



Anglican Orthodox Church



Gay bishop saga a great outrage

The meeting of the world's heads of the Anglican Communion last week confirmed worst fears. That the church was either unwilling or unable to decisively deal with an issue that is threatening to tear apart the 70 million strong churches.

By forming a communion "to study how to handle the problem and allow thinking time for the problem" rather than outrightly condemning the act and expelling the bishop, the Church clearly proved my greatest fear- that once strong Christian community in the world over is fast losing ground to worldliness.

The Rev. G. Robinson an open homosexual, had been appointed by the Episcopalian Church, the US arm of the Anglicans- to serve as bishop of the New Hampshire diocese, and is to be ordained next month.

In May, the Rev Canon Jeffery had also been appointed the new bishop of Reading in Oxford, England, but later stepped down after intense pressure. He, however, remains a canon and a pastor.

On May 28, the Westminster church of Vancouver, Canada, blessed the union of a same sex couple with permission of the local bishops.

Somebody said that if you want to kill a frog, you do not throw it into hot water, you put it into cold water and raise the temperature gradually. As an amphibian, its temperature will change with that of its environment and so before the frog knows it, it will be cooked.

The same with the church. The moment we accommodate a vice, we become prone to a greater one and feel comfortable with it until in the end, we have social clubs in place of churches with worship service reduced to rituals.

Homosexuality and lesbianism the highest forms of him degradation. Christians are supposed to provide the lights and if churches can sink this low, it is, indeed, a very dark error for the church. But this problem should not be seen as a preserve on one church but a reflection of the larger state of the universal church today.

We may be horrified on hearing what is happening in the west, but if we also do not move fast to delink ourselves from them, we will find ourselves accommodating the same evils. Already there are documented cases of bishops with more than one wife and another Pentecostal Bishop who recently divorced his wife to marry his secretary.

We may occasionally fall short of the grace of God, but Christianity remains absolutist with no room for liberalism.

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