two members of the opposite sex. Other religious arguments for an opposite-sex definition of marriage hold that same-sex relationships should not be recognized as marriages because same-gender sexual activity is contrary to God's will, is immoral and subverts God's creative intent for human sexuality. Christian opposition to same-sex marriage also comes from the belief that same-sex marriage normalizes homosexual behavior and would encourage it, instead of encouraging resistance to same-sex attraction.

Some Abrahamic religious arguments against same-sex marriage are based upon Old Testament passages that discuss the fate of Sodom (Genesis 19:4–19:11), command that one "not lie with mankind, as with womankind" (Leviticus 18:22) and state that those that do "shall surely be put to death", while others are based upon New Testament passages on topics of people going against "natural use" in their lust (Romans 1), the "unrighteous" (1 Corinthians 6:8–6:10) and the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah (Jude 1:7). Christian groups that have been vocal and or active in their opposition to same-sex marriages include the Assemblies of God, Church of God in Christ, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (also known as Mormons), the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, the Conservative Mennonite Conference, the Convocation of Anglicans in North America, the Hutterite Brethren, the Orthodox Church in America, the Brethren in Christ, the Mennonite

Church USA, the Roman Catholic Church, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (OU) and the United Pentecostal Church International. In 2009, a group of Christian leaders from various denominations issued the Manhattan Declaration, an "influential statement that united evangelicals and Catholic leaders in fighting abortion and gay marriage"; as of November 2010, the Declaration had been signed by over 475,000 individuals [1].

Human Right: It is not only a misnomer on the part of the protagonists of same Sex marriage but at variance with human rights as human rights are no open ended philosophy into which anything fits. Anybody arguing in favour of same Sex marriage on grounds of human right may be wrong to legislate against armed robbery or terrorism as they should also be classified as part of human right. This is so because both of them are the violation of divine and natural arrangement by providence. In the same vein no right thinking person can legalize same sex marriage but pin down the likes just because they hate the acts. Devilish and selfish aggrandizement are manifested in this discriminatory legislation in favour of same sex marriage whereas quarrel with global terrorism which those who carry it out enjoy it. No one will be right to think of human right void of God's original purpose.

God's Original Purpose: God's original purpose for man is found in Genesis 1:28 thus, "And God blessed them and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth". This injunction as it were can never be fulfilled by the act of same sex marriage as it is counterproductive. To stress this point God specified specifically that. .. a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife and were not ashamed (Gen 2:24-25 KJV). He was explicit and without mincing words (did not chew words) when he said; it must be man and woman and not man and man or woman and woman. Any speculation or promulgation in opposition of this original intent and purpose of God is not only devilish but deviant of God's good thought for man and posterity as it a variance to natural law and to the extent of it inconsistency with natural law null and void.

Social Institution Family: By God's divine provision the nuclear family had been the very human institution to be established. It is this institution that has always determined the fabric of other subsequent human institutions that are the components of the wider society. By proper definition, family is the

... Basic social group united through bonds of kinship or marriage, present in all societies. Ideally, the family provides its members with protection, companionship, security and socialization. The structure of the family and the needs that the family fulfils vary from society to society. The nuclear family—two adults and their children—is the main unit in some societies. In others, it is a subordinate part of an extended family, which also consists of grandparents and other relatives. A third family unit is the single-parent family, in which children live with an unmarried, divorced, or widowed mother or father. See Parent and Child [5].

World View: The world view on the issue at hand depends on whatever values individual countries place on the original concept, intent and content of God's divine economy relating to procreation. Bible myth has it that marriage or sexual relationship is restricted to male and female of all creations that are involve in the multiplication of the earth full stop. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it..." (Gen 1:27-28 (KJV)). This passage could be seen as part natural Law which is a broad and often misapplied term tossed around various schools of philosophy, science, history, theology and law. In jurisprudence and political philosophy, a system of right or justice common to all humankind and derived from nature rather than from the rules of society, or positive law. The concept can be traced to Aristotle, who held that what was "just by nature" was not always the same as what was "just by law." In one form or another, the existence of natural law was asserted by the Stoics [6].

Augustine (AD 354—430) equates natural law with man's Pre-Fall state. Therefore, life according to nature is no longer possible and mankind must instead seek salvation through the divine law and Christ's grace. Gratian (12th century) reconnected the concept of natural law and divine law. "The

Human Race is ruled by two things: namely, natural law and usages (mos, moris, mores). Natural law is what is contained in the law and the Gospel. By it, each person is commanded to do to others what he wants done to himself and is prohibited from inflicting on others what he does not want done to himself.” (Decretum, D.1 d.a.c.1; ca. 1140 AD) In the

end, where does law come from? The Theory of Natural Law maintains that certain moral laws transcend time, culture and government. There are universal standards that apply to all mankind throughout all time. These universal moral standards are inherent in and discoverable by all of us and form the basis of a just society [7].

Christianity and Islam applying this natural in tandem with African world view condemn same sex marriage thus.

Biblical Laws against same sex Marriage

The Law of Moses in the Old Testament: You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. (Le 20:13; Ro 1:27; 1Co 6:9; 1Ti 1:10) 23 And you shall not lie with any beast and defile yourself with it, neither shall any woman give herself to a beast to lie with it: it is perversion. (Ex 22:19; Le 20:12,15-16; De 27:21)(Lev.18:22-23).

Pauline Ethics in the New Testament:

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, (Jer 10:14) and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles. (De 4:16; Ps 106:20; Isa 40:18,25; Jer 2:11; Eze 8:10; Ac 17:29) Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonouring of their bodies among themselves, (Le 18:22; Ps 81:12; Ac 7:42; 1Co 6:18; Eph 4:18-19; 1Th 4:4; 2Th 2:11-12; 1Pe 4:3, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever! Amen (Isa 44:20; Jer 10:14; 13:25; Am 2:4; 1Th 1:9; 1Jo 5:20) For this reason God gave them up to dishonourable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, (Le 18:22-23; Eph 5:12; Jude 1:10) and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a base mind and to improper conduct (Romans 1:22-28).

Qu'anic Laws against same sex Marriage

The Qur'an is very explicit in its condemnation of homosexuality,... In the Qur'an, homosexuals are referred to as *qawm Lut* (Lot's people), referring to the prophet Lut (known as Lot in the Christian Bible) who preached against homosexuality in the cities of Sodom and Gomorra, which were subsequently destroyed. In the Qur'an, Lut questions, "How can you lust for males, of all creatures in the world and leave those whom God has created for you as your mates? You are really going beyond all limits" (26:165-166) [4].

From the Islamic perspective, a majority of Muslim legal scholars cite the rulings of the prophet Muhammad and the story of Lot in Sodom as condemnation of homosexuality. Given that Islam views marriage as an exchange between two parties where the man offers protection and security in return for exclusive sexual and reproductive rights to the woman, same-sex marriages cannot be considered legal within the constraints of a Muslim marriage (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/same-sex_marriage).

Hygienic View: Same sex marriage as has been stressed by this paper is not only culturally and religiously unacceptable but is hygienically bad. It is also a social misfit as it does not agree with natural law of procreation.

Recently, several psychological studies have shown that an increase in exposure to negative conversations and media messages about same-sex marriage creates a harmful environment for the... population that may affect their health and well-being. In 2010, a Mailman School of Public Health study examining the effects of institutional discrimination on the psychiatric health of lesbian, gay and bisexual... individuals found an increase in psychiatric disorders, including a more than doubling of anxiety disorders, among the... population living in states that instituted bans on same-sex marriage. According to the author the study highlighted the importance of abolishing institutional forms of discrimination, including those leading to disparities in the mental health and well-being of... individuals. Institutional discrimination is characterized by societal-level conditions that limit the opportunities and access to resources by socially disadvantaged groups [8].

Sarcasm and Contradiction



A critical look at the above pictures present same sex marriages where two persons of the same sex dramatize the irony and contradiction in Same Sex marriage. From this picture one can decipher the fact that one of the parties in these contracts dressed masculinity while the other is femininity [9]. In this picture under review they acknowledge the natural base for marriage but would defiantly chose to run against the will of God. The Pastor here defaces the image of the missionaries that brought the gospel to Africa. These missionaries initially fought polygamy in Africa seeking to replace the same with monogamy. What an irony that the same people now say it man and man, woman and woman, worse still it could be man and Horse(s). What is happening the True Africans are asking “lest we should be the last”? Why this sudden turn from wisdom to foolishness from the world of the wise [10]. The true African needs an answer, though no such answer will assuage his or disgust over Same Sex Marriage even of the gods was to approve the same.

CONCLUSION

Those who practiced or are practicing it did so and are doing so in violation of the process that brought them into the world. America and some other countries are well pronounced in this ugly development. Here in Africa, Nigeria’s National Assembly has in the recent past turned down a bill seeking to recognize and approve sodomy in the name of same sex marriage under the disguise of human right. It did not gain entry into our body polity because it is an insult to God, nature and African morality.

This research report derived its inferences from related literatures, journals, articles and comparative study of the stand of Christianity, Islam, African morality and natural law. This research found that (a) this practice is in deviant of God’s original intent, content and purpose in creation and or natural law; (b) it is un-African as it is unnatural and (c) it is unhealthy as it is awfully dirty and prone the spread of sex related diseases as it is unacceptable. This report is vehemently opposed to it wherever it is found or practiced. And any law anywhere trying to encourage it is not only devilish but unacceptable.

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