

letters

Wrong you are

Scott Elliot is absolutely wrong in claiming Christ "did not speak a word against homosexuality" (ODE, April 22).

Just for the sake of debate, however, let's say Christ never specifically mentioned the word homosexuality.

He did list the practices of unrepentant fornication and adultery as sins that exclude one from salvation.

Because sex was to only occur in marriage, and because marriage is only to occur between men and women, one cannot engage in male/male or female/female sex without transgressing against God's commandments.

If a man is single, and has sex with another man, he is committing fornication — if married, he is committing adultery. There's no getting around that fact.

Nobody is born homosexual. Even without consulting the Bible we can turn to medical authorities to prove that!

Homosexuality is a sin against God's laws.

Christ admonished people to repent of a variety of sins — including homosexuality — in order to gain forgiveness and salvation.

Christ said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." Concerning morality he said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthew, 5:48).

We were created in the image of God and God never gave any commandment that men and women couldn't follow.

I would encourage students to read the Bible for themselves for insight into what God expects of us and the blessings promised to those who strive to live according to God's principles.

Dan Martin
Normal

Contact me

There are none as blind as those who have eyes but do not see (or read). I refer to Jesus Menon's letter (ODE, May 3).

Mr. Menon, if you do not concur with my arguments, why do you use the very same one's to defend a stand that I originally took in response to Ms. Noor's letter, which contends that there is not racial tension and discrimination in Malaysia.

Your thesis on "...only when minorities work with the majority can a nation progress," is incomplete; it should not only be a one-way process but that the majority is also willing to work with the minorities.

If you recollect, this is exactly what I meant when I discussed elements of game theory like zero-sum and win-win situations.

Ms. Noor's letter suggests that she is not aware of racial discrimination in Malaysia, and until people like her are, there will not be any racial harmony.

Especially when there are no laws to protect against racial discrimination.

Laws are a starting point to remove discrimination. Do you remember the Singapore pledge — "We the citizens of Singapore, regardless of race, language, or religion...one united people...? Are there any such parallels in the Malaysian constitution?"

Menon, I share your very same view that unless one is a minority, one would not be aware of the full extent of discrimination but awareness is insufficient; to work actively against it is.

This was the political stand taken by Siew in his election campaign.

Next time, before you write, please read then think before you reply.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further doubts of my sincerity.

Harold Leong
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Testee

What I shall propose to do in this letter is to demonstrate why so many gay organizations advocate a boycott of the AIDS test; it is faulty.

The AIDS test now in use only tests for antibodies and because so little is known about the disease, it is supposed that positive results may be indicative of imminent symptoms or that the testee is a carrier.

Now suppose that we apply this to another well known disease: chickenpox.

Because almost all of us have been exposed, tests results of the AIDS type test would reveal that any of us would be suspect as either a carrier or someone soon to be displaying the symptoms.

Now hopefully you can see at least partially why so many gays are reluctant to submit themselves to such an obviously faulty test.

Many gays are voluntarily abstaining from donating blood and have recently begun "safe sex" practices.

Since widespread dissemination of safe sex guidelines, the Atlanta Center for Disease Control has reported a lower incidence of oral and anal gonorhea among gays.

This is more tangible and more easily identifiable evidence of the efficacy of safe sex practices. This may also mean that AIDS spread could be slowed or contained, but it's not a cure.

Storm Fawcett
Eugene

Outdated

I must object to the Bookstore's full-page ad that ran on page 15 of the ODE, May 6.

"Great Gifts for Mom" shouts the headline, but I don't consider stereotype-reinforcing gifts great at all — these gifts were all kitchenware — casserole dishes, salt-and-pepper shakers, etc.

It's time to get rid of the sexist, stereotypical idea that all mothers spend all day in the kitchen, and therefore the only suitable gift for her is "something for the kitchen" — an apron, a frying pan, a rolling pin (even if it is marble).

Sure, my mom cooks, but she would appreciate more a calculator, VCR tapes, a computer, camera film, a new watch, etc. — other bookstore items mentioned in other ads in the same issue but evidently not suitable for mothers.

For Mother's Day, thank your mother for supporting you with a gift that reflects her interests, not someone's stereotyped idea of what she "should" or "would" like.

The University Bookstore's advertising crew must consider the messages inherent in their ads.

The Bookstore has lost my business with their stereotyped message, and I'm not buying my mother's card there.

Michelle Rau
Junior, English

Yes Harold

This is in response to Harold Leong's letter on racial harmony in Malaysia (ODE, April 30).

Yes Harold, you don't have to travel even an inch; just stay on your side of the Causeway and observe the "racial harmony" in Singapore.

As a minority Singaporean I am dismayed that a fellow Singaporean of the majority berates racial policies in neighboring Malaysia while seeming oblivious to the problems of minorities in Singapore.

It is ironic that in chastising Siti Mohd Nor he states, "There will be no racial harmony until people like yourself are willing to acknowledge that there is racial discrimination and work actively toward eliminating it...."

I suggest he heed his own advice and direct his energies to address the racial issues at home before attempting to solve other's problems.

If Mr. Leong is ignorant of the problems I am referring to, I would be more than willing to enlighten him.

Eugene Miranda
Physical Education

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