

Why Non-Catholics Need to Pay Attention ...

by Bob Bird

... to Catholic issues.

Americans for whom freedom issues matter are going to be forced to face squarely into the current mess ongoing within the Catholic Church, state and worldwide. Whatever criticisms non-Catholics might have for the two-thousand year old institution, there has been a respect for its constancy in regards to morality and doctrinal coherence ... until now.

Let's investigate exactly what I mean, on just a few political --- not religious --- issues.

Whether Catholic or not, Christians and non-religious libertarians make up a huge majority of citizens fighting against the socialist, federal monster. They are incensed that private citizens are being forced to do business with people whom, in conscience, they cannot. It would mean an endorsement of sinful --- damnable --- behavior.

Specifically, of course, we speak of homosexual "marriages" regarding evangelical bakers and photographers ... a humble Tennessee bureaucrat who refused to issue a marriage license ... or nuns who are forced to pay for contraceptive coverage in their mandatory health care. This is a direct attack on freedom of religion, property rights, freedom of association, and many others found in the Ninth Amendment "guarantees" ... guarantees that really are no longer in existence.

This stems from the fact that the government has arrogantly decided to make itself the definer and custodian of marriage, which is an absurdity that can only maintain itself amongst a citizenry that is ignorant in history and constitutional matters.

Political efforts to anticipate and thwart this mess by preemptive statutes and amendments a decade or more ago, unwittingly played into the hands of those who adhere to the Cult of Government. They have discovered that once we do that, we accept the idea that state and federal courts define the meaning of laws and constitutions.

Incredible as it seems, the cold facts of history tell us that it has been non-Catholic Christianity that first redefined marriage in modern times, and before that, Hebrew Mosaic Law.

Many people reading this are divorced and remarried. Please do not think that this essay is a matter of passing judgment on anyone who has done so. Explaining your situation lies outside our discussion, and how you have reconciled this in your own life is not the purpose of this essay.

Marriage was instituted by God, not the state nor even the Church, as Jesus himself pointed out in the Gospels. Jews had been accustomed to Mosaic-law divorce, which Jesus shot down on the spot, "Because of the hardness of your hearts." He even got more *rigid* (an insult Pope Francis likes to throw at Catholic traditionalists) when he said that divorce-and-remarriage became adultery.

Whatever evils the federal government is currently doing in regard to redefining marriage, it was King Henry VIII way back in 1534, and later thousands of subsequent Protestant denominations, that abandoned Jesus' words. And, the Bible tells us that if these words did not rest well with the Pharisees, they also did not with his disciples, and at the very same time: "If this is the situation, it is better not to marry!"

The consequences have only just now become apparent. It could not have continued in a vacuum. It was bound to leach into society in ways that would begin to destroy our freedoms.

Catholicism, still making up the majority of Christians in the world (if not in the U.S.), is now playing with this fire. If it changes the line of what a marriage is --- or is not --- by the confused and confusing current pope, it will signal a complete surrender from the last bulwark holding up western civilization.

If and when it goes, at that point, we will have in short order: bestial marriages, incestuous marriages, multiple-partner marriages, child marriage, and --- fill-in-the-blank --- with whatever else a warped culture might conjure.

Let's go to abortion. There are many non-Catholic Christian denominations that are perfectly OK with it in their official positions, and statistics unfortunately prove that there are many evangelicals and Catholics who disregard their own respective church's teachings and abort their children at roughly the same rate as the non-Christian culture.

Incredibly, Catholicism is wavering on this. By refusing to discipline, or at least warn, pro-abortion "Catholic" politicians that they are jeopardizing their souls and corrupting others, the hierarchy of bishops and priests in Alaska and nationwide demonstrate a shameful cowardice and an enabling, tacit acceptance. In Alaska this has meant Lisa Murkowski, Mark Begich, and other local politicians, and just about all the Democratic Party's elected Catholics elsewhere in America.

And as long as we're naming names, we can identify Archbishops Hurley, Schwietz and Etienne in Alaska, as well as a long list of bishops and priests throughout the country.

Paul Ehrlich wrote *The Population Bomb* in the '60s, basically predicting the End of Civilization through overpopulation by the 1980s and 90s. He advocated forced sterilizations, mandatory contraceptives and other Brave-New-World social engineering.

By inviting the absurd and discredited Ehrlich to a Vatican symposium on population issues, a man who advocates late-term, sex-selection and forced abortion, Catholicism shows itself, for the first time, to be on an unsure course in a leaking ship regarding the issues of human life.

And again, every single Christian denomination condemned birth control for 1900 years. It was Protestant America that outlawed contraceptives in the 19th century. But starting in 1930, the first "rare exceptions" began to be permitted by non-Catholic denominations, until it has spread its acceptance, with Planned Parenthood's founder Margaret Sanger leading the way, into Christian practice.

And, unfortunately, now into Catholic practice. Rare is the bishop, priest or deacon who dares mention it from the pulpit; or the religious instructor in Catholic initiation courses for marriage or conversion into the faith.

But officially, Catholicism remained steadfast and paid a high price for it with Pope Paul's *Humanae Vitae* encyclical of 1968. His predictions about what birth control would lead to showed it to be prophetic: increased divorce, homosexuality, broken children, unwed pregnancies, sexually-transmitted diseases, the loss of human dignity.

And again, we often reach, through the Cult of Government, for secular solutions to the break-down of families, when in actuality, it is a spiritual problem ultimately tied to sexual values, that can only be solved by religion, *not* government.

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Imagine, all you prolife non-Catholics out there: what would happen to the prolife movement if the Catholic Church abandoned its “rigidity” on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, marriage and birth control? Such a capitulation would unleash, literally, the deepest fountains of hell.

Uncomfortable as it may be, for freedom-oriented, prolife citizens, the events unfolding in Catholicism deserve your scrutiny.

Right away.

