

Letters To The Editor

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love.

I was taught to believe that homosexuality is wrong and a sin. Finding scripture from Paul's letters that say homosexuality is wrong is actually easy. Finding scripture that supports slavery is also easy (Ephesians 6:1-9). Thus, it is wrong to look at only a few select verses. We need to look at the whole of Christ's teachings on love and mercy.

I just wish that people who say that Homosexuality is some form of sickness, a phase, unnatural, or a sin could know what they are truly saying. I believe that loving one another is natural no matter what sex, and since we are made in God's image, homosexuality is a part of God and of nature.

I am tired of the battle that homosexuals, heterosexuals, and even bisexuals have to face. It seems ridiculous that we would have to fight for the same rights as other people, to have a support group, and just be individuals. We all need a cease fire and a peace treaty, not an open battle over what goes on behind closed doors.

Sincerely,
Timothy Redman

Christianity involves more than judgement

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter written to the editor entitled "Homosexual Support Group Would be Hypocritical."

In no way do I question your feelings and your right to an opinion, but I do want to respond to some of the things you said in your letter in the last issue.

Number 1: You directly quoted, in your letter, the following from the Feb. 9 issue: "Homosexuality is nothing more than two people loving one another or searching for true love." Then you went on to interpret it, out of context, as we all do the Bible, by saying it says "sex justifies love." Where you got that from this line you quoted, I couldn't begin to imagine. If there is more, quote it all.

Number 2: A support group does not in any way preclude acceptance or participation; it merely serves other humans with needs that may need support. I believe a good Christian, even in your interpretation, is supposed to love others. God is the forgiver, if I remember the tests correctly. Remember, my young friends, it is as

hypocritical for a so-called Christian to judge another person as it is to break other rules of the faith. Your whole Bible is the message, not those parts that are convenient to your causes.

Number 3: I am a Christian. I am active in a very large church where every Sunday we hear two passages from the Old Testament and one from the New. I have yet to hear my pastor, who is quite fundamental, condemn in the same manner as you did.

As a matter of record, I think you left out half of an important thought when you said it was wrong to believe sex justifies love. In the true essence of human relationships, you should have added love does not justify sex either. We do live in a society where this is often very mixed up.

You made a number of very good points, I must add. No one on either side of the issue should judge--you covered half of that. Yes, everyone has some one of the same sex they love, and that doesn't make everybody homosexual, but you should take the time to explain the types of love (other than physical) if you are going to intellectualize in the same article where you emotionally moralize.

I am not saying who is right or wrong, but I would think that it may be hypocritical for a Christian organization to not offer support to those who need discussion and guidance of some kind--I didn't use the word "change," by the way. If you think this incorrect, I would suggest you also push to have all handicap-access on campus removed, as well as remedial math and English courses. After all, these are not the perfect people you seem to think the word Christian implies we should be.

Sincerely,
Robert Allwyn White
Instructor

Chaplain's office open to all

Dear Editor:

Jesus Christ taught us to love each other. He put no limits on this love. We are to love even our enemies, those who persecute us, revile us and condemn us. Through his own life he revealed the love that God has toward all of creation, for all God's love for all humanity is unconditional; in other words we do not earn it, merit it, or get it by doing good works or doing all the "right" and "proper" things.

The mandate to love and to forgive is not an option for those who would call themselves Christian, it is a moral imperative. We are mandated to love all people. Jesus condemned no one, he

valued the individual, he was forgiving.

In the name of Christ and all that he lived and died for, for the love that he revealed to each and every one of God's children, in that name I open the doors of the office of the Chaplain of this college to any and every student, faculty and staff member regardless of what or who he or she may be or may not be.

Ernie Mills
Brevard College
Chaplain

Don't judge others by your own criteria

Dear Editor:

I believe a few things need to be said in regard to the letter in the last *Clarion* (March 2) concerning homosexuality. The two young men who wrote the letter obviously were concerned, as well as are many uninformed Americans, over the issue of homosexuals. To begin with, they paraphrased verses in the Bible, which makes clear they believe the Bible to be true, and applied their beliefs to other's lives, forgetting that there are many people in the world that don't even know what the Bible is, and even more who don't believe it to be the work of a single, almighty lord of any kind.

Human beings, in my eyes, should not force ideas upon one another. It just creates negativity and achieves nothing. (That is opposed to the idea of sharing facts founded upon constructive research).

Secondly, the definition of homosexuality these men present in their article shows us just how uninformed they are. Homosexuality goes far beyond physical sex, and it involves a kind of love that is not "wrong." It may be different than what is culturally average, but who can say anything is right or wrong who has looked from all points of view at a situation. This is not a black and white world, that is a simple fact.

The article also states that "this act was not intended by nature," but is that really so? We are an advanced society in most aspects, but we do not understand by far all of the mysteries of nature. She works in tremendously clever ways and controls us with more power than we realize. One cannot make such a pompous statement that indicates we understand all of what nature has planned for us. Who is to say that homosexuality is not an ingenious plan of nature's intended to reduce procreation (the production of even more children) on this already over-populated earth.

Furthermore, I am disappointed in the discrimination that goes on all over

the U.S.A. and on this campus. It has been proven by scientific research that homosexuality is an inherited trait. Because of the expected exception to the rule and for lack of more in depth research, this angle is not used more often or allowed in court, etc. And still homosexuals are discriminated against dramatically and unreasonably. They are human beings like all others, and yet are treated with shameful contempt for something as uncontrollable as your skin pigment, or for a conscious choice not as protected by the Constitution as the choice of heterosexuals.

Sincerely,
Synda McCracken

Support group: the least we can do

Dear Editor:

We live in a world where people are fighting and killing each other every day. Why bother worrying about objecting to people who are trying to love? Is it really so much to ask that there be a support group here at Brevard for a group that takes as many blows as homosexuals?

Homosexuality may not be the way it is for me, but my reality is just a part of the whole in which everything in the universe is incorporated, and is in no way the one "right" way. The fact is, homosexuals have been here, are here, and probably will continue to be here as long as two people love each other. They aren't going to go away because we don't agree with what they do.

These bodies we live in are just those: bodies. They are temporary vehicles. Real love doesn't depend on such a superficial aspect of someone's being.

Homosexuals, like so many other groups of people, are being punished by society mainly for two ludicrous reasons. The first reason is that they are the scapegoat of our fears, and the second is because they are being themselves. Mrs. Meehan can explain to you that studies are finding that the hypothalamus in the brain is linked to the determined sexuality of a person. This reiterates the idea that homosexuals don't choose to be so; they just are.

Allowing a support group on campus is the least we could do to extend human compassion and live in the true essence of God, unconditional love. The time has come! Let's stop founding ourselves in petty technicalities and lay our foundations in love for ourselves, love for God, and love for each other.

Sincerely,
Julie Peters