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Bow not before Caesar

Unlike the Episcopalians and Anglicans, the Southern Baptists are standing strong against government-imposed abomination and the legal parody of marriage:

Jack Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Texas, said American Christians should be prepared for massive fallout if the Supreme Court legalizes same-sex unions.

“We want to stay in the system,” Graham told me in a telephone interview. “We want to work in the system. We want to support our government. We want to obey its laws.”

But.

“But there’s a coming a day, I believe, that many Christians personally and churches corporately will need to practice civil disobedience on this issue.”

The foundation for such a possibility was laid Wednesday morning in Columbus, Ohio where the current and former presidents of the nation’s largest Protestant denomination sent a strong message to the country.

“We strongly encourage all Southern Baptist pastors, leaders, educators and churches to openly reject any mandated legal definition of marriage and to use their influence to affirm God’s design for life and relationships,” the statement declared.

While affirming their love for all people - regardless of sexual orientation, the former Southern Baptist presidents said they “cannot and will not affirm the moral acceptability of homosexual behavior or any behavior that deviates from God’s design for marriage.”

“Our first duty is to love and obey God, not man,” they emphatically stated.



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It has become abundantly clear that the U.S. federal government is increasingly opposed to the U.S. Constitution, the Bible, and Jesus Christ. And like every other government that has been foolish enough to take on the Body of Christ throughout history, it will demand obedience in vain.

Of course the lukewarm and the nominal believers will fall in line and fall away, that is what they always do. But as the pressure mounts, the faith of the faithful will grow harder and stronger, until their oppressors break upon it like a pane of glass striking a diamond.

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601. SirHamster (#201)

July 01, 2015 6:51 PM

Is this also true for the uses of the word "likewise" in 1 Peter 2-3? Is it that same word "ὁμοίως"? If so, then wives, when reading 1 Peter 3, should also refer back to 1 Peter 2:18-25.

However, could you explain the use of the word "likewise" in 1 Peter 3:7? To what is it referring, "as for one, so for the other?"

Quick outline of 1 Peter 2:

18 - Slaves submit to masters

19-20 - It reflects well on God when we receive unjust suffering for doing good; not so when we suffer for doing evil.

21 - Do this because Christ suffered and provided example for you to follow.

22-25 - [Elaborates how Christ suffered, was blameless, and bore sins so that we could have no sin]

The "likewise" should be directed at Christ's example in 21, not to the slaves. So slaves, wives, and husbands imitate Christ's example in doing what is right even when penalized with unjust suffering.

Also keep in mind that this is part of a larger overall point on holy living, and the submission commands start at 2:11, not 2:18.

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July 01, 2015 6:55 PM

@SirHamster,

Dude! Point 3* is rebutted by Scripture!

What do you recommend for a marker next to the number indicating it is refuted?

Something like

3. [Dude!] If you claim that something God permitted is wrong for everyone then you're calling God a liar and that's blasphemy. (COMMENT 145) (DUDE! COMMENT 600)

Or do you think something else should be used.

This in in YOUR honor, dude, so choose well (:

Thank you so much.

603. simplytimothy

July 01, 2015 6:58 PM

@SirHamster

I have made a note next to point 2 to review your reasoning on it.

I want to continue collecting toady's premises as I have been doing.

604. simplytimothy

July 01, 2015 7:11 PM

Updated list of premises from toady. @SirHamster's rebuttal of 3 is added.

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4. When tradition directly contradicts God's Word it's wrong

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(COMMENT 145)

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6. The Context of Romans 1 is the rejection of God and a refusal to recognize His authority. (COMMENT 176) ME(its idolatry)

7.** Because Leviticus 18 and Leviticus 20 Do not explicitly prohibit lesbian sex, it is permitted in marriage.(COMMENT 176)

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*' indicating a serious problem in the statement

*** Requires analysis

[DUDE!] Rebutted

605. simplytimothy

July 01, 2015 7:38 PM

@Mark Call, @Beau, @SirHamster

Are you aware of other examples of "seventh, and therefore archetypical representatives" in scripture?

I ran into the concept for the first time at this link:

<http://triablogue.blogspot.com/2011/11/polygamy-and-bible-literary-approach.html>

Here is the relevant text (bold mine)

*5) Consider the characterization of the line of the serpent in Genesis 4, which is deliberately contrasted with the Godly line of Seth. **Lamech is the seventh, and thus archetypical, representative of the line. He is nothing***

more than a thug, though nothing less than a highly dangerous one.

The reticent nature of Biblical narrative is yet again instructive, for the mention of Lamech's bigamy, the first of the Bible, is hardly some passing historical anecdote. Rather, the narrator is instructing us to see the characteristics of the ungodly against that of the righteous, while retaining the backdrop of the Garden of Eden. It is the line of Satan that takes more than one wife.

Good social criticism does not merely denounce a position, but draws us back to a better standard. The narrative of the Pentateuch and the Old Testament is framed around the Edenic standard of Adam and Eve. Every story of marriage has in its background the now-lost bliss of monogamy.

thx.

606. Mark Call

July 02, 2015 11:34 AM

Divorce was permitted by God for the Israelite community. (Deut 24)
God hates divorce, and so it is wrong. (Malachi 2:16)

You err, SH, because you do not check the MEANING of words!
 Try your concordance on Malachi 2:15-16 as actually Written:

"For YHVH El of Israel says He hates 'putting away'..."
 and Deuteronomy 24:1 and AGAIN in v 3 explains clearly that 'divorce' is NOT the same as "putting away". ("shalach" in the original Hebrew.)

You will NOT understand the Words of Yahushua in places like Matthew 5:32 if you do not understand His 'complete' instruction, because the distinctions matter; much less how Yah has TWO wives, and one was 'put away' (only) while the other was given a 'get'.

(Ironically, while the logic is wrong, and the example flawed, it is nevertheless true that not all things that are not "forbidden" are profitable. As both Paul and Yahushua's disciples noted, that often includes "marriage" -- 'monogamous' or not.)

607. Mark Call

July 02, 2015 12:52 PM

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What an unmitigated CROCK of utter Bull\$h%t!!!!

As has been pointed out, if the so-called "first bigamist" is a problem, then the "first monogamist" is the progenitor of ALL sin, and the FIRST murder. Lamech is a poor follower.

This is obscene, and an offense to intelligence. Far worse, still...however, to Yah!

As has ALSO been pointed out, it is God Himself who this flaming idiot is calling of "the line of Satan", since He is self-described as a Husband of two wives.

What utter, inexcusable IDIOCY and blasphemy.

608. artisanalloadshall

July 02, 2015 2:49 PM

SH

Sir, that was the most amazing display of backflipping deflection I've seen in a goodly long time.

Example:

Divorce was permitted by God for the Israelite community. (Deut 24)

God hates divorce, and so it is wrong. (Malachi 2:16)

Divorce was permitted by God under certain circumstances, but it is still wrong for everyone. Is that statement blasphemy?

Such an interesting question. Deut. 24:1-4 was a judgment of Moses. Jesus, in Matthew 19 made it quite clear that He was not pleased with that ruling. Then, in 1st Corinthians 7:10-11 Paul was careful to say that he was not just speaking with apostolic authority, but that the instruction to the married was from the Lord. Following that Paul

effectively restated the law of the bondservant with respect to marriage.

It is my contention that 1st Cor. 7:10-11 effectively overturned the judgment made by Moses at Deut. 24:1-4. Mark obviously does not agree with me. But, the whole question of putting away without a piece of paper or putting away with a piece of paper is irrelevant. The word the Lord used was "separate" and that word encompasses even an emotional separation. In pointing to the creation account, with the use of the word "separate" He effectively denounced **ALL** forms of marital separation.

"What therefore God has joined together let no *man* separate.

(Remember, it was to the MAN that authority to initiate marriage was given. It was to the MAN that Moses gave the procedure to terminate the marriage. And the Lord said "let no MAN separate.")

Adam: "You can't live without them."

Moses: "You can't live with them, so do the paperwork before you ditch the bitch."

Jesus: "You do not get to leave them on the side of the road when you're done with them. If you marry her, you're stuck with her."

And the Disciples said "Whoa. If it's like this, it's better not to marry."

Then came the fascinating commentary on sexless ones. Some are born that way, some got castrated by men, some (for the sake of the kingdom) castrate themselves.

And look at what came NEXT. The children. Who doesn't get a vote in the decision to divorce? The children. Who really gets hammered by the destruction of the family? The children. Who is it that doesn't tithe and help pay the pastor's salary? The children.

"Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Where did those kids come from?

"Because the Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt

*treacherously, though she is your companion and **your wife by covenant**. But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did that one do while he was seeking **godly offspring**? Take heed then, to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth."*

What is marriage? What constitutes a marriage? What is the covenant God is talking about in Malachi 2:14-15?

609. Mark Call

July 02, 2015 3:16 PM

No, arti - you miss the point.

He said "If you make a vow, MEN, you KEEP it." (And I hope you can quote not ONLY Numbers 30 but His repeated OTHER warnings on that score too. IOW: Does your 'yes' REALLY mean, "Yes, I will"?)

Is there a difference between men and women when it comes to marriage, covering, headship, 'covering', vows, and even the NUMBER of vows? You bet.

And, yes, obviously on this score, we disagree. A lot.

So let me start here:

Adam: "You can't live without them."

Moses: "You can't live with them, so do the paperwork before you ditch the bitch." [sic] Insert: WRONG! It's about her having a 2nd WITNESS, required by Torah, in order to RE-marry! (see Deut. 24:2-3!)

Jesus [sic]: "You do not get to leave them on the side of the road when you're done with them. If you marry her, you're stuck with her."

Close, but no cigar. And the distinction, as usual, is vital.

Yahushua (unlike the 'jesus' you 'paraphrase?') is not a liar. He said He didn't change the smallest part ('yod or tiddle') of ANYTHING in the Torah or Prophets.

He said, repeatedly, MEN, IF you make a vow, you had DARN WELL (to 'paraphrase' it politely) better KEEP it.

And IF YOU DO NOT! (You have been warned!!!!) -- YOU BEAR HER GUILT!

(Numbers 30:15, and the not-so-hidden message of Matthew 5:32, PROPERLY translated; "he causeth HER" to commit

adultery... 'cause HE BEARS her GUILT!)

Paul and the disciples ALL said, "hey, that's pretty tough stuff. Maybe it's better NOT to marry at all"...than make vows we can't keep!

I say again: Marriage is a MESS because neither men nor women nor 501c3 "churches" nor - fer cryin' out loud - SCOTUS -- bothers to read ALL of what Scripture says, in context, from the original language. You pick and choose and the tapestry falls apart.

Which is PRECISELY why the Author said He wasn't changing it!

610. SirHamster (#201)

July 02, 2015 5:08 PM

@simplytimothy:
Something like

3. [Dude!] If you claim that something God permitted is wrong for everyone then you're calling God a liar and that's blasphemy. (COMMENT 145) (DUDE! COMMENT 600)

Or do you think something else should be used.

This in in YOUR honor, dude, so choose well (:

Ha, I'm fine with [DUDE!]. It speaks to the unserious nature of what was said, and why on earth there is a 600 comment thread on the topic.

I'm also somewhat flabbergasted to realize how much nonsense was snuck into that early post. I tend to skim and missed most of it ... There is definitely a time for reading carefully, and I should learn from how Vox carefully dissects his opponent's arguments.

611. SirHamster (#201)

July 02, 2015 5:24 PM

You err, SH, because you do not check the MEANING of words!

Mark calls for us to not accept any knowledge from the Bible unless it is first blessed by himself, according to Hebrew meanings he alone in this thread grasps (or so he says).

I reject this claim because Hebrew is not the only language that is capable of carrying meaning. Note how Mark himself is not afraid to use English to communicate the "true meaning" of the Bible - indicating that he believes that English words can work in this capacity if properly used.

Try your concordance on Malachi 2:15-16 as actually Written:

"For YHVH El of Israel says He hates 'putting away'..." and Deuteronomy 24:1 and AGAIN in v 3 explains clearly that 'divorce' is NOT the same as "putting away". ("shalach" in the original Hebrew.)

You will NOT understand the Words of Yahushua in places like Matthew 5:32 if you do not understand His 'complete' instruction, because the distinctions matter; much less how Yah has TWO wives, and one was 'put away' (only) while the other was given a 'get'.

(Ironically, while the logic is wrong, and the example flawed, it is nevertheless true that not all things that are not "forbidden" are profitable.

Various English translations of the Bible do indeed map these two different Hebrew words/concepts to "divorce". Mark puts forth the claim here that the difference between the Hebrew words is significant enough to invalidate both my logic and example.

Finally, he concedes the actual point - that artisanaltoad is in error in saying, (3) "If you claim that something God permitted is wrong for everyone then you're calling God a liar and that's blasphemy". Note here that he is more interested in telling me that I'm wrong, than in agreeing with my case against artisanaltoad's false categorization of blasphemy. Recall that the Israelites were instructed to stone blasphemers; also that false accusations were punished according to the penalty of the falsely accused crime. Blasphemy is not a charge to make lightly, and it should be obvious that a clear understanding of what is and is not blasphemy helps to avoid any false accusation thereof. Mark does not make the case why the fine distinctions he makes between "put away" and "get" and "divorce" should be given higher priority than a false categorization of blasphemy.

(cont'd)

612. SirHamster (#201)

July 02, 2015 5:25 PM

(cont'd from previous)

To answer the two charges, I thought it would be instructive to first look at Jesus' words on the subject that Mark referenced. From Matthew 5:32, KJV:

"But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

KJV was chosen since it uses "put away" instead of "divorce", an important distinction to Mark. What is claimed here?

- It is permitted to "put away" a wife for fornication
- It is not permitted to "put away" a wife for reasons other than fornication, as it leads to adultery of the wife and the person who marries her.

KJV uses the same "put away" terminology for Malachi 2:15-16.

"For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously."

- God hates "putting away". (Note the lack of exceptions - it does not limit the hatred to 'unjustified' "putting away".)

I can swap Matthew 5:32 for the originally cited Deuteronomy 24:1-4 and still end up with my original logic, with "put away" replacing "divorce".

- a. Premise: God permits "putting away" a wife (under the specific circumstance of "fornication")
- b. Premise: God hates "putting away"
- c. Premise: God does not hate what is right; what God hates we can call wrong.
- d. From (a) and (b), God permits something that he hates.
- e. From (c) and (d), God permits something we can call wrong.
- f. (e) contradicts artisanaltoad's category of blasphemy in his premise [3].

Mark claims this logic is wrong. Mark is welcome to poke holes in the logic formally restated here, or to retract the accusation.

To answer the other accusation that this is "flawed example": In a standard discussion or debate, participants agree on the terms of the debate and use the same language to pit ideas against each other. In Mark's concept of debate, when SirHamster is discussing Biblical concepts with someone else, Mark has unilateral authority to insert himself into the discussion and demand that SirHamster change his language and arguments to conform to Mark's standards; in this case, a standard that rejects entire English Bible translations ... for a point that doesn't depend on the precise meaning of the word "divorce".

While this hamster does not have issue with using different standards and language according to the audience, he finds this to be a rude and unreasonable demand. As with the previous demand to drop the use of the word "lesbian", this demand is summarily rejected.

Others are invited to consider whether these unreasonable demands enhance or mar Mark's credibility on other matters.

613. SirHamster (#201)

July 02, 2015 5:36 PM

Previously, artisanalload made this claim:

"If you claim that something God permitted is wrong for everyone then you're calling God a liar and that's blasphemy."

I offered the following question to challenge the position:

"Divorce was permitted by God under certain circumstances, but it is still wrong for everyone. Is that statement blasphemy? "

artisanalload thought it was "[s]uch an interesting question" that he answered it with a 3,000 character post. One in which he fails to take a stance on -

- A. Yes, the statement is blasphemy.
- B. No, the statement is not blasphemy.
- C. I don't know whether the statement is blasphemy.

His opening accusation towards me is quoted here with no further comment:

"Sir, that was the most amazing display of backflipping deflection I've seen in a goodly long time."

614. simplytimothy

July 02, 2015 6:24 PM

@SirHamster

Dude! it is and Dude! it will remain. I will continue my collection of toady's premisses as I reconstruct his argument in syllogistic form.

It appears to me that toady's claim in 2 needs some examination in light of your work on 3.

2. Nothing more or less than The Law of The Lord (Psalm 19) is needed. (COMMENT 145)*

3 [DUDE!]. If you claim that something God permitted is wrong for everyone then you're calling God a liar and that's blasphemy.(COMMENT 145) (DUDE! COMMMENT 600)

In comment 145 toady writes

There is no way to get around the fact that Psalm 19 states "The Law of the Lord is perfect" and that means it is perfect. Nothing more or less than needed. As has been pointed out, God does not regulate sin, He prohibits it and condemns it.

and

Either God's Law is perfect or it isn't. God's Word says it is.

What I want to keep an eye out for as I continue my work is if toady uses this to exclude the type of hermeneutics you just employed.

I am **not** saying this is toady's argument, but I am wary that it **could** be like this.

God's law is perfect.

God's law explicitly mentions divorcing one's wife.

Therefore, divorcing one's wife is blessed by the Lord and it is blasphemy to say otherwise.

Note the form of this argument is logically correct but the meaning of the first premise hangs on the meaning of *perfect* in light of the evidence of other scripture. Furthermore, I have scanned (not read, scanned) comments by toady where he questions the perfection of Deut. yet accepts the perfection of Leviticus.

We may have to return to these questions later. I just wanted to get them written down for now.

I return now to collecting toady's premisses.

thanks for your work. Much appreciated.

615. simplytimothy

July 02, 2015 7:05 PM

Toad's comment 189 parsed. Toady adds to premise 10 and restates premise 2/3.

Here is the updated list.

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12. The women are not married to eachother. They are married to their husband. (COMMENT 189)
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'*' indicating a serious problem in the statement

*** Requires analysis

[DUDE!] Rebutted

616. simplytimothy

July 02, 2015 8:06 PM

Toady introduced a significant number of premises in comment 209. I will press on tomorrow in my collection efforts. As you can see, some can be condensed . We also see that he has made a lot of claims that need to be verified.

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13. The natural function of women is to be married and make babies, for it is written "Women shall be saved through childbirth..."1 Timothy 2:15 (COMMENT 189)

14. No matter what Adam and Eve chose, as long as it was not specifically forbidden it was permitted and they were within God's will for their lives if they chose it. (COMMENT 209)

15. Romans 14.

16. The Law only contained two restrictions on the marital bed.

First, there was to be no marital relations when the wife was menstruating for she was unclean.

Second, there were to be no marital relations after the birth of a child, 40 days for the birth of a male child and 80 days after the birth of a female child (Leviticus 12).

(COMMENT 209)

17. God isn't so interested in how the plumbing is connected as He is in the relationship of who is connecting the plumbing. (COMMENT 209) (ME: is this true?)

18*. All the prohibitions are based on relationships, not sex acts. (COMMENT 209) (ME: is this really a general principle?)

19. It isn't a case of "don't do *this*" but rather don't do *anything sexual* with someone who's presence would constitute a proscribed relationship. (COMMENT 209)

20. [DUDE!] within a licit relationship, there are only two restrictions which I have described above. (COMMENT 209) (ME: add comment number where toady retracts this)

21.* Polygyny was a regulated, as opposed to a proscribed, relationship. (COMMENT 209)

22.* girl-girl sexual relations are not specifically prohibited because in a polygynous marriage they occur under the authority of their husband. (COMMENT 209)

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[DUDE!] Rebutted

@SH

Mark puts forth the claim here that the difference between the Hebrew words is significant enough to invalidate both my logic[sic] and example.

Because it clearly IS. Otherwise, there's no point in Deuteronomy 24:1 (and then immediately REPEATED in v 3, for those who weren't paying attention the first time!) making a DISTINCTION. Why, oh why, is there a PROCESS outlined to distinguish mere "putting away" from what MUST come after that for a wife to be "freed from the torah of her husband while he yet lives"? And you haven't bothered to read Jeremiah 3 or Ezekiel 23, either, obviously.

And the rest of the flatulence that followed that error demonstrates quite specifically the difference between 'another jesus' and the Meshiach of Israel, Yahushua.

618. artisanaltoadshall

July 03, 2015 9:56 AM

Simple Tim,

You have done a magnificent job of proving Vox's 3 axioms regarding SJW's.

SJW's always lie. I called you out on it. You then proved axiom 2

SJW's always double down. "I upped my rhetoric." No, Tim, you lied.

SJW's always project. You're the one who thinks breaking bones is a sexual act, not me.

Simple Tim, your village called... and they want their idiot back. Do them all a favor and go home.

619. Mark Call

July 03, 2015 10:27 AM

I could care less what those who won't even read Scripture for comprehension think of 'my credibility'. But impugning the Word of YHVH does tend to get a rise from me -- even if there's a ready excuse, like blindness or mere stiff-neckedness:

"...Divorce was permitted by God for the Israelite community. (Deut 24)

God hates divorce, and so it is wrong. (Malachi 2:16)

You err, SH, because you do not check the MEANING of words! ..."

I stand corrected. You are merely Above All That. So I address those to whom words still have meaning for the rest of this.

And with hubris like this, no wonder that guy self-congratulates with a title like "Sir":

Mark calls for us to not accept any knowledge from the Bible unless it is first blessed by himself, according to Hebrew meanings he alone in this thread grasps (or so he says).

Clearly, if that was the goal, I'd have already elevated myself by Title to Sir Mark! (At least my definitions of Hebrew words are, however, actually verifiable in any concordance. Even Wikipedia will suffice for the pagan ones.)

Somehow, though, as I read that bit of puffery, I was reminded of another, whose opinion of Himself was almost as grandiose as the buffoon who could unashamedly write this:

I can swap Matthew 5:32 for the originally cited Deuteronomy 24:1-4 and still end up with my original logic [sic], with "put away" replacing "divorce".

Having watched Sir Humpty accomplish even more stunning feats of misdirection, I have no doubt WHATSOEVER that THAT, at least, is true.

But it is SirHumpty's ability to ignore the meaning of words which scales the heights of Unparalleled Hubris:

.[How DARE anyone!...]demand that SirHamster [sic] change his language and arguments to conform to Mark's standards...

No, Mark merely suggested that words have meaning, and that when English translations fall short, or are contradictory, those who "study to show themselves approved," can and should do just that. Some evidently are above that sort of thing.

Makes me feel a bit like Alice:

'When I use a word,' Humpty Dumpty said in rather a scornful tone, 'it means just what I choose it to mean -- neither more nor less.'

'The question is,' said Alice, 'whether you can make words mean so many different things.'

'The question is,' said Sir Humpster d'Dumpster, 'which is to be master - - that's all.'

620. SirHamster (#201)

July 03, 2015 10:32 AM

Because it clearly IS. Otherwise, there's no point in Deuteronomy 24:1 (and then immediately REPEATED in v 3, for those who weren't paying attention the first time!) making a DISTINCTION.

The existence of a distinction does not demonstrate the distinction matters to the larger point.

In this case, the larger point is that there exists behavior that God permits but we can call wrong. You claimed the logic going from 2 verses to this conclusion was wrong. You are asked to back up the claim that the logic is wrong with a clear identification of which step is incorrect, per the rules of the blog.

I provided a formal restatement of the logic I used in post 612. You may use that as a starting point if you wish.

621. artisanalloadshall

July 03, 2015 11:12 AM

Mark

Yahushua (unlike the 'jesus' you 'paraphrase?') is not a liar. He said He didn't change the smallest part ('yod or tiddle') of ANYTHING in the Torah or Prophets.

1. There is only one savior.
2. I did not say He is a liar.
3. You have avoided my argument.

He said "let no man separate." The Pharisees knew exactly what He was saying, which is why they responded the way they did. "Why then did Moses command us..." His use of the word "separate" in the context of the reference to Genesis included both the separation of "putting away" and the separation of divorce because "from the beginning it has not been this way."

Moses said you could, and here's how... but Christ told His bondservants not to. Is Christ the head of His church, and

are they to obey Him in everything... or everything except *that*?

I guess the answer is everybody claims the breaking up of marriages is not a good thing, but everybody wants the option. Because the idea of adding another wife is just so... unthinkable.

622. Mark Call

July 03, 2015 2:06 PM

@artisanalloadshall

Just so this is clear:

(All horses are animals, but not all animals are horses. Yes, although there are some who ignore meanings and distinctions in a thread like this...)

All 'divorce' MUST include "shalach" (putting away). BUT, not all shalach is 'divorce'. (Isaiah 50:1 asks the question, and makes the REASON for the distinction clear!)

I have avoided no argument. I have merely rejected the claim that He changed anything He said He would not. Period.

623. artisanalloadshall

July 03, 2015 3:28 PM

Mark

Three terms. You focus on only two. You have repeatedly ignored my points about Matthew 19 and 1st Corinthians 7:10-11.

You're stuck in the middle. The Lord took it back to the beginning. "What therefore the LORD has joined together let NO MAN separate."

I fully understand the words. The old has passed, the new has come.

Are you a bondservant, or not?

624. Mark Call

July 03, 2015 3:47 PM

You have repeatedly ignored my points about Matthew 19 and 1st Corinthians 7:10-11.

Repeatedly pointing out why they're WRONG is hardly ignoring them!

You want a comment? They're WRONG, dammit. The Messiah I follow does NOT change His mind. And if YOUR claims say otherwise, then I say, "let El be True and every man a liar."

let NO MAN separate...

So, DON'T, dammit! And don't covet or murder or lie or use dishonest measures, either! And keep His Sabbaths even! Good grief.

This is not hard.

I am a bondservant of the One Who "changes not." Who said, "IF you love Me, keep My commandments." You figure out who you serve.

625. simplytimothy

July 03, 2015 4:35 PM

@toady,

In pressing my point, you where forced to concede that a Christian is *limited*, above and beyond what is stated in the two laws you cite, by his nature. The word for that is not "lie" but "win'

626. simplytimothy

July 03, 2015 4:40 PM

@SirHamster

My hunch is that COMMENT 209 is the limit of toady's premises as the comment thread livens up a bit after that and its mostly toady's bluster on display.

I am going to continue the work for completeness sake. Once we have all of toady's claims, we can continue the examination of them in parallel with my task of reproducing toady's argument in terms he agrees with.

Toady also went into some extended digressions that I will have to parse.

Thank you for your patience and persistence.

627. simplytimothy

July 03, 2015 6:31 PM

@SirHamster,

My hunch is wrong. There is some very good discussion after 209 with quite a bit to parse. However, after 209, toady is repeating several themes: tentatively the are:

The law is what is written, no more, no less.

Female homosexuality is undefined in scripture.

"The Natural Function" does not refer to sexual acts.

Relationships "trump" behavior.

I am tired from my day's/week's labor so that is probably it for today. Full day on the "farm" chopping wood and gardening tomorrow, so work will be light Saturday. Sunday, God willing I can have a mind for this.

thx for your patience.

628. simplytimothy

July 05, 2015 2:04 PM

@309. Titus Quinctius Cincinnatus June 19, 2015 10:38 AM

..... I agree - you peddling your Hebrew Roots garbage is a waste of time. And utter waste of time that does nothing but show us your tremendous ignorance of the Scriptures and even of logic. But tell you what, why don't you try to actually deal with the arguments instead of ducking and hiding like some little rabbit.*

*ahhh! thank you!

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew_Roots

much obliged.

629. simplytimothy

July 05, 2015 3:06 PM

Work continues, I am up to toady's comment 323. Looking up the word "Proscribed" is this bit of humor:

pro-scribe

prō'skrīb/

verb

past tense: proscribed; past participle: proscribed

forbid, especially by law.

"strikes remained proscribed in the armed forces"

synonyms: forbid, prohibit, ban, bar, interdict, make

illegal, embargo, outlaw, disallow, veto;

enjoin

"gambling was proscribed"

antonyms: allow, permit

denounce or condemn.

"certain practices that the Catholic Church proscribed, such as polygyny"

synonyms: condemn, denounce, attack, criticize, censure,

damn, reject, taboo

"the book was proscribed by the Church"

antonyms: authorize, accept

historical

outlaw (someone).

630. simplytimothy

July 05, 2015 4:22 PM

Work on *collecting* toady's claims continues.

Next up to parse is comment 348. I am only collecting toady's claims and they need condensing and tightening up.

I suspect that < 10 claims will form toady's propositions.

Work on collecting the claims will continue probably tomorrow and should be finished in a few days. From there, we can look at them in clean form, and get confirmation from toad that we are stating his claims correctly. From there, the argument should be self evident and we can create toady's syllogism for him. At that point we can examine the validity of the premises and the argument itself.

Here is the list as of now:

1. It is idolatry for a Christian to seek permission from the state in the form of a license to marry. (COMMENT 37)

2*. Nothing more or less than The Law of The Lord (Psalm 19) is needed. (COMMENT 145) (ME See comment 600)

3 [DUDE!]. If you claim that something God permitted is

wrong for everyone then you're calling God a liar and that's blasphemy.(COMMENT 145) (DUDE! COMMMENT 600)

4. When tradition directly contradicts God's Word it's wrong (COMMENT 145)

5.* Romans 1:26 does not explicitly condemn girl on girl action (COMMENT 176)

6. The Context of Romans 1 is the rejection of God and a refusal to recognize His authority. (COMMENT 176) ME(its idolatry)

7.** Because Leviticus 18 and Leviticus 20 Do not explicitly prohibit lesbian sex, it is permitted in marriage.(COMMENT 176)

8.* Any "plumbing connection" is licit in a marriage. (COMMENT 176)

9.* "The Natural Function" for men is to be a husband and a father. (COMMENT 176)

10.* "The Natural Function" for women is to be a helpmeet to her husband. (COMMENT 176)

11. The wives are in a covenant relations with each other, not just with their husband. (COMMENT 176)

12. The women are not married to eachother. They are married to their husband. (COMMENT 189)

13. The natural function of women is to be married and make babies, for it is written "Women shall be saved through childbirth..."1 Timothy 2:15 (COMMENT 189)

14. No matter what Adam and Eve chose, as long as it was not specifically forbidden it was permitted and they were within God's will for their lives if they chose it. (COMMENT 209)

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15. Romans 14.

16. The Law only contained two restrictions on the marital bed.

First, there was to be no marital relations when the wife was menstruating for she was unclean.

Second, there were to be no marital relations after the birth of a child, 40 days for the birth of a male child and 80 days after the birth of a female child (Leviticus 12).

(COMMENT 209)

17.* God isn't so interested in how the plumbing is connected as He is in the relationship of who is connecting the plumbing. (COMMENT 209) (ME: is this true?)

18. All the prohibitions are based on relationships, not sex

acts. (COMMENT 209) (ME: is this really a general principle?)

19. It isn't a case of "don't do *this* but rather don't do *anything sexual* with someone who's presence would constitute a proscribed relationship. (COMMENT 209)

20. [DUDE!] within a licit relationship, there are only two restrictions which I have described above. (COMMENT 209) (ME: add comment number where toady retracts this)

21.* Polygyny was a regulated, as opposed to a proscribed, relationship. (COMMENT 209)

22.* girl-girl sexual relations are not specifically prohibited because in a polygynous marriage they occur under the authority of their husband. (COMMENT 209)

23. Homosexuality is literally restricted to men with men and does not include women with women. (COMMENT 247)

24.* Marriage belongs to God and recognizing any authority of the state over marriage is idolatry. It is literally giving to Caesar that which belongs only to God. (COMMENT 209)

25.* Marriage is a covenant entity (there are three- the family, the state and the church) in which God is a party to the marriage. (COMMENT 209)

26.. A corporation is the creature of the state, therefore it is idolatry for a church to incorporate. (COMMENT 209) (ME: agreed)

27.. Individuals have a right to marry and are not required to get a license in order to do so. Therefore, it is idolatry for Christians to obtain a license to marry. (COMMENT 209)

28.. There are only two restrictions God placed on the marriage bed: no sex during menstruation and no sex after the birth of a child; 40 days for a boy and 80 days for a girl. Therefore, regardless of the number of wives and in light of points one and two, what happens in the marriage bed falls under the authority of the husband. (COMMENT 209)

29. There are no specific sexual acts forbidden in Scripture, but many examples of forbidden relationships that involve sex. (COMMENT 209)

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30. God cares more about the relationship of people connecting the plumbing than how the plumbing gets connected. (COMMENT 209)

31. Fornication is any sexual contact and is wrong because the individuals involved are not married. (COMMENT 209)

32. Adultery is any sexual act and is wrong because at least one of the individuals is married, but not to the person they

are having sex with. (COMMENT 209)

33. Homosexuality is wrong because regardless of the sexual act, it's men with men and God has condemned all such relationships. (COMMENT 209)

34. Can a woman who is married to a man with more than one wife fulfill the natural function of a woman by submitting to her husband and bearing his children (or at least trying)? Yes. (COMMENT 209)

35. Can two women who abandoned God and neither honor Him or obey Him, rejected His plan, rejected men and marriage fulfill the natural function of women? No. (COMMENT 209)

36. I don't know what translation simplytimothy is using, but the text of Romans 1:26 does NOT say "natural sexual relations for unnatural ones." (COMMENT 209)

37.* To make that claim you have to demonstrate that the Apostle Paul was inserting a new violation into the Law, something God chose not to do. (COMMENT 209)

38.* The text is best defined as the NASB has it: They "exchanged the natural function for the unnatural" which brings us back to the question of what the natural function of the woman is and I already cited 1st Timothy 2:15. But, when you read it, perhaps you should start at verse 12. (COMMENT 209) (SEE Beau COMMENT 287/288)

39.** The context of the passage (Romans 1,2) is the wrath of God is being poured out on people who have rejected God, refuse to honor and worship Him and for that, they receive His abandonment.

The first point was God abandoned them to impurity. The result was the defilement of the relationship He created, marriage, through fornication, adultery and divorce.

They didn't repent so God gave them over to depraved passions, the result of which was the formation of unnatural relationships. (COMMENT 316)

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40.** Both the women and men mentioned in Romans 1:26-27 "gave up the natural function of women" so maybe some focus should be placed on what the natural function of women actually is.

The first covenant entity God created was the family. Their mission is to be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it and take dominion over it.

That mission takes place within the bounds of a covenant

called marriage, to which God is a party.

That is the natural function of both men and women, but the sex between men and women is only a part of it.

What the women are doing in verse (Romans 1:)26 is rejecting God's plan and thus rejecting men, children and motherhood.

It is the rebellious relationship being condemned, nothing else. (COMMENT 316)

41.** Lust is a desire that cannot be legitimately obtained or fulfilled. (COMMENT 316)

42.** The result of this lust was the men committed indecent acts (forbidden acts) for which they receive the due penalty in their own bodies (AIDS?).

Both the men and women are in an unnatural relationship but within that illicit relationship the men are compounding their error by engaging in prohibited sexual activity.

The women are not. (COMMENT 316) (ME: Stats on lesbian lifespan?)

43.** Some sexual activity is unilaterally forbidden, meaning there is no possible relationship in which such acts can be licit:

1. Men with men.
2. Men with animals.
3. Women with animals.

Other sexual activity may be licit depending on whether the individuals are married. (ME: Marriage covenant between women?)

Thus, the fact God chose not to unilaterally condemn or forbid sexual acts between women indicates they would be licit within marriage.

Marriage, however, requires a husband, thus the only way sexual acts between women would be licit is within a polygynous marriage.

I'm sure that bothers you, but to say otherwise is to say God got it wrong. (COMMENT 316)

44.** The relationships Paul is describing are not defined by sexual acts that occur within them but rather by the fact they are unnatural relationships in rebellion against God. Sex that occurs within the relationship is only a facet of the relationship and does not define it. (COMMENT 319)

45. The society prospers when the relationships are correct and honored. God's "defense of marriage act" was making adultery and fornication death penalty offenses. (COMMENT 319)

46.** The society suffers when unnatural relationships are permitted and begins to crumble when they are tolerated. (COMMENT 319)

47. A society that embraces unnatural relationships and honors them on the same level as natural marriage will be

destroyed.(COMMENT 319)

48. “Female homosexuality” is a contradiction of terms because “homosexual” is any sexual act between men, which are unilaterally forbidden.(COMMENT 319)

49. Women aren’t men, thus “homosexual” anything is impossible for women. (COMMENT 319)

50. What you’re really trying to do with your interpretation (whether you realize it or not) is go back and “correct” God by defining the relationship according to the sexual acts in order to condemn sexual acts that God chose not to. (COMMENT 319)

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51. The term “lesbian” defines a relationship which is unnatural and not in accordance with God’s plan; not any particular sexual act that might take place within such a relationship.

Therefore, it is impossible for multiple wives to have “lesbian orgies” within the context of their marriage. (COMMENT 319)

52. Beau, what happens within your marriage bed is nobody’s business but yours. Likewise, no matter how many wives a man has, what happens in their marriage bed is nobody’s business but theirs. With respect to this, Romans 14:4 speaks loudly (COMMENT 319)

53.** What is the sin they are repenting of? Is it the sexual acts they’ve engaged in together or the fact they did so in an unnatural relationship (rejection of men) outside the bounds of marriage? (COMMENT 319) (ME: restate this positively)

54.** Would choosing a polygynous marriage in order to maintain their relationship under the headship of their husband be wrong? (COMMENT 319) (ME: restate this positively)

55.** Beyond the homosexuality (men with men) and bestiality (men or women with animals), what constitutes sexual immorality gets pretty much decided as to which side of the marriage line one is standing on.

Licit sexual acts occur within marriage, illicit sexual acts occur outside marriage. (COMMENT 323)

56. Marriage is to be honored by all and let not the marriage bed be defiled; for we know that fornicators and adulterers will not enter the kingdom of heaven. (COMMENT 323)

57. I see adultery as sex (any act) by the married outside the bounds of their marriage and fornication as sex (any act) by the unmarried who are not bounded by marriage.

(COMMENT 323)

58. God didn't describe and prohibit specific sexual acts, he proscribed relationships. (COMMENT 323)

59.** With that in mind I truly don't know that I can restrict sexual immorality to sexual acts. What about birth control (God said He is the one who opens and closes the womb) or what is known today as an "emotional affair"? (note to self: the slope gets slippery)

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60* Within the marriage the wife is to be subject to her husband. Whether his behavior or her behavior that he permits rises to the level of "lasciviousness"

(is that even possible in a Christian marriage between husband and wife?) or "gratuitous ego-centric carnal indulgences" is the husband's call to make. Period.

For as it is written... the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church (COMMENT 332)

61.*** What if, instead of the "Man up and marry that slut" campaign that some churches are waging, they instead said "Girls, get together in groups of two to four, move in together, get your houses in order and then find the greatest guy you can and offer him his own personal harem."

Which is more likely to increase the stability and economic security of those single mothers and their children? Is it sin? No. Is it unbiblical? No.

Why do they go snakeshit at the idea? Because the idea some guy has a sexual smorgasbord available when they're stuck with a monogamous marriage drives the men nuts.

The men AND women go nuts because they KNOW that sooner or later the girl-on-girl thing will come up and NOTHING in Scripture forbids it. (COMMENT 332)

"Wives, submit to your husbands in everything."

62. *** And Christians who scream with outrage at me for suggesting such a thing (Toad is appealing the flesh) don't bat an eye at the percentage of divorcees or the number of women in their pews that have already filed the paperwork to destroy their families, impoverish their children and cause their men to leave the congregation. (COMMENT 332)

63.** You err when you pre-emptively identify polygyny (not

polygamy) as a sin. (COMMENT 332)

64.** If you want to play the game, the first monogamous marriage introduced sin into the world. The offspring of the first monogamous marriage committed the first murder. The first recorded case of incest (a two-fer!) was the result of a monogamous marriage. Want me to go on about how wonderful monogamy is? (COMMENT 332)

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65.** The fact that God regulated the practice of polygyny, did not prohibit female-female sexual relations (while doing so with men) and the fact that He did not include a prohibition on more than one wife in the marital bed at the same time pretty much destroys my arguments about polygyny being sinful.(COMMENT 332) (ME: toady asserts that if God did not explicitly label a thing as sin then it is not sin)

66. The ball is in your court. Cites, please. (COMMENT 332) (ME: I am working on it)

67.** Marriage is a covenant, which by definition means that God is a party to the covenant.

In the marital covenant both husband and wife make vows to each other and to God.

As believers, they are bondservants of the Lord. Think of a triangle with God at the top and husband/wife at the bottom. ME:(Husband as head in a triangle?)

Christ is in the center making intercession. Both husband and wife make vows to each other (across the bottom of the triangle) and to God (upwards to the top).

Read comment #324 for a discussion on divorce. As bondservants of the Lord, regardless of whatever violations take place between husband and wife the covenant holds between them because God is a party to the covenant.

The covenant cannot be broken unless the servant leaves the service of the master and refuses to be a bondservant. The bondservant cannot leave and the master has forbidden divorce. (COMMENT 342)

68. I will clearly state that the husband is ALWAYS bound by God to obey His Law and behave in a Godly fashion. Whether the husband is a Christian or not, the standard does not change.(COMMENT 342)

69. other than the published restrictions on all marriages,

what happens is between God and those involved.

(COMMENT 342)

xx. ** Genesis 2:24. That's the grant of authority for the man (not the woman) to initiate marriage. It is not restrictive to any specific number of wives. (COMMENT 368)

THEREFORE

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[DUDE!] Rebutted

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637. simplytimothy

July 05, 2015 4:36 PM

For clarity, I am restating the beginning of comment 630:

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At that point (having restated toady's argument in terms he agrees with) we can examine the validity of the premises and the argument itself using a common statement of the argument.

638. artisanalloadshall

July 06, 2015 1:41 PM

SirHamster

I have been answering your question, but probably not to your satisfaction. I need clarification on your question.

There are three terms used. To "put away" and to divorce and to separate. Mark has made the case that these terms have different meanings and are not interchangeable. It does not appear that you've acknowledged that.

Mark has made the argument that the passage in Malachi uses the term "put away" instead of the term "divorce." I made the argument that when Jesus used the term "separate" He was using a term that encompassed both "putting away" AND "divorce" and the term can be construed to be so inclusive as to include an emotional separation.

This goes back to the question I asked but none of you have seen fit to answer. What is marriage? You're asking about ending this thing called marriage and I think it best to first agree on what marriage is.

I have stated repeatedly that the authority was given to the man to initiate marriage in Genesis 2:24 and that authority was not limited to a single woman. Nobody has disagreed with that. Nowhere in Scripture was any authority given to either the State or the Church to regulate or control marriage. Nobody has proved that wrong either.

Again, what constitutes marriage? Becoming one flesh? 1st Cor. 6 says you become one flesh when you join yourself to a whore but it certainly doesn't say banging some broad makes her your wife. As nearly as I can tell, there are 6 general elements of a Lawful marriage:

1. Desire of the man to take the woman to be his wife. (almost always required)
2. Permission of the woman's father (not always present/required)
3. Agreement of the man and woman to marry (not always present or required)
4. Consummation- becoming one flesh (by man, always required)
5. Cohabitation (indicating commitment to be married)
6. God joining them as one flesh (spiritual consummation, always required)

I'm not saying that having a public ceremony with a public commitment to marry is a bad thing, but going from "It's a good idea" to "This is a requirement and if you don't, you aren't married" is nothing more than a power grab. If a man can be required to receive permission to marry it means he has no right to marry. Without the right there is no authority. Taken to extreme, you get droit du seigneur: it's all about power.

So, Hamster, please explain what your concept of Lawful marriage is (when does God considers there to be a marriage) and then address your question to all three terms ("divorce" and "putting away" and "separate") for ending this thing we call marriage.

639. SirHamster (#201)

July 06, 2015 6:49 PM

@ artisanalload

I have been answering your question, but probably not to your satisfaction. I need clarification on your question.

If you think that I am looking for an answer from you, you are mistaken.

But usually, when one answers a Yes/No question like, "Is this statement blasphemy?", the answer will affirm one of those two positions.

You may find other topics far more interesting to speak on; but if you do not answer the question, you have not answered the question. Currently you have not answered that question, and it does you no good to claim to have done so.

For example, you might say, "Yes, the statement is blasphemous, because God does not 'hate divorce', and any English translations that put it that way have perverted the True Meaning of the original Hebrew words."

All sorts of interesting consequences fall out from that answer, but it does answer the question.

Alternatively, you can claim, "No, it's not blasphemous ... " in which case you contradict your earlier claim on what actions constitute blasphemy.

Finally, if you just cannot truthfully take either position, you can tell how "I don't know if the statement is blasphemous, but here is what I know that might help find the truth of the matter ... "

But if you were truly interested in engaging me in ideas, I'd suggest elaborating how you can find a useful distinction between "girl-girl sex" and "lesbian porn" when you yourself claim it's a universal truth that "[t]here is a reason why lesbian porn is so popular with men ..."

640. artisanalloadshall

July 06, 2015 8:47 PM

Hamster

If you think that I am looking for an answer from you, you are mistaken.

Then why did you ask the question?

Is the real problem that you have a lesbian porn addiction and it's really bothering you? Serious question, because you keep bringing that up. One off-the-cuff remark that really has nothing to do with the gist of what I've been arguing for well over 600 comments and you keep bringing it up. Why is that?

But if you were truly interested in engaging me in ideas, I'd suggest elaborating how you can find a useful distinction between "girl-girl sex" and "lesbian porn" when you yourself claim it's a universal truth that "[t]here is a reason why lesbian porn is so popular with men ..."

Let's go back to comment 145. I said:

Carefully looking at Leviticus 18 and Leviticus 20 we see that girl on girl sexual acts are not prohibited, condemned or punished. Looking at Romans 1 we see that women who "gave up the natural function for the unnatural" is described as a depraved passion. So- what is the natural function of women? The natural function of a woman is to be married to a man and make his babies, to be her husband's helpmeet.

[I answered that question in comment 351]

C'mon guys, fess up. If you had more than one wife I'm thinking I'm correct when I say that sooner or later you'll

want all of them in bed with you at once. Put a pile of naked, sweaty, sexually aroused people in bed together and things happen. Maybe that's why God didn't prohibit or condemn girl on girl action, because it could be legitimately exercised/satisfied in a polygynous marriage. This drives most Christians nuts and scares the living bejeezus out of Christian women.

It was in response to that, that I made the comment about lesbian porn. You will note, however, that in comment 351 (to which you have not responded to) I made a distinction between sexual acts between women who were in an anti-man, anti-marriage relationship (LESBIANS) and sexual acts that might happen between wives sharing the bed with their husband.

I will go a bit further now. Simple Tim, take note. I believe the passage of Romans 1:18-32 was a prophecy for our times. (I've said that previously.) Perhaps the degrading passion isn't the lesbian relationship Paul is talking about. Perhaps the degrading passion is the feminist hatred of men, of which lesbian relationships are merely a symptom and girl-girl sex is merely a side note. Created for men, they reject men with hatred. That's degrading and perverted.

I have directly asked you a bunch of questions, Hamster, which you have not answered. Have you, by chance, looked up the definition of blasphemy recently?

641. SirHamster (#201)

July 06, 2015 10:45 PM

Then why did you ask the question?

I wasn't asking you a question. I was providing a hypothetical question to simplytimothy that illustrated the unbiblical nature of your definition of blasphemy, crafted to deflect criticism of your points by cloaking them in "God permits this! How dare you call it wrong!"

If you had even an ounce of Biblical literacy, and a bit of humility, you'd notice that a Christian can actually do wrong in doing what is permitted. See what Paul says about eating meat sacrificed to idols. Then look at Christ's example - being in nature God, taking on the role of servant. The Christian life has very little to do with maximizing what is permitted.

Speaking of permission, my Bible doesn't state God permits "girl-girl sex", but who knows what yours says.

Is the real problem that you have a lesbian porn addiction and it's really bothering you? Serious question, because you keep bringing that up.

Go back through this thread. Which of the two of us first brought up lesbian porn? You brought it up, and I will continuously remind you and everyone else since it reveals the true character of your position. You sell carnal pleasure, not holiness. You sell the things that rot and fade instead of the things that are eternal.

In your painting of erotic images ... I notice you don't use 80 year old grannies for the lesbian wives. Wonder why? (This is a hypothetical question)

One off-the-cuff remark that really has nothing to do with the gist of what I've been arguing for well over 600 comments and you keep bringing it up. Why is that?

A little yeast spoils the whole batch. 600 comments and you still refuse to retract the selling of sin. You love those lies more than you love the souls Jesus died to save. Repent.

I made a distinction between sexual acts between women who were in an anti-man, anti-marriage relationship (LESBIANS) and sexual acts that might happen between wives sharing the bed with their husband.

If you actually believed this definition, you would have called it "girl-girl porn", not "lesbian porn".

But that's not what you did, because you use shifting definitions and secretly redefined words to deceive and entrap. Give Christian men pleasant lies to tickle their ears ... "Of course lesbian sex is unacceptable, but this isn't lesbian sex, it's girl-girl sex! Listen to what I say, and you can watch more of that lesbian porn you like! Except it's not lesbian porn because I call it girl-girl sex!"

If I were you, I'd be ashamed as a Christian to have sparked a 600 post discussion on the illusionary distinctions between lesbian sex and girl-girl sex ... but you have no shame. Repent.

I have directly asked you a bunch of questions, Hamster, which you have not answered.

I note here that you have yet again not answered the question, "is this statement blasphemy?" even after all the coaching I've provided. That's 3 posts now. I'm not actually interested in your answer, but I find your incapability to answer the question to be very informative.

It also means you're in no position to demand any answers.

642. SirHamster (#201)

July 06, 2015 11:10 PM

Rhetorical, not hypothetical, question. But anyways.

643. simplytimothy

July 07, 2015 5:41 PM

@SirHamster @toady,

The act of cleaning up toady's argument and "formalizing" it is a useful exercise for all involved. I will continue the work; I have to visit a friend with lung cancer tomorrow, so a day spent on this project will be spent on that instead.

Maybe I can get through the collection phase tonight-- maybe. After that comes condensing of toady's statements and sorting them by "category" . After that comes the declarative statement of toady's position in syllogistic form and then we can look at the premises one by one.

Toady's views *will* be making an appearance in mainstream Christianity and it is important (for me, at least) to know what toady's argument completely.

Who knows? Maybe toady is absolutely correct. I do not think so for several reasons, but these need to be stated and developed in response to toady's actual case.

Thanks for your patience.

644. simplytimothy

July 07, 2015 6:55 PM

Here is the initial characterization of toady's broad categories of argument based on a quick scan of what I have collected so far.

Once toady's claims are collected, we can file them into

their broad category (or tag them with the category) .
Please feel free to suggest whatever...

Broad categories of toady's claims:

Covenant Marriage

God proscribes relationships, not acts (unless the act is expressly forbidden)

Prohibiting something God permitted is blasphemy

Homosexuality

Leviticus

Monogamy

Polygyny

Restrictions on the marital bed

Romans 1

Sexual sin

The Natural Function of Men and Women

The state and idolatry

The sufficiency of torah (The Law)

645. simplytimothy

July 07, 2015 9:52 PM

I managed to get part way through comment 365. I will continue ASAP, probably Thursday night, possibly sooner.

646. SirHamster (#201)

July 08, 2015 11:58 AM

Earlier, I did not bother to argue about "divorce" and "putting away" because I thought it peripheral to the broader points that could be made.

On further thought, there are serious issues finding a meaningful distinction between the two words so as to claim that I am in error when using an English translation as written.

According to Mark (post 422), "put away" is an informal act of permanent separation which causes the "put away" wife to commit adultery if remarried; where as a "get" is a properly executed divorce, which does not cause her to commit adultery if remarried.

The difference Mark has found between these two concepts is legal - one has executed the correct process, the other has not. In other words... a "get" is a proper divorce, whereas the "putting away" is an improper "divorce". (but not a divorce, according to Mark's terminology)

So when Mark claims I am in error to use Malachi 2:16 as God hating divorce, he is claiming that the proper interpretation of the verse is that God hates putting away (improper "divorce") - but would be fine with a proper divorce in its place.

What is the context of Malachi 2:16? (13-16)

"Another thing you do: You flood the Lord's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer looks with favor on your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. You ask, "Why?" It is because the Lord is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.

Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring.[d] So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth.

"The man who hates and divorces his wife," says the Lord, the God of Israel, "does violence to the one he should protect,"[e] says the Lord Almighty.

So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful."

If we are to believe Mark's distinctions and meanings, a man is unfaithful to the wife of his youth when he "puts her away" ... but is faithful to her if he divorces her proper.

So the claim is, Malachi does not mean "God hates divorce", but "God hates it when you divorce the wife of your youth improperly. Give her a divorce receipt, man."

This is the only reading that makes my interpretation in error; the other reading would support my interpretation. (God hates separation, whether or not a divorce certificate is properly given)

For those who think that is the sensible interpretation of the passage, I suggest studying the following.

Mark 10:5-9

"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer

two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Do we need to **modify** Jesus' words, "let no one separate, *except with a proper divorce certificate*"? Or shall we argue that a divorce is not separation, and that there is no splitting of one flesh into two when one divorces, even though two flesh become one in re-marriage?

Having witnessed this modern Pharisee, I understand now why Jesus called their lot a brood of vipers. Whitewashed tombs filled with unclean things.

"You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel."

647. Mark Call

July 08, 2015 8:09 PM

@SirHumpty

That has got to be one of the most asinine posts I've ever read on VP.

Boy, you sure do make ASSUMPTIONS, so as to avoid the obvious. (Or avoid looking up the Hebrew meaning of a simple word like "shalach"!!!)

To wit:

"According to Mark (post 422), "put away" is an informal act of permanent separation...

- Who said 'permanent'?!
 - who said 'informal'?

Shalach means "send out," "put away", PERIOD. Moses sent out the spies into the land. A tree can even 'send out' a branch. RTFM. My point is, and REMAINS, that you can't understand what Yahushua was teaching without understanding what the words MEAN. And any perusal of the above confirms that. QED.

But it gets worse.

Good grief, this is just plain idiotic:

"If we are to believe Mark's distinctions and meanings, a man is unfaithful to the wife of his youth when he "puts her away" ... but is faithful to her if he divorces her proper."

The politest term that comes to mind is Bullshit!

Did you not read ANY of the things I wrote, or just pull stuff out of context? (politely) Clearly you have STILL not read Numbers 30, even one verse (15)!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

You do NOT break covenant! (well, I don't. Maybe you do.) Hard-hearted bastards, bitches, and adulteresses do...but we should NOT! (How hard is that to grok? Gee, "maybe it is better not to marry," if that doesn't make sense.)

Last time: I grow weary of prideful idiots who can't be bothered to pick up a concordance. The word "divorce" NEVER appears in properly translated Scripture. You CANNOT conflate those two words unless you ignore Deuteronomy 24:1 and 3:

shalach == "put away"

"sefer keritutah" == "certificate" or "writing" (of 'divorce')

"shalach" + "sefer keritutah" = "divorce" (twice repeated, for the dense) But the word 'divorce' is an English concept!

Do the math: "shalach" != "divorce"

So when Mark claims I am in error to use Malachi 2:16 as God hating divorce, he is claiming that the proper interpretation of the verse is that God hates putting away (improper "divorce") - *but would be fine with a proper divorce in its place.*

What a crock of shit. Are you really that stupid? Or is assumption just something you do to avoid reading for comprehension?

No wonder xtianity is such a mess. To quote "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,"
"Morons. We've got MORONS on our team."

And finally, for the blind pig contingent:
" God hates seperation, whether or not a divorce certificate is properly given.

DUH! That's what it SAYS!!!!!! All marital separation! All breach of Covenant!

So WHY, oh, WHY, did He 'shalach' BOTH His wives?
(Israel, Northern Kingdom, WITH a get, and Judah, Southern Kingdom, no get, only 'put away'.)

I guarantee you that everyone listening to Yahushua teach those distinctions knew far more than you do on that score.

Because you have eyes, but refuse to see. And you reject knowledge. (See Hosea 4:6. ALL of it, and note that word "torah" in there that you ignore, too!)

(And they also understood something else you miss, "you err, because you know not the Scriptures," -- BOTH a gnat and a camel, like pig, are UNCLEAN; and not "food." If you swallow pig, don't quote Scripture for me you don't understand.)

648. simplytimothy

July 08, 2015 8:54 PM

@Mark Call,

I concur with Rabbi B's comment here: [314. Rabbi B](#)

@SirHamster, In comment 309. Titus Quinctius Cincinnatus brought up something called [Hebrew Roots](#), which he believes Mark Call is arguing from here; it appears to me that Mark Call has the expectation that we converse from that frame of reference. However, the signal to noise ratio in Matt's comments approaches zero and I have little interest in parsing his comments and hence see no reason to spend time learning it given the immediate tasks at hand.

If @toady's case is based on assumptions/idioms from the Hebrew Roots, we can examine them then.

agreed?

649. SirHamster (#201)

July 09, 2015 1:36 AM

@ Mark:

Thank you for the clarification. I won't make the mistake of taking a charge of error from you seriously again.

@simplytimothy

it appears to me that Mark Call has the expectation that we converse from that frame of reference. However, the

signal to noise ratio in Matt's comments approaches zero and I have little interest in parsing his comments and hence see no reason to spend time learning it given the immediate tasks at hand.

Not just an expectation, but a demand. Agreed on the SNR. Amused that artisanaltoaD cites him at all.

650. artisanaltoaDshall

July 09, 2015 6:05 AM

Hamster and Tim, Mark is doing the exact same thing you guys are doing, just a lot more artfully, and you can't see that.

Mark, you say you've studied Constitutional law. Do you understand the concept of agency? That the Master is responsible for the conduct of the agent?

The parable of the talents... Was the Master telling the lazy servant that he **should** have put the money out at usury? No, He wasn't. I already explained it but perhaps you missed it. The servant called his Master a Lawbreaker. The Master then asked, if He were such a Lawbreaker, why didn't the servant put the money out at usury, the crime of which would have been attributed to the Master?

Agency is not a new concept.

Let's take that a little further. You talk a lot about Moses, but you say you are a follower of this Yeshua guy. Per 2nd Cor. 5 that makes you an AMBASSADOR. You hold diplomatic rank. You have diplomatic immunity as your Master's representative. You represent your Master, but your Master is responsible for all that you do because EVERYTHING you do is in HIS name. (Remember that part about working out your salvation with trembling and fear?) You are a stranger and an alien here. If you cause enough problems the people here will send you home. If you irritate your Master enough, HE will call you home.

ANY violation of the Law (call it the Torah, whatever) you might make is held to HIS account because HE is your MASTER and YOU are His BONDSERVANT. And guess what? That account got paid, in full, with HIS SHED BLOOD.

You don't get the whole idea of "Freedom in Christ" do you? All things are lawful but not all things are beneficial? Who are you to judge the servant of another?

Ambassadors have something called "discretion" when it comes to dealing with the locals. With that discretion comes a great deal of responsibility. You don't seem to understand Romans 14 and I don't think you're making many disciples here.

" God hates seperation, whether or not a divorce certificate is properly given.

DUH! That's what it SAYS!!!!!! All marital separation! All breach of Covenant!

So WHY, oh, WHY, did He 'shalach' BOTH His wives?

Perhaps you need to discuss the idea of "intent" when asking that question. When you "shalach" your wife to the grocery store... is that something God says He hates? What about when you 'shalach' your wife to rehab for a 3 month lockdown?

Hamster said "So when Mark claims I am in error to use Malachi 2:16 as God hating divorce, he is claiming that the proper interpretation of the verse is that God hates putting away (improper "divorce") - but would be fine with a proper divorce in its place. "

You can't have it both ways, Mark. Either Moses got it wrong in Deut. 24:1-4 or Hamster nailed it. Yes, the Law of vows, if you make a vow you are to keep it. And the people were sending their wives away in violation of their vows. So Moses stepped in and made a really bad decision, saying "OK, if you're going to violate that vow, here's the procedure." Just like Numbers 25, where he could have done what God told him to do and didn't, he could have simply told the people "No shalach. If you marry her, you're stuck with her."

651. simplytimothy

July 09, 2015 6:36 AM

Toady

I expect the collection of your claims to be finished this week and then the condensing into individual claims with references is less than one computer sessions work.

From there, is the classification of claims and the

statement of @toady's argument in terms and premises that he agrees convey his argument.

At that point a discussion of our differences should be more manageable as we will have a common reference.

Yes, an abler mind than mine would glean the arguments and premises from the comment thread, however, looking ahead, I expect toady's arguments to be *embraced* by the world as another means for destroying Christian marriage (I am using monogamy as the accepted standard). It is with an eye to that future debate that I am doing this work.

652. Mark Call

July 09, 2015 9:32 AM

Correct, arti...

"Agency" is another term for "power of attorney" within a common law framework. In any case, it is EXACTLY what to "come in His Name" means.

In so far as Sir Humpty goes (and this applies for STimothy, too) -- I suffer fools and watch their actions. ST is willing to read and study, but Humpty Dumpty insists that "a word means what I want it to mean," and not only won't read, but reminds me of what Solomon said about fools in Proverbs. He never HAS 'taken a charge of error' as anything of the sort. There was a REASON, by the way, that Yahushua took a whip into His temple, and why the 'angel with the inkhorn' was sent to mark those who 'sigh and cry' at the abominations in Ezekiel 8 and 9 before 'judgment began at the House of YHVH.'

Here is where we part company, arti...and in this case I don't mind repeating again because it is clear you DID read, although you're still not willing to take the Messiah at His Word:

(either He changed His mind, or He Is Who He says He IS, and 'changes not'. If "Moshe was wrong" - why did He not chasten Him for it, and correct the error -- as He DID otherwise?)

A man who "puts away" a wife, and then gives her a get/witness is ANNULING her vow of marriage/Covenant. And THEN what? Numbers 30 again! He bears her guilt (Hint: see any important parallel there?)

And you, like others here, still ignore what the prophets say about YHVH's two wives (most xtians ignore the implications for obvious reasons, because if "He changes NOT" then their Monogomania Idol is revealed).

How could YHVH put away His wives?! (Israel was put away AND given a get, Judah only 'shalach'-ed.)

The answer to this is a whole Book. Is Yah not longsuffering, merciful, just? Is He hard-hearted? Or is it us? Could it be that the distinction in Deut. 24:1, REPEATED in 3, is there for a reason? And is important?

And carries a lesson for us, if we are not utter FOOLS, unwilling to read His Word for comprehension, or suffer correction?

Oh, and while we're at it, why did Yahushua say, "*I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel*"?

Almost like there was a difference between those two houses somehow related to the 'mistake' Moses made.

When that begins to make sense, go back and re-read what He actually said (not what the KJV claims!) in Matthew 5:32. Take out the punctuation if you have to...

653. Mark Call

July 09, 2015 9:53 AM

PS> This just cannot be allowed to stand:
...**Malachi 2:16, YHVH says that "He hates putting away..."**

Yes. ALL 'putting away'. With and without a get.

But sometimes it's necessary. Is that not clear? Otherwise He would not have done it Himself!!!!!!!!!!

654. artisanalloadshall

July 09, 2015 10:39 AM

Simple Tim

I expect toady's arguments to be embraced by the world as another means for destroying Christian marriage

And this is another beautiful example here of your internal bias at work. News Flash! Marriage, as a social institution,

has already been destroyed. Unwed mothers are celebrated instead of shamed. Women divorce their husbands with impunity knowing they'll get half the assets, the kids and a regular check. I believe Dalrock is correct in saying we no longer have a marriage system in the United States, it's been replaced by a child support system.

If you are arguing that this "accepted standard" of monogamy is actually working, you truly are a simpleton.

The destruction of Christian marriage began when the church invaded the family, usurped the authority of the husband and claimed the right to dictate internal family policy even to the point of regulating the marital bed.

The destruction continued when the state took that power from the church and claimed virtually plenary authority over marriage. Within my lifetime a husband could literally go to jail if his wife gave him a blowjob.

The destruction accelerated with women's suffrage as they began to tear down the patriarchal culture.

Feminism, combined with the availability of artificial hormonal birth control turned the hypergamy loose. What you'd see if you looked around are children growing up without fathers in the home. Daughters who climb on the cock carousel before they're old enough to drive. Sons who grow up without discipline and glorify thug culture. Look around, Simple Tim, and see the detritus and wreckage of this "accepted standard" you call monogamous Christian marriage.

The solution is not to return to "Marriage 1.0" but rather to go all the way back to marriage in which the authority of the husband over his family within the constraints of the Law is undisputed and unchallenged. SJW that you are, your immediate push was to find some way to limit that authority. As soon as "Wives, submit to your husbands in everything" becomes "Wives, submit to your husbands in everything *except that*" then the only thing left is to expand the definition of "that" until the whole thing is meaningless.

You, Simple Tim, are part of the problem. The instruction at Ephesians 5 and 1st Peter 2-3 didn't get pulled out of the ether. That authority has always resided in the husband and that goes all the way back to Genesis 2:24 where God granted that authority to the husband as the initiator of marriage. You were astonished because you must have

missed *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother...* No longer under his father's authority, the man is setting up his own family over which he will be the head.

How far does that authority go, Simple Tim? Take a look at 1st Corinthians 7:36-39. I've already cited corporal punishment and the authority to take another wife. The husband also has the right to revoke any contract or vow his wife or daughters make because they are under his authority.

Your entire argument has been a struggle to do exactly what the church did: You can't stand the idea of any man having that much authority so you seek to constrain it. First, liar that you are, you tried to create an absurd condition in which everyone would agree, "No, she doesn't have to submit to that." Once that is accomplished (the lie you call a "win") it's just a matter of finding a way to chip away at that headship doctrine until it's meaningless.

Once the headship authority is usurped, it isn't God's design for marriage any more.

That's where the entire girl-girl sex within a polygynous family point came from. Wives were commanded to submit to their husbands in everything.

"Even to that!?"

Yes. Even to that. It isn't a sin.

655. Mark Call

July 09, 2015 11:09 AM

Perhaps you'd better clarify, arti...

Wives were commanded to submit to their husbands in everything.

"Even to that!?"

While I THINK you meaning should be clear, "even to that" does not include murder, or armed robbery, or ...

Which goes back to MY point re: "putting away" for cause. I contend there IS a case for 'separation', when the alternative is worse, like murder. We still have the hard-hearted out there, obviously.

656. artisanaltoadshall

July 09, 2015 1:27 PM

Mark

The husband has the authority to command his wife to do anything within his sphere of authority. Notice that above I said "constrained by the Law." He has no authority or right to commit murder and thus has no authority to command his wife to do so... However, if somebody is kicking the door in in the middle of the night he has every right to hand her a shotgun and tell her to back him up and shoot to kill. And she damn well better obey.

Which goes back to MY point re: "putting away" for cause. I contend there IS a case for 'separation', when the alternative is worse, like murder. We still have the hard-hearted out there, obviously.

You have repeatedly refused to engage on point to 1st Corinthians 7:10-11. The text specifically tells the WIFE (who has no authority to terminate the marriage) not to separate. But, and here is where we agree in part, sometimes there is a time for the wife (and perhaps children) to run. And the text continues, saying but if she does separate, she is to remain single or be reconciled to her husband. Not her ex-husband. Because she's still married. The husband, representing Christ within the marriage, is told not to divorce her and not to run. He's to stand there and take it. Just like Christ hung there and took it.

But it isn't a call to abdicate his responsibility as her husband.

I am convinced that millions of wives would be far happier if they KNEW that when they got out of line they were going to get a trip straight over their husbands knee and wouldn't get back up until their ass was glowing cherry red. It wasn't but a few generations ago a wife could expect a spanking for getting seriously out of line. And look how depressed they've become.

I suppose I should consider it a blessing that we're now over 650 comments. I am merely an honest toad, but I suspect that feminist trolls won't have the energy to make it this far into the stack to shriek with outrage at the evil toad. He presents such a difficult conundrum, this proud promoter of the patriarchy who nonetheless defends the playful,

passionate pussy-licking of wives married to the same man, as they pass their babies around to latch onto one nipple after another that they might all be equally mothers to every child. Oh, the delicious irony. Free The Nipple!

657. artisanalloadshall

July 09, 2015 1:57 PM

Mark

If "Moshe was wrong" - why did He not chasten Him for it, and correct the error -- as He DID otherwise?

Numbers 25. God told Moses to kill the leaders of the people before the assembly, Moses didn't do it. Instead of killing them (and setting up a beautiful type of the leaders being responsible for the sin of the people, just like when he struck the rock instead of speaking to it) Moses went to the very men he was ordered to kill and told them to kill any of their people who'd joined themselves to Baal Peor. The anger of the Lord burned and 24,000 people died while Moses was weeping before the door of the tabernacle. It wasn't until Phineas stood in the gap that the anger of the Lord turned aside.

Where was Moses chastened or corrected?

We already discussed the issue of how the Lord could correct such an error and I gave you my answer. No other prophet could do so because they were under the authority of Moses. Jesus could not do it in His earthly ministry because He was under the authority of Moses. It wasn't until He had ascended to Heaven and been seated at the right hand of the Father that He could finally fix the problem and in 1st Cor. 7:10-11 He did.

For two married believers, there is no divorce. For the believer who is married to an unbeliever, divorce is possible only if the unbeliever leaves; but as long as the unbeliever is willing to stay, they are sanctified by the believing spouse in the service of the Master. That's the law of the bondservant restated. The Master has forbidden His married bondservants to divorce.

But your narrative leaves out some important points. The entire incentive structure has changed and now wives are enticed to separate by a system that rewards them for destroying their families. Their leaders lead them astray

and confuse the direction of their paths. And their women rule over them.

This will not end well. What's a young man to do? Round up a crew and settle in. Buns in ovens. Every child gets passed around until all mothers are bonded to every child. Balance out the alpha aloofness with the beta comfort. Work to build the family bonds between all. If, some years down the road, somebody wants to walk, in all likelihood the children will stay with the husband, the other wives and the siblings. That means she pays child support. Incentives matter.

658. Mark Call

July 09, 2015 2:43 PM

@arti ...

You have repeatedly refused to engage on point to 1st Corinthians 7:10-11. The text specifically tells the WIFE (who has no authority to terminate the marriage) not to separate. But, and here is where we agree in part, sometimes there is a time for the wife (and perhaps children) to run. And the text continues, saying but if she does separate, she is to remain single or be reconciled to her husband. Not her ex-husband. Because she's still married...

Because when you recognize, as above, that Shaul (Paul) is commenting and explaining TORAH AS WRITTEN, there is no argument.

Where I have a problem (as did Kefa, II Peter 3:15-16) is when people claim that the "NT" somehow changed or "did away with" the Torah.

659. Mark Call

July 09, 2015 2:55 PM

@arti - Here you go into the weeds:

No other prophet could do so because they were under the authority of Moses. Jesus could not do it in His earthly ministry because He was under the authority of Moses. It wasn't until He had ascended to Heaven and been seated at the right hand of the Father that He could finally fix the problem and in 1st Cor. 7:10-11 He did.

That's just so wrong I have no comment, other than the same guy who wrote that letter (I Cor) warned against

"another jesus, whom we have no preached."

One who "did away with the 'law'." You already have His answer:

"If you had believed Moses, you'd believe Me, because he Wrote of Me."

And your own arguments fail on that score. If YHVH Himself can't keep His own Word, and can't be trusted to be "the same, yesterday, today, and forever," then why the hell CAN'T such a 'god' turn into a pagan idolator and rewrite marriage rules, too?

And, as He said, IF you won't believe Him, why would you believe anything I quote of His?

No sale.

660. artisanalloadshall

July 09, 2015 4:09 PM

Mark

One who "did away with the 'law'."

There is a tremendous difference between the One who gives the Law and one who interprets the Law and renders a judicial decision. You rightly know that a legislature can and occasionally does react in righteous indignation when courts "interpret" the law they wrote in ways they never imagined. You do err when you claim this decision of Moses is part of the Law as given. We have the testimony of Jesus in Matthew 19 to that effect. "Moses PERMITTED you." Shall the righteous witness testify against Himself?

He is God and He does not change. His Word will never change. Moses, however, was not so reliable. I notice you didn't touch Numbers 25. Arguendo, I am a son of Phineas. You refused to comment on the interaction of Matthew 19 and 1st Corinthians 7 as well. Mark, it is well settled that silence equals consent. Is that how you want to play it?

661. Mark Call

July 09, 2015 5:31 PM

I did a two-hour teaching on "Balak" last week, and will do another finishing the story of Pinchas (Phineas) this Shabbat. (Numbers 25). Suffice it to say, we disagree. A lot.

Asked, and answered. **When you claim that something in the Apostolic Writings contradicts Scripture...you are WRONG.**

I don't need to waste time refuting every "twisting" of Scripture that the "unlearned and untaught wrest unto their own destruction" that you, or others, have come up with. They are literally 'legion'.

"When the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous (Torah-obedient) do?"

I have not been silent. And I do not consent to having YHVH called a liar. I'm done with that line of BS.

But as I've already noted, if you won't believe Him...

662. Mark Call

July 09, 2015 5:36 PM

Links to the first part of that are here:

http://www.waytozion.org/teachings/mark_call/2015/SSM%207-3-15%20Balak.mp3

http://www.waytozion.org/teachings/mark_call/2015/TT%20CooH%207-4-15%20Balak.mp3

663. artisanaltoadshall

July 09, 2015 7:59 PM

Mark

I have not been silent. And I do not consent to having YHVH called a liar. I'm done with that line of BS.

Are you saying that "Moses permitted you" was a line of BS and Christ was calling Himself a liar?

Answer please.

And without all the pulpit-pounding, arm-waving screeching about how this is just so wrong. You claim I am "twisting Scripture" and that I'm "unlearned and untaught." We both know that's not true, but let's roll with it. I am an earnest seeker of truth. If this thread doesn't convince you of that then you're as much of an idiot as Simple Tim. And we both know that isn't true either.

"What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." (Contrary to Deut. 24)

"Why then did Moses..." (Testimony of Pharisees)

"Moses permitted you..." (Testimony of Jesus)

"But from the beginning it was not this way." (Repudiation of judgment)

As I see it, Deut. 24:1-4 was a judicial decision by Moses. Agreed, or disagree? If you disagree, please cite affirmative text that supports your position. Please grace me with the benefit of your scholarship and deal with the text points above.

664. Mark Call

July 09, 2015 9:10 PM

Last time: Yahushua said He wasn't gonna change "one yod or tiddle" so long as heaven and earth still exist. (Matthew 5:17, thru 19) They DO, still, so was He lying or not? And what does "not the smallest little bit" mean? HAD HE DONE SO, according to that same Moshe, He could NOT HAVE BEEN the Messiah. (Deut, 13, among others. Do you understand that, or not?)

I've explained ad nauseum how He can tell us that while there was PROVISION for us in His Word (after all, what was the POINT of His coming, if that's not true) we ought NOT to break Covenant!

Duh But THAT is the whole history of Mankind. (AND the message of places LIKE Jer. chapter 3, Ezek. 23, and others I've mentioned far too many times to repeat AGAIN.)

He was teaching NOTHING that He hadn't already Written out for us. But, (Matthew 7) He WAS correcting the errors that men had, by their traditions and failings and lying, introduced and called "law". (Mark chapter 7, Matthew 23, end of Luke 6, etc, etc, etc.)

EVERY SINGLE claim in your list (which you label "testimny") fails that test... on several levels. (Including, if you understand, just poor translation, by people who fell for the same lie.) And, remember, "from the beginning" Adam wasn't in rebellion. But he/we has/have been ever since. If

it hadn't been for Genesis 3, the Book would've been real short, and ended with the words, "and they all lived happily ever after."

You get upset when I point out that by calling Him a liar, and saying He didn't know what He meant when He said just exactly what He said, and which was consistent with ALL the Torah...you're doing exactly what you accused others in this thread of: not taking Him at His Word.

You can't have it both ways.

If He DID change ANY part of it, you have a real consistency problem. Worse, the world has no real "Good News."

665. artisanaltoadshall

July 09, 2015 11:09 PM

Mark said

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God said

It was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived fell into transgression.

Mark Call, you are a liar, a fool and a deceiver.

666. artisanaltoadshall

July 09, 2015 11:20 PM

VILE FACELESS MODERATOR

I, the Artisanal Toad, the Vile One, the Vile Reptile, the Dark One, have labored to bring forward an argument in this thread that now stretches to over 650 comments. Yet, there is a problem. This person, one **Mark Call**, I have treated with respect, but I now believe him to be attempting to derail this discussion. **I respectfully request relief.** If this is beyond your purview or authority, I respectfully request this appeal be brought before the Evil Dark Lord of Evil. I do not request the ban-hammer, I merely request that I may be allowed to continue this argument to its conclusion without the interference of the

said **Mark Call**.

I further ask that if this request is found deficient on its face or in it's form, that I may be notified in this thread as to the nature of the deficiency in order that I might be able to repair the request and conform to standards necessary.

Thank you.

I am, the Toad.

667. Mark Call

July 09, 2015 11:57 PM

No, you're a nut.

Adam was responsible; he was the covering for his 'etzer kenegdo', and he bears her guilt. Can't you read Genesis 3 either?

I don't even think you know what you're upset about. But your own inconsistency would be a start.

668. simplytimothy

July 12, 2015 9:39 AM

@Mark Call,

I just read your link <http://markniwot.com/?p=650> at comment 412 and it is informative and edifying. If your commenting style was as good as your blogging style, then you would bring more eyeballs and mindshare to your thoughts.

Time and energy permitting, I will make an effort to understand your P.O.V once I am done with my present task.

BTW, I am over the 400's in collecting toady's claims; I should be done in a few hours and will start the condensing.

669. simplytimothy

July 12, 2015 10:35 AM

@toad

In comment 430 you wrote:

You ask what love is and the context of your question is

loving your wife. How does Christ love the church? Start with Rev. 3:19.

Some translations have "reprove and chasten" and others have "rebuke and discipline." It's all the same, the first is verbal, the second is physical.

*Taking it up a notch, look at what Christ said to the church at Ephesus in Rev. 2:5. **He threatens to remove His lampstand.***

If a wife is a lamp stand and you are married to her, what does it mean to remove her?

I ask simply for clarity's sake. I do not want to read anything into that that you did not intend.

670. simplytimothy

July 12, 2015 12:24 PM

Currently parsing comment 474 and re-read Mathew 19:4-6. Looking at that against toad's claim for one covenant covering the multiple wives.

144. According to covenant theology, a covenant is an agreement or contract to which God is a party. The husband, as the federal head in his marriage, covers the wives. One family, regardless of the number of wives. Many marriages implies many separate families. (COMMENT 459)**

and

149.The question of one covenant (shed blood) with respect to one church or multiple churches is beyond the purview of this discussion but it becomes relevant in my choice of semantics. (COMMENT 465)**

How does one reconcile "the one marriage covenant covering multiple wives" with the "one flesh" of Mathew 19:5?

5 and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?

The covenant of marriage is consummated, else it is not a marriage, right?
Assume 10 wives.

That means there are 10 "one flesh"
The 1 man and 10 wives are not "one flesh" or are they?

Mark Call has argued that there are 10 covenants there,
which matches the 10 1 flesh's

One flesh is about as profound as things get in life--right up
there with blood of my blood--in my opinion.

What am I missing?.

I will continue with comment 474, maybe this is reconciled
later. If not, here it is for reference.

@Mark Call,

If you choose to respond, please keep it on point without
the histrionics. thx

671. simplytimothy

July 12, 2015 1:57 PM

FWIW, here is an initial draft of toady's positions as gleaned
from his comments:

*Toady is motivated by mano-sphere hatred of the absolute
havoc and wreckage feminism has engendered and sees
polygamy as a Biblical, holy solution and righteous push-
back against the usurpation of marriage first by the
organized church and then by the feminized state.*

*Toady's arument is a power move--and a good one--as it is
ordained by God.*

*It reestablishes right relations in marriage and society.
It provides stable, Biblical structures for "cock carousel
whores" , former lesbians, repentant divorcees, etc.*

It is Biblical reasoning.

*However, within that construct, is disagreement on wife-
wife sex within the marriage. Toady argues, as head of the
marriage, it is nobody's business.*

*Toady's is exactly correct--for his existing marriage--toady
will answer to God.*

*However, as church teaching, it is up for discussion and
should be discussed. St. Paul warns us that teachers are*

held to a higher standard (CITE:)

The question are:

- 1. Is polygyny Christian doctrine?*
- 2. is "wife-wife" sex within a polygynous marriage sin or not?*
- 3. Is polygyny a solution to the problems toady cites?*

Some thoughts:

if 1 is true, 3 is true.

If 1 is true, toady contends 2 is true, I seriously doubt this.

Toady's syllogism:

....

THEREFORE

- 1. sexual contact between wives*
- 2. within a polygynous marriage*
- 3. in bed with their husband*
- 4. under his authority*
- 5. at his command or with his permission*

Is right.

and the premises leading up to that THEREFORE is still in "collection" stage of toady's claims and that collection should be done soon followed by condensing and refining with references to the comments where it was asserted.

back to work...

672. simplytimothy

July 12, 2015 3:51 PM

@SirHamster.

I just got to your Comment 530 and it is well reasoned.

673. simplytimothy

July 12, 2015 3:58 PM

Toad.

Please clarify what you mean in comment 534 where you write:

"God's Word is the defining factor in what we as Christians should or should not do and His will for our lives encompasses what we should or should not be"

Can this be accurately restated as "God's instruction tells us what we should and should not do. God's Sanctification remakes us into His image"?

674. simplytimothy

July 12, 2015 4:08 PM

Toad,

I am almost done collecting your claims.

In comment 534 you write:

That silence is particularly instructive because God had a great deal to say about sex and relationships, but we see ONLY prohibitions and restrictions.

How do you see The Song Of Solomon fitting into your position? (Note: I have only casually read it in the past, so I cannot engage in deep discussion on it)

675. simplytimothy

July 12, 2015 5:15 PM

Comment 666. *I, the Artisanal Toad, the Vile One, the Vile Reptile, the Dark One,*

676. simplytimothy

July 12, 2015 5:39 PM

Toad gets into an extended discourse in comment 546 and I am out of gas for the day and I want to understand what he says..

I have scanned toad's comments post that discourse and do not see anything new there that he hasn't already stated, but I will look carefully nonetheless.

Hopefully the collection is done in the morning. I apologize for not finishing it today. So far I am up to 181 claims by toady, most are repeats and will be condensed into one representative statement that toad agrees accurately

reflects his views. With those, we can build his case for him in syllogistic form in terms he agrees with.

In the course of collecting these claims, an ordering has suggested itself which I mention in comment 671. It is:

The question are:

1. *Is polygyny Christian doctrine?*
2. *is "wife-wife" sex within a polygynous marriage sin or not?*
3. *Is polygyny a solution to the [social] problems toady cites?*

Toady presents a coherent case and it should be formally stated such that further discussions are less rambling than this thread has been.

677. simplytimothy

July 12, 2015 6:04 PM

@SirHamster @Beau,

In comment 596, Toad writes:

Its an interesting question.

The wife is referred back to 2:18-25 because she is under her husband's authority.

As the wife is under his authority, he, likewise, is under Christ's authority.

The relationship of Christ to Christian is a master-servant relationship.

The text makes clear, however, that the husband-wife relationship is a special master-servant relationship.

For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church. As she is under authority, likewise he too is under authority.

I believe one key to toady's error is in the bold I highlight in toad's words.

The relationship of Christ to Christian is a master-servant relationship. coupled with the observation that a Christian wife is still a Christian and her primary loyalty is to Christ even when she submits to her husband. (this crucial fact applies government covenants too)

The headship of the husband in the marriage does not (indeed cannot) break the master-servant relationship

between Christ and the wife.

Toady states that wife-wife sex is licit.

Toady states that lesbian relationships (presumably sexual) are not.

Toady (repeatedly) states "its all about the relationship".

Now, look at it from Christ's point of view..

An unmarried christian woman engages in lesbian sex.

Clearly a sin under God and a sin under toad's relationship model.

An unmarried christian woman has an emotional affair (Boston friendship IIRC) with another woman with no sex. Sin? I don't see it. do you?

Two unmarried christian women are engaged in a sexual lesbian affair. Both are in sin under Christ and toady's relationship model.

Both marry toady *and continue the same relationship*. I assert that they are still in sin under their relationship to Christ; toady asserts they are not as they are 'covered' under the husbands headship.

For toady its all about the relationships. For Christ, it is all about the heart. is I think a rough start to articulating one flaw in toady's relationship model.

678. Mark Call

July 13, 2015 9:45 AM

@ST --

My blog style is intended for a general audience, albeit those that generally arrive via a "Come out of her" search or inclination. (IOW, there is a conditional probability involved).

Individual responses are individual, and if there are "histrionics" involved, they, too, are individual. (Although the conditional probabilities in a thread like this do often involve a propensity toward argument rather than understanding.) You will generally see 'histrionics' in response to history. (Have you ever noticed how many times Scripture repeats even the simplest things, like "These are MY Sabbaths, keep them FOREVER, throughout your generations, in all your dwelling places"...and how people who won't read any of that certainly won't 'search out the

Truth for themselves there' are even less likely to "get it" in histrionic-free blog posts?) YHVH is clearly more "longsuffering" than I; my own frustration response in an adversarial setting tends to be more "Elijah-like". ;)

679. Mark Call

July 13, 2015 10:06 AM

@ST -

Re: Song of Songs/Solomon -- ask yourself an easy question: Is the Shulamite the "only wife" of the husband she prepares for? Why would the most specific, most poetic, even most erotic description of love between a man and his wives describe so clearly a polygynous relationship? (Whether the xtian church admits such or not.)

The question are:

1. Is polygyny Christian doctrine?
2. is "wife-wife" sex within a polygynous marriage sin or not?
3. Is polygyny a solution to the problems toady cites?

What is 'christian doctrine'?

Everything else hangs there.

I contend that there is His Instruction (Torah, as Written, based upon the Rock, built 'line by line, precept by precept', unchanging so long as 'heaven and earth' still exist)...

...and there is 'xtian doctrine', based on the traditions of men, with a whole lot of [forbidden] paganism mixed in: from changing "times and seasons" (sun-god day, instead of Sabbath, pagan xmas and fertility goddesses instead of His Appointed Times and Feasts) to mandating dishonest weights and measures, debt slavery instead of bondservice, and licensing what He called 'abomination'... "forbidding to marry," and "doctrines of demons," even.

In other words, the unchanging teachings of Yahushua, the "Torah Made Flesh", as opposed to "another jesus, whom we [Shaul, Kefa, Meshiach, etc] have NOT preached."

When xtian means something different than what is so clearly Written, and the 'church' declares Itself Empowered

to reWrite his 'law -- IOW, "when the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous ['tzaddikim', torah-observant] do?"

2. is easy.

Scripture is SILENT. Authority over how a house should "walk" is thus both the purview, and responsibility, of the single head of that house, who will answer (Numbers 30:15, etc, etc) to his own Head.

3. Isn't it obvious that if we followed His Instruction, as Written, rather than the "doctrines of men", things would go a 'hell of a lot' better? (Now remember that the root word for "repent", 'tshuvah' really means "turn around! Return to Me!")

680. artisanaltoadshall

July 13, 2015 12:10 PM

Simple Tim lied again and said:

Toady is motivated by mano-sphere hatred of the absolute havoc and wreckage feminism has engendered...

There you go again, putting words in my mouth. I never said that and you're actually wrong.

Your restatement as a syllogism is incorrect. Better stated, it would be:

1. *sexual contact between wives*
2. *within a polygynous marriage*
3. *in bed with their husband*
4. *under his authority*
5. *at his command or with his permission*

Is permitted, and wholly at the discretion of the husband, the head of the wives.

There is a difference between "is right" and "is permitted." Linguistically, as soon as you conclude "is right" then it becomes something people *should* do. I'm not saying that at all, rather that it's discretionary.

However, as church teaching, it is up for discussion and should be discussed. St. Paul warns us that teachers are held to a higher standard

SHOW ME where the church was given authority to

intervene in marriage when the Law is not violated. Look at 1st Corinthians 5. Paul rebuked them for tolerating immorality in their midst. Was it immoral for the man to have his father's wife because Paul thought it was? No. It was immorality because it was a violation of Leviticus 18:8 and Paul said to remove this man from their midst. That's church discipline, but notice Paul was enforcing the existing standards, not making up new rules.

One more time: The only two restrictions on the marriage bed are the man is not to lie with her when she's menstruating and the proscribed period of time after childbirth. That's it. But we know not all things are beneficial, so should the church "help" their congregations become more righteous by making up a bunch of rules in an area in which God chose not to? Actually, that's not the question.

The question is whether the church has the authority to do so. If you think so, show me where God granted the church that authority.

However, if you're claiming the church has the authority to regulate sex in a polygynous marriage then the church ALSO has the authority to regulate sex in monogamy. Are you going to have a church policy concerning various acceptable positions? Would doggie-style, yanking her hair and slapping her ass sex be sinful? Would it make a difference whether or not she enjoyed it? What about oral- is it a sin? Anal? Toys? What about mutual masturbation phone sex while he's on business trips? Should there be a discussion of stuff like bondage, spanking, biting, scratching and hair pulling or is that categorically sinful because it sounds too kinky? Should the church have a policy on things like birth control, lubricants, Cialis and Viagra?

Is it a sin for the husband to command his wife to have breast enhancement surgery? Would that be loving her like Christ loves the church? What if they talk about it and make a deal: she'll get bigger boobs for him and he'll start using a bathmate so he'll have a bigger dick. If she shows up one day rocking a new set of DD's with a huge smile on her face and he's got bite-marks on his neck... are you going to call that sin and tell them they need to find another church? Or can you admit that it's none of your damn business? Not yours, not the congregation and not the leadership. It's nobody's business but theirs.

And if a guy shows up one Sunday morning with three wives

and a swarm of children... are you going to ask about their sleeping arrangements? If they tell you they didn't get married to sleep alone, are you going to run them off?

681. artisanaltoadshall

July 13, 2015 12:16 PM

Simple Tim says I made an error. Let's see.

*I believe one key to toady's error is in the bold I highlight in toad's words. **The relationship of Christ to Christian is a master-servant relationship.** coupled with the observation that a Christian wife is still a Christian and her primary loyalty is to Christ even when she submits to her husband. (this crucial fact applies government covenants too)*

You are like a little SJW onion and we keep pulling off one layer after another.

There is a chain of command here. The primary loyalty to Christ is irrelevant to the fact they are now within the bounds of marriage. You're essentially making the feminist argument that Ephesians 5:21 is the "context" in which to take what follows in order to completely negate the headship authority of a husband. You can't understand your error until you read Numbers 16, but it goes like this:

Wife: "We're equal in Christ and told to submit to one another in the fear of the Lord. So who are you to lord it over me? We're equals."

Korah: "All the congregation is holy and the Lord is in our midst. Who then are you to lord it over us?"

The challenge in both cases is to the chain of command that God established. Read Numbers 16 to find out what God thought of that challenge. (Hint: FAIL)

I assert that they are still in sin under their relationship to Christ; toady asserts they are not as they are 'covered' under the husbands headship.

Bless your twisted little SJW heart, you're still trying to claim this is all about sex and backhandedly claiming polygynous marriages are wrong and attacking the authority of the husband. Look at the flaw in your logic:

A man and a woman fornicate, which is sin because God

said it is. Later they marry. After they're married, when the husband uncovers his wife's nakedness a question arises: are they still fornicating?

If the sex act is the sin they're still fornicating because the act has not changed.

If the sex act outside the proper relationship is the sin then they are not fornicating because they are now under the husbands covering within marriage.

So, two women are in an unnatural relationship in which they have rejected man and marriage. Within this unnatural relationship they have sexual contact. Later they repent and both marry the same guy. After their marriage they have sexual contact. You claim they are sinning either way but the only way that's true is if the sexual contact is the sin.

Where did God say sexual contact between women is a sin?

Why is it that a man taking more than one wife is forbidden to take sisters as wives, or a mother and daughter? Does this not assume some probability the husband would have all his wives attend his bed at the same time? And God could have easily said "Don't do that" but He didn't. Instead, He prohibited relationships that might result in incestuous sexual contact between sisters or a mother and daughter. We deduce from this and other points already made that God left the issue of sexual contact between wives to the husband's discretion.

The single woman's first loyalty as a servant is to Christ and her covering is her father. When she marries she acquires a husband who becomes her head. Her primary loyalty still lies with her Master but she now has an earthly master who has authority over her delegated by Christ. Your argument about loyalties is to the effect that she either isn't really married or that her husband has no authority over her. Fail on both counts.

I submit they are fulfilling the natural function of women by being wives to their husband and within their marriage it really doesn't matter how their plumbing gets connected. It's nobody's business but theirs and it's at their husband's discretion.

682. artisanaltoadshall

July 13, 2015 5:04 PM

Simple Tim

You stated:

Two unmarried christian women are engaged in a sexual lesbian affair. Both are in sin under Christ and toady's relationship model.

Not so fast, young one. I stated the relationship model as the most conservative I could reasonably defend and because based on the preponderance of Scripture it made the most sense. However, I may be doing the girls a disservice. I believe my relationship model is correct in that it best reflects what the text actually says and doesn't say.

But this hinges on three definitions. I've stated all of them repeatedly and have not heard anything approaching a coherent objection to those definitions.

Lust: A desire for something that cannot be legitimately obtained. Your desire to have sex with a woman you may legitimately marry is not lust. Your desire for your neighbors wife is.

Natural Function of Women: To be a helpmeet. To be married and in submission to her husband bear his children, be obedient to him, support him and respect him as her head.

Degrading Passion: The vehement rejection of God's plan for marriage and family that leads to the rejection of the natural function of women. In women this is most characterized as the rejection of marriage and submission to a man with a passion that approaches pure hatred. In men it is characterized by burning with lust for each other and committing indecent acts for which they are condemned and punished.

Tim, there is no way I could possibly state with any level of certainty that if you masturbate, you are in sin. The Bible is totally silent on the subject of the physical act. This is an extremely emotional subject where some people have HUGE amounts of baggage, so I'm just going to say that if you rubbed one out before going on a date with the girl that lives on the other side of the ridge that you could legitimately marry, your thoughts are not lustful. You are anticipating something you can legitimately obtain.

Yes, I know, There are some who would automatically throw rocks at me but there are others who might say "Well, if it knocks your hormones back and allows you to think with the big head you'll probably be able to do a better job of evaluating her as a future partner." That's when the rocks would really start flying. Not many people read Romans 14.

But... you know what? YOU are the only person to make that call. It's between you and the Lord and nobody else knows your heart and mind.

Back to your example. Let's say our two unmarried Christian women move in together to get their act together and lower their costs because they want to be ready when Mr. Right shows up. Their relationship grows closer and they sincerely desire a husband to complete their little family in waiting. They have neither rejected God nor worshiped the created thing. They sincerely desire a man to husband them and give them children. Like many so-called "lesbian" couples, their relationship is far more about emotional intimacy than about physical sex.

Within the context of not rejecting God, men, marriage or family; given the fact that God was silent on this subject, how can you say with certainty that they are in sin before Christ if occasionally they crawl into bed with each other. Or even if they share a bed?

Simple Tim, if you get married you'll be the only man in your marriage. Your masturbation is therefore a solo act. For them, however, there's going to be two of them. If they do their stuff together how is that any different from you masturbating alone? Only they and the Lord know their hearts, so who are you to judge; call them "lesbians" and claim what they're doing is sin before Christ?

Tim, it was not given to you to look at things from Christ's perspective because you are not Christ. Christ and the individual can focus on the heart but the best we can do is work with relationships.

Fini. Let the screaming begin.

683. simplytimothy

July 13, 2015 5:36 PM

@toady wrote:

@ST -

Re: Song of Songs/Solomon -- ask yourself an easy question: Is the Shulamite the "only wife" of the husband she prepares for? Why would the most specific, most poetic, even most erotic description of love between a man and his wives describe so clearly a polygynous relationship? (Whether the xtian church admits such or not.)

I am not asking if Solomon had other wives during the Song of Solomon. I am asking if he had other wives in bed with that wife. If you don't know, I will ask around, or, when I have the time investigate myself. How many women are present with Solomon in bed as related in the Song of Solomon. One woman? or more than one woman?

That 's all I am asking.

Toady is motivated by mano-sphere hatred of the absolute havoc and wreckage feminism has engendered...

There you go again, putting words in my mouth. I never said that and you're actually wrong.

I wasn't asking you. That is my opinion. I will judge whether it warrants revision. Your final arguments will contain no reference to you unless you request it.

Is permitted, and wholly at the discretion of the husband, the head of the wives.

*There is a difference between "is right" and "is permitted." Linguistically, as soon as you conclude "is right" then it becomes something people *should* do. I'm not saying that at all, rather that it's discretionary.*

I have changed the conclusion.

SHOW ME where the church was given authority to intervene in marriage when the Law is not violated

Here are two restatements of that from your comments 415 and 417 (there may be more, that was a quick search of my notes)

The church does not have the authority to regulate the marriage bed. (COMMENT 415)

From a Biblical perspective, neither the state nor the church has authority over marriage, only God, who

delegated headship authority to the man. (COMMENT 417)

Now you have changed that to what you previously stated and now state it *does* have (limited) authority.

When the collection of your statements is complete, I will submit them to you for review and you are free to change them at any time. It is *your* case I am attempting to formalize.

I have ignored the rest of your comment 680 for now as it appears to rehash your points. I will read it when I pass it on the collection sweep.

Now, some concessions.

The argument for polygyny is a strong one.

The argument for neither the state or the church being involved in marriage is new to me, but as part of my regular blog rotation I read this:

Let me clarify that statement: the State has historically arrogated to itself authority over marriage, granting licenses, divorces and so on by judicial fiat. But that authority does not come from scripture. It has simply been assumed by governments all over the world and granted by subservient citizens. For most of history, marriage was simply a private contract between two families. It was only in the Middle Ages that the State became involved at all. The first marriage license was issued to solemnize unions that would otherwise have been illegal.

Changing Our Frame

The scripture gives us no indication that either State or Church legitimately has anything to do with marriage. Even final parental authority over the institution rests on questionable scriptural grounds. When the Pharisees asked the Lord Jesus about marriage (well, specifically about divorce), he took them all the way back to Adam and Eve and the original intention of God for mankind, quoting the book of Genesis to them.

here: <http://www.cominguntrue.com/2015/07/recommend-blog-10.html#more>

and was intrigued. I like the idea. I will give it *careful, thoughtful, measured* consideration

684. simplytimothy

July 13, 2015 5:49 PM

There is a chain of command here. The primary loyalty to Christ is irrelevant to the fact they are now within the bounds of marriage. You're essentially making the feminist argument that Ephesians 5:21 is the "context" in which to take what follows in order to completely negate the headship authority of a husband. You can't understand your error until you read Numbers 16, but it goes like this:

No its not and making that case is my job. I will do so *after* I have made your case.

As a brief (possibly flawed) preview, here is a quick synopsis....

Here is your position (supported quite strongly by St. Peter saying to follow Sarah's example of faithfulness to Abraham who let Sarah slip from his grasp into the bed of another king because Abraham was afraid)

Your position (?): "No matter how badly the head screws up, the covered must submit"

My position: "The covered must submit to Godly (i.e. in proper relation to God) authority. When that authority is no longer in right relation to God it is the duty of the covered one to leave the relationship as the covenant is broken"

Under the covenant of Government "when in the course of human events...." is the Biblical thing to do when the "head" screws it up.

We can look at the same principle in the Church. We laity are to submit to the Elders--until they start worshipping Moloch, then it is our duty to ditch them

The same principle (in my understanding) exists in Marriage.

You, (I believe) are arguing that the wife has no recourse when the Husband does evil.

Again, I will address these things *after* I have correctly stated *your* case in your terms your way to your satisfaction.

685. simplytimothy

July 13, 2015 5:57 PM

Not so fast, young one. I stated the relationship model as the most conservative I could reasonably defend and because based on the preponderance of Scripture it made the most sense. However, I may be doing the girls a disservice. I believe my relationship model is correct in that it best reflects what the text actually says and doesn't say.

Ok, This is turning into zeno paradox.

You will see (once I post my collection of your assertions) how many times you stated, **"Its all about the relationship"** in this comment thread and here, at comment eleventy billion, you back off that statement.

Fair enough. However, given how your statements in the space of two comments have changed, I think it best to stop engaging you until the collection is complete.

If the "relationship model" is *not* correct then we have both learned something. I find it convincing. I have not been able to think of any counter-examples and I would like to think the thing through.

686. simplytimothy

July 13, 2015 6:12 PM

@Toady,

One parting thought before I return to the collection task.

The process of Christian Sanctification is a real one. God changes men and women in real ways. One of the ways He changes us is in what turns us on.

Before the process of sanctification, I was trapped in porn. Over time, I saw the women in the films as people--people who where going to hell--and my arousal gradually disappeared. Temptation has disappeared (although, I know enough it could bite me at any time)

So, after all that freaking hard work of losing that baggage comes along a guy who says that I now have to go the other way and treat this as something my wife could rightfully desire...and frankly I don't want to do the work of changing me back.

As I said, the process of sanctification is real--it was God

doing that work in me. I really cannot conceive of Him changing me back. Thinking on this casually in the truck today, I pondered if the process of sanctification is teleological--I think it is. If it is, and *if* polygyny is a positive good that God wants for His children because He wants them to be happy and like Him, then his Sanctification would surely work to that end, would it not?

This is one argument against (or possibly for) polygyny and an argument against your two wives in bed, I think. I will run it by some erudite friends of mine after I have completed this task.

I just wanted to make you aware of my motivation for this. It is not fear, it is love.

687. artisanalloadshall

July 14, 2015 3:08 PM

Simple Tim demonstrates he is in rebellion.

So, after all that freaking hard work of losing that baggage comes along a guy who says that I now have to go the other way and treat this as something my wife could rightfully desire...and frankly I don't want to do the work of changing me back.

You obviously have not lost your baggage. We are to be conformed to God's Word by God's Word.

My position: "The covered must submit to Godly (i.e. in proper relation to God) authority. When that authority is no longer in right relation to God it is the duty of the covered one to leave the relationship as the covenant is broken"

You are in error and your position is opposed to what Scripture says. You have a choice: obedience to the Word, or rebellion. Currently you are in rebellion.

1st Peter 3:1 says *"In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that **even if any of them are disobedient to the Word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives.***

1st Corinthians 7:13-14 says *"A woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not send her husband away. **For the unbelieving***

husband is sanctified through his wife and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy."

Now, we examine 1st Corinthians 7:10-11:

"But to the married I give instructions, not I but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband (but if she does leave, let her remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not send his wife away."

Implied here is that some condition may exist in which the wife is compelled to leave despite her instruction not to. What condition might be bad enough to cause her to violate her instruction and leave?

You've stated your position that a wife is justified in leaving because the husband isn't Godly. You are claiming the woman should violate the Word because her husband is not a Godly man, rather than endure and bear up under it.

You justified your position by pointing to church leadership that's gone over to Molech and the need to leave such a place. But, you aren't married to that leadership. The church is a separate entity from family and Christians are under no instruction to endure unsound teaching or idolatry in the church.

How much is the wife expected to endure?

Look carefully at 1st Peter 3:1 and notice the conjunction at the beginning. *"In the same way"* refers to the previous passage. Take a close look at chapter 2, verses 18 through 20:

Servants be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle but also to those who are unreasonable. For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God."

Look at the example that came next. That is the example the wife is being called on to emulate within marriage. *"and while being reviled, He did not revile in*

return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously.”

Then it says *“In the same way, you wives...”*

I realize that sends chills up and down the spines of SJW’s and white knights everywhere, but that’s what the Word says. Husbands do not earn the submission of their wives, rather, wives were commanded to submit and even endure abuse without a word.

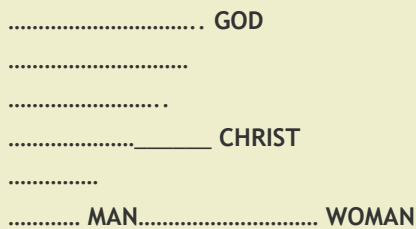
688. artisanalloadshall

July 14, 2015 4:15 PM

Simple Tim

“the covenant is broken”

You don’t understand the marriage covenant. You want to see a linear agreement between man and woman, but it isn’t because God is a party to the marriage. Think of a triangle with God at the top, man and woman at opposing points on the bottom, and Christ in the center.



Vows are made not just between man and woman, but also from man to God and from woman to God. Bondservants of Christ must obey their Master. Two bondservants, married to each other, are forbidden to separate by the Master. The marriage covenant cannot be broken by the servants unless they break their vows with the Master and leave His service. If either of the servants falls into sin they still can’t break the covenant as long as they are in the service of their Master because they are under His covering of righteousness.

Upon salvation, the saved becomes a child of God, The act of redemption, however also means the redeemed one has a Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Word says He is the firstborn child of God, and as Christians we are also children of God. Think about the implications of that.

He redeemed us with His shed blood and we are His

servants because He bought us for a price. He is therefore in authority over us and all Christians are equal in status. However, some Christians hold a higher rank than others.

The husband-wife relationship is a special form of master-servant relationship and the authority of the husband over his wife is specifically stated in Ephesians 5:22-24. As the church is to obey the Master, in everything, the wife is to obey her husband, in everything. This is known as the headship doctrine, and Tim, you've been attacking this all through this thread.

When you attack the headship doctrine, you attack marriage and attempt to usurp the authority delegated by God to the husband. Take a look at what the Word says:

For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ also is the head of the church, He himself being the savior of the body."

In attacking the headship doctrine, claiming wives are the equal of husbands and each is to submit to the other, the terms should be interchangeable. Let's try that.

For the wife is the head of the husband as the church also is the head of Christ, the church being the savior of Christ.

It hurts to even write something that incredibly stupid.

Scripture clearly says wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

You have been saying wives are to submit to their husbands in everything except [that] but only if the husband is Godly.

In taking this position you are likewise saying there are areas in which the church is not required to obey Christ, areas in which the bondservant is not required to obey their Master.

You are in error and rebellion. You need to repent.

689. simplytimothy

July 14, 2015 6:07 PM

Toady,

Either I did not say it clearly or you did not read what I said.

The heirarchy exists until the head rebels. A covenant exists until sombody breaks it.

Now, Christ as the head, cannot rebel against himself. An elder as head over the laity can rebel against God and the laity are under no obligation to follow him thereafter. A husband is head over his wife. If the husband breaks his tie to God and binds to the devil, then the wife is not to follow the husband. The husband has broken the covenant relationship.

Government is a good ordained by God. However rulers are still subject to Him--like a husband is subject to Him.. When the ruler rejects God, the citizenry are no longer under his headship as the ruler has broken faith with God.

I am not arguing for an egalitarian relationship at all. period, full stop.

Here I amend your "triangle" The Woman is still subject to Christ, but is also subject to her Husband

..... GOD
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.....CHRIST
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.....HUSBAND
.....WIFE

One cannot argue that the Christian wife's relationship to Christ is broken. She prays to Him, doesn't she? Rather, within the marriage, she has an extra layer of submission.

..... GOD
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.....CHRIST
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..... GOVT
..... CITIZEN

The same thing happens when we become citizens

..... GOD
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.....CHRIST
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..... ELDER
..... LAITY

Or join an organized church.

690. simplytimothy

July 14, 2015 6:20 PM

Toady,

I responded before reading the rest of your comment.

You wrote this:

You are in error and your position is opposed to what Scripture says. You have a choice: obedience to the Word, or rebellion. Currently you are in rebellion.

1st Peter 3:1 says "In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the Word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives.

1st Corinthians 7:13-14 says "A woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not send her husband away. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy."

I admit that I took what is established in both the Church and Gov't covenants and thought it universal and applicable to the Marriage Covenant. That may not be the case and you may be correct.

Note too that this is one plank in your argument and important doctrine to get right, so we will be returning to it and will be looking at it in depth.

I will think on this after I have finished the collection of your arguments. I should be done with that tomorrow as it is a day off and I will have some free time to give it.

691. artisanaltoadshall

July 14, 2015 7:58 PM

Toad Said: The church does not have the authority to regulate the marriage bed. (COMMENT 415)

From a Biblical perspective, neither the state nor the church has authority over marriage, only God, who delegated headship authority to the man. (COMMENT 417)

Tim Said: "Now you have changed that to what you previously stated and now state it does have (limited) authority.."

No, Tim, I didn't. Let me give you an example. If a wife went to the elders complaining her husband spanked her, the only appropriate question the elders should ask is "Did he give you more than 40 strokes?" Regardless, they might feel the need to counsel him. Consider such a situation if one had elders who knew the Bible:

Elder #1: "Why did you spank her?"

Husband: "She drove home drunk with the kids. She put all of them in danger and if she'd been pulled over it would have been felony DUI. This is actually the first time I've spanked her in years."

Elder #1: "Do you have a non-consensual consent from your wife, signed and notarized, authorizing you to discipline her whenever you think it would benefit her in any manner you think best, including corporal punishment, even if at the time she does not want you to do it?"

Husband: "No. Why would I want that?"

Elder #1: "Because it might be the only thing saving you from a conviction for domestic violence if anybody ever calls 911. It doesn't have to be your wife, a third party can get you arrested on a DV charge and the fact your wife came to us instead of calling 911 means you dodged a bullet."

Elder #2: "I think you need to give serious thought to finding some other way to discipline your wife and consider the wisdom of what you're doing. Is disciplining her important enough to place your family at risk?"

Husband: "She placed herself and our kids at risk. I thought that was serious enough that it needed serious correction. As I said, this is the first time in years."

Elder #2: "It would have been better if you'd given her the choice of being spanked or you call the cops, but hindsight is always 20/20. It isn't our place to tell you when, how or why to discipline your wife, but DV charges are no joke."

Elder #3: "You also need to consider that when you spank her you're tempting her to turn herself into an abuse victim hero with an abusive soon-to-be ex-husband. The attention and drama she would get out of that is quite a temptation. I think plenty of people in the congregation would agree what she did merits a spanking, but there are still plenty who would say there's never any reason to spank a wife and it's abuse."

Elder #4: "I think she came to us because she's still feeling guilty. Are you sure she knows the offense is wiped away and she's forgiven?"

Husband: "That sounds like something we need to talk about. Elders, I appreciate your advice."

That isn't intervening in the family. That's offering counsel and wisdom. It's also pure fantasy because we both know the churches are filled with SJW's.

This is how it would have really worked in most every church around. Wife goes to the elders, says "He spanked me!"

Elder #1: "Do you want out of the marriage?"

Wife: "No, I just don't think I should be spanked if I disobey him."

Elder #2: "How often does he beat you?"

Wife: "It's been a while but this isn't the first time."

Elder #3: "So, this is a long-term abusive relationship."

Elder #4: "You need to call the police. You must get out before the abuse gets worse. Think of your children."

Wife: "But I don't want a divorce."

Elder #3: "You've been in an abusive relationship for years and you need to get out and get counseling. I'm calling the police for you."

That's not counseling, that's intervention. That's also the Churchian SJW white-knighting we have in control of the churches today. Nuke the family, deprive the children of their father and call it a good thing because it was an "abusive relationship."

692. simplytimothy

July 15, 2015 6:40 AM

Toady,

I am just sitting down to continue the collection process. I have not yet read your comment 691. I will do so after completing my initial task.

However, I think a source of difference between us lies in how we use the term "all".

As a computer programmer and pretty decent at math and a very good database designer, sql guy. When I see terms like "all" or "none" I *immediately*, out of "programmers self defense" start questioning that *because* the terms are typically used by clients working from unexamined assumptions.

Client: "All managers are database administrators"

Me: "Ok, just to be sure, you want Louie in sales to have the ability to drop the entire database and wipe out all of your data?"

Client: "NO! Not Louie!"

This is a typical exchange that I have learned to proactively head off in the interests of saving time.

When I brought up the extreme examples of (I guarantee that some sick s.o.b. out there thinks they are) sexual behavior, I was employing the same technique in order to force a definition of a limiting set.

I *have a hunch* that the same thing *may* be in play with the 1 Peter lines you state and therefore a problem with your hermeneutic.

An example of the *kind* of thing I *suspect may* be in play here, this post by Doug Wilson :

<http://dougwils.com/s7-engaging-the-culture/on-the-lam-for-jesus.html> illustrates exactly, from recorded Scripture,

the same process. From the link:

“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king” (1 Pet. 2:13-17 [Open in Logos Bible Software (if available)]).

Now, by your hermeneutic, it is quite clear. When I question "everything" you (presumably) will say that , "I need to repent" and that "I am in error" and that "I blaspheme".

Yet, from scripture, we have St. Peter’s own example of the applicability of this verse. (again, from the link)

So let’s take a look at some of the actions of the man who wrote those words – and not in order to charge him with hypocrisy.

“And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him” (Acts 12:7-10 [Open in Logos Bible Software (if available)]).

Peter then went over to John Mark’s house, left a message, and disappeared from the book of Acts a wanted man, on the lam, with his picture in all the post offices.

Now, there probably is a name (@Beau? @SirHamster?) for what I just relayed to you, but I am not the man who knows what it is.

It is my *hunch* (one of many hunches I have regarding your argument--which I have not stated, yet, per my task) that

the same "dynamic" is at play in your hermeneutic.

I concede it may not be. However, I don't know that. Which is one reason why I am going through this exercise.

693. simplytimothy

July 15, 2015 12:59 PM

Toady, a request for clarification in comment 546.

You write:

*"We need to look at this very carefully. **There are two words for 'know' used in the New Testament.***

*We know from 2nd Timothy 2:19 and Galatians 4:9 that the Lord knows all those who are saved. **In those passages the word 'ginosko' is used. Ginosko is an objective knowing.***

The word used in Matthew 25 is 'oida' which is a subjective knowing, implying a deeper knowing than just the objective knowing.

In John 1:31 John, speaking of his cousin Jesus says he did not 'oida' him. As a cousin he would have ginoskoed him, but he says he didn't oida him.

It refers to a deeper knowing. When the bridegroom replied 'I don't know you' what he was really saying was there was a distinction between the two groups."

However, going

to <http://biblehub.com/interlinear/galatians/4-9.htm>

I see the word "γνόντες (gnontes) " is used and neither 'ginosko' or 'oida' is in that verse.

Please advise.

I am skipping parsing your comments 546 through 549 because of this and will return upon clarification.

694. artisanalloadshall

July 15, 2015 2:49 PM

Click on the Strong's number for that word. Strong's 1097. In both the cited passages (Galatians & II Tim) the word comes back as *ginóskó*

695. artisanaltoadshall

July 15, 2015 3:06 PM

Keep in mind that as this thread has progressed, I've tried to illustrate my points in many different ways. Given the controversy surrounding the subject, rather than simple expository teaching I've expanded, used parallel argument, metaphor and allegory. Commentary on the parable of the virgins isn't central to my argument.

However, there have been a lot of misconceptions about what the Bible says and the common understanding of the parable of the virgins and the parable of the talents is one of them. My study of the history of the church indicates that many of these mistakes were deliberately made in order to support a political position rather than as the result of faulty exegesis.

Nobody is required to accept my conclusions that many such mistakes were deliberate, but if one can accept that the common interpretation of some passages (the traditional teaching of the church) is wrong, it becomes easier to look at what I'm saying in the same light.

696. simplytimothy

July 15, 2015 3:31 PM

Toady, thanks.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1097.htm>

Strong's Concordance

ginóskó: to come to know, recognize, perceive

Original Word: γινώσκω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: ginóskó

Phonetic Spelling: (ghin-ocē'-ko)

Short Definition: I come to know, learn, realize

Definition: I am taking in knowledge, come to know, learn;

aor: I ascertained, realized.

HELPS Word-studies

1097 ginōskō - properly, to know, especially through personal experience (first-hand acquaintance). 1097 /ginōskō ("experientially know") is used for example in Lk 1:34, "And Mary [a virgin] said to the angel, 'How will this be since I do not know (1097 /ginōskō = sexual intimacy) a man?'"

Since you state it is not central to your argument (I concur)

I will skip that series of comments.

FWIW, parsing comments 656, 657 658 I see that we agree on most things regarding marriage and divorce and headship.

When in this passage (bold Mark Call's words, -->My emphasis between enclosing arrows like this<--)...

Mark

The husband has the authority to command his wife to do anything within his sphere of authority. Notice that above I said "constrained by the Law." He has no authority or right to commit murder and thus has no authority to command his wife to do so... However, if somebody is kicking the door in in the middle of the night he has every right to hand her a shotgun and tell her to back him up and shoot to kill. And she damn well better obey.

Which goes back to MY point re: "putting away" for cause. I contend there IS a case for 'separation', when the alternative is worse, like murder. We still have the hard-hearted out there, obviously.

You have repeatedly refused to engage on point to 1st Corinthians 7:10-11. The text specifically tells the WIFE (who has no authority to terminate the marriage) not to separate. But, and here is where we agree in part, -->sometimes there is a time for the wife (and perhaps children) to run<--.

And the text continues, saying but if she does separate, she is to remain single or be reconciled to her husband. Not her ex-husband. Because she's still married. The husband, representing Christ within the marriage, is told not to divorce her and not to run. He's to stand there and take it. Just like Christ hung there and took it.

But it isn't a call to abdicate his responsibility as her husband.

I will have the collection done in a few minutes and start the condensing of your claims with x-references. Following that is several iterations of stating your arguments to you such that they are complete and correctly stated.

697. simplytimothy

July 15, 2015 5:13 PM

Collection is done; I have 239 claims from toady most duplicates; however the discipline of going through "all" the comments has borne fruit.

I have stopped at comment 665 for now and will look at toady's responses post that number after the claims are condensed with cross references to the comments where they were asserted.

After the claims are condensed, I will post them here where toady can review their accuracy and changes will be made to suit him.

At that point, Toady's arguments will be constructed by me in syllogistic forms with his agreement as to their integrity to his claims/premises.

698. simplytimothy

July 15, 2015 5:15 PM

Here is draft 2 of toady's positions. Expect further revisions and refinements.

Toady asserts the absolute havoc and wreckage feminism has engendered makes polygamy a Biblical , holy solution and righteous push-back against the usurpation of marriage first by the organized church and then by the feminized state.

Toady's arument is a power move--and a good one--as it is ordained by God.

It reestablishes right relations in marriage and society. It provides stable, Biblical structures for "cock carousel whores" , former lesbians, repentant divorcees, etc.

It is Biblical reasoning.

However, within that construct, is disagreement on wife-wife sex within the marriage. Toady argues, as head of the marriage, it is nobody's business.

Toady's is exactly correct--for his existing marriage--toady will answer to God.

However, as church teaching, it is up for discussion and should be discussed. St. Paul warns us that teachers are held to a higher standard (CITE:)

The question are:

1. Is polygyny Christian doctrine or has monogamy superceded it?
2. is "wife-wife" sex within a polygynous marriage sin or not?
3. Is polygyny a solution to the problems of divorce and fatherlessness toady cites?

Some thoughts:

if 1 is decided for polygyny, 3 is true.

If 1 is decided for polygyny, toady contends 2 is true, I seriously doubt this. Toady's syllogism:

(Toady's claims, condensed and cross referenced and restated as premises leading to a conclusion...)

....

THEREFORE

1. sexual contact between wives
2. within a polygynous marriage
3. in bed with their husband
4. under his authority
5. at his command or with his permission

Is permitted, and wholly at the discretion of the husband, the head of the wives.

699. Mark Call

July 15, 2015 9:18 PM

Ouch! Be VERY thankful that THIS statement is wrong, Wrong, WRONG:

@ST, #689 "A covenant exists until somebody [sic] breaks it."

Do a search for how many times WE broke His Covenant, and YHVH didn't write us off. ("My covenant which they/you/we broke")

700. artisanaltoadshall

July 16, 2015 12:56 AM

Simple Tim.

I have repeatedly, patiently explained that this isn't about

sex. Yet, you want to make it about sex. It is true that marriage is inseparable from sex because that is how the marriage is consummated, but marriage is not defined by sex. Sex is a subset of the larger set called marriage. Marriage is the foundation on which rests the even larger set called family. As I've said over and over again, it's all about relationships.

Your summation is wholly inadequate and does not come close to representing my argument. Rather, it's your projection of what you think my argument is. What follows is a summation of my argument here.

Man was created to serve God and to worship Him and Him alone. Woman was created to serve man as his helpmeet, wife and mother of his children within an entity called family.

Family is a covenant entity created by God and the authority in a family was given to the man in Genesis 2:24. The authority to initiate marriage was not limited to a single wife. The other two covenant entities (State and Church) were not given authority over marriage.

From a Biblical perspective, the elements of marriage boil down to the consummation of the marriage, the joining of the two as one flesh by God and the commitment to a lifetime of marriage made by vows both to the partner and to God. God's Word limited who a man or woman might marry. People with certain family relationships cannot marry because incestuous sexual contact is forbidden. Believers are forbidden to be unequally yoked, so marriage outside the faith is forbidden. I have not touched on the subject of inter-racial marriage because it's too much of a rabbit trail, but it must be established that some marriages are forbidden.

Polygyny is not forbidden, nor is it a sin. It is a Biblically sanctioned form of marriage, regulated by God in His Law, not prohibited or condemned in any way. God claimed to have two wives, Israel and Judah. God took credit for giving David multiple wives (at least 7). Nothing in the New Testament changed this.

The legitimacy of polygynous marriages brings up the question of sexual contact between wives. Because all anyone can think about anymore is sex. Let's see how silent

God was on the subject:

1. God forbid male-male sexual contact; male-animal sexual contact; female-animal sexual contact, but chose not to forbid female-female sexual contact.
2. God placed restrictions on the marriage bed for all marriages, but chose not to forbid more than one wife in the marriage bed at the same time.
3. God prohibited two polygynous relationships: a marriage with two sisters and a marriage with a mother and her daughter. This prevents the possibility of incestuous sexual contact between sisters or between a mother and her daughter; which presumes some possibility of sexual contact between wives. God chose not to prohibit that.

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701. artisanalloadshall

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The only possible Scriptural objection to female-female sexual acts is found in Romans 1:26-27. In that passage we see that God gave them over to degrading passions, exchanging the natural function of women for the unnatural. This is in the context of rejecting God, His authority and His plan. Worshiping instead the created rather than the Creator. The degrading passion is the rejection of God's plan for marriage and family in favor of the selfish pursuit of pleasure. It is not defined by sexual acts. Even then, we see women with women in unnatural relationships rejecting men, marriage and motherhood but receiving no condemnation. Meanwhile we see the men in unnatural relationships who then burned with lust, committed indecent acts and received the penalty in their own bodies. What is condemned with the women is the unnatural relationships, not any sexual acts within the relationship because God did not prohibit or condemn sexual acts between women. In contrast, the men in unnatural relationships rejecting God, women, marriage and family THEN burned with lust, committed indecent acts and received a penalty. The difference is day and night. Men with men was prohibited and condemned as death-penalty offenses.

The hypocrisy of the modern church is placed on view by the fact that in the church polygyny is proclaimed as a sin, while that which the Lord forbid to His bondservants, divorce, is permitted and even applauded.

The headship doctrine states that the husband is the head of his wife as Christ also is the head of the church and the wife is to obey her husband in everything. "Everything." Not "everything except [that]." This is because the husband-wife relationship is a special form of the master-servant relationship.

Widespread divorce and the rejection of the headship doctrine has resulted in an explosion of destroyed families, children growing up with no father present, wives separated from their husbands and not willing to be chaste but rather going from one adulterous dating relationship to another; if not "re-marrying" in an adulterous relationship in violation of Scripture. Husbands marrying second wives while refusing to recognize their first marriage still exists, or husbands "marrying" so-called divorced women to then live in an adulterous relationship.

The prohibition of polygyny and the regulation of the marriage bed by the church was a sinful usurpation of the authority of the man to establish marriage and the headship authority of the husband within marriage because the church did not and does not have the authority to interfere with the authority delegated by God to man within the covenant entity of family.

The prohibition of polygyny and the regulation of the marriage bed by the state is an ongoing sinful usurpation of the authority of the man to establish marriage and the headship authority of the husband within the marriage because the state was not given the authority by God to interfere with the authority delegated by God to man within the covenant entity of family.

However, within that construct, the disagreement on the extent of the husbands' authority over his wives leads to the question of wife-wife sex within the marriage. Given that nowhere did God forbid such acts, it is at the husband's discretion. Absent a specific demonstration of authority that the church has the authority to regulate the marriage bed in monogamous marriage, it lacks the authority to regulate the marriage bed in a polygynous marriage.

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Since there is some question as to this, some discussion is appropriate.

The questions should be:

1. Who created marriage?

Answer: God did. See Genesis chapter 2.

2. What is the natural function of women?

Answer: Eve was created to be a helpmeet, partner and wife to Adam to bear his children and help raise them. (c.f. 1st Timothy 2:15... women shall be preserved through childbearing)

3. Is the wife to “submit to her husband in everything” or “everything but [that]”

Answer: “In everything.” If there is an exception to “everything” it means there are exceptions in which the church is not required to obey Christ.

4. Was the church or state given authority to define or regulate the initiation of marriage?

Answer: No. That authority was given to the man at Genesis 2:24.

5. Was the church or state given authority to regulate the marriage bed?

Answer. No. God regulated the marriage bed in His Law with 2 restrictions.

6. Was the church or state given authority to claim monogamy has replaced polygyny?

Answer. No. See question 2. God permitted and regulated polygyny in His Law and nothing in the New Testament changed that.

7. Is "wife-wife" sex within a polygynous marriage sin or not?

Answer. No. Nowhere in Scripture did God prohibit or condemn female sexual contact. Within the bounds of

marriage it is left to the discretion of the husband.
Otherwise, an exception is created to point #1.

8. Does polygyny offer benefits and utility that monogamy does not in today's marital environment?

Answer: Yes. It is a Godly form of marriage yet not recognized or regulated as a marriage by the state. Unlike the current form of monogamy, incentives can be arranged to reward staying in the marriage rather than for leaving the marriage. It is particularly suitable for former lesbians who have awakened desires for female-female sex; as well as women who have so polluted themselves with sexual sin they are no longer fit for monogamous marriage. Polygyny can provide more economic security (more wage earners), more stability (no cash and prizes for leaving), more sex for the husband, a SAHM to raise the children and keep house, and a higher quality of life for the children.

9. Is divorce forbidden to Christians who are married?

Answer. Yes, see 1st Corinthians 7:10-11

10. Is corporal punishment of wives permitted and is it an example of Christ loving His church?

Answer. Yes. See Revelation 3:19

Some thoughts:

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THEREFORE

1. Marriage belongs to God.
2. Neither the church or the state have the authority to regulate marriage.
3. To yield authority to the state over marriage (getting a license) is idolatry.
4. The authority of the husband over wives is absolute within his sphere of authority.
5. The headship of husbands is no longer honored and neither is that of Christ.
6. Polygyny is a God-ordained form of marriage not recognized by the state as such.
7. Sexual contact between wives within a polygynous marriage is permitted.
8. **The idea of licit sexual contact between women drives almost everyone quite mad.**
9. Because of point 8, it is impossible to discuss the real benefits of polygyny.

10. In today's legal environment, polygyny is a more stable marriage than monogamy
11. Polygyny is a useful tool to clean up the wreckage in the church caused by divorce.
12. Polygyny offers great utility for women unsuitable for monogamy (sluts, lesbians)
13. There are no political solutions, but polygyny is an individual family solution.
14. Polygyny is the ideal structure for a written, enforceable contract of marriage.
15. Polygyny offers such great incentives that it can get scarred, weary, baggage-laden men and women back into a God-ordained marriage in which children will be raised with both father and mother(s) in the same home. However, per point 8, no-one can think about that because the baggage train turns into a train-wreck.

703. simplytimothy

July 16, 2015 6:24 AM

@Mark Call,

Thank you and absolutely. My language is sloppy and I will be seeking advice on this important subject. I retract "The covenant is broken" I need a better term.

God is faithful to His covenants. I "think" that they are irrevocable--I have read that they are.

Maybe a better avenue is...

"Men can and do breach the covenant with sin and God is forced to repair the covenant or destroy the man"

Again, thank you.

704. simplytimothy

July 16, 2015 6:42 AM

@toady,

Thank you for summarizing your argument. For completeness, I will continue with condensing your claims and then compare them with your stated argument.

I have repeatedly, patiently explained that this isn't about sex. Yet, you want to make it about sex.

No. Lose the hubris.

Sex is good; orgies are not. I have done both; there is a difference.

What is grievous is calling sin, good. That is what I believe you are doing. I have *not* done so in terms to my satisfaction. To start that process, as I have repeatedly stated, it is imperative that I can state your argument in your terms your way.

Your contention that "sexual contact between wives in a marriage relationship
Is permitted, and wholly at the discretion of the husband, the head of the wives.*" is to introduce sin into the marriage.

It is my job to show why and it is now wholly evident that my dogged persistence is bearing fruit.

Why am I doing that?

First, You are promulgating doctrine that is--by your own admission--explosive. Scripture has words for teachers being held to account. You, with this are a *teacher*. Your attitude *should* be that you will be judged on this. This is *doctrine* for the Body of Christ.

Second, I want other men who I deeply respect and admire to be aware of your arguments for I suspect there will an attempt to mainstream them in the near future. I am doing the grunt work of defining your arguments and identifying the underlying doctrines. I can then to to them--they are the type of men who are fully capable of eviscerating you in place--and learn from them.

Third. The project is edifying for me.

Fourth. I prayed about it and the Holy Spirit said, "go for it"

*So the husband is at work and the wives decide to orgy without the man. In the process they decide that the man is not really needed as they have been given over to their lusts and then to degenerate minds. You, call this "holy"

A quick general correction. Marriage between a man and two sisters "while the other yet lives" is NOT 'generally prohibited.' Read the verse (Lev. 18:18) carefully! There is a qualifier, "to vex her" ('tzarar', Hebrew, to bind, to cause distress, to be an adversary) -- so there is a specific restriction to be avoided, and thus the prohibition is NOT general.

(It is sometimes held, although not beyond argument, that the prohibition against sisters meant that a man was not to take as 'isha' a sister to his wife who was barren, to bear children by her.) Note that the story of Rachel and Leah with Yakov (and, most likely, their two half-sisters Billah and Zilpah as well) relate and illuminate this restriction, but do not prove it..

The point is, conclusions based on the claim that the prohibition is GENERAL are flawed.

706. artisanalloadshall

July 16, 2015 9:46 AM

Simple Tim said:

Your contention that "sexual contact between wives in a marriage relationship is permitted, and wholly at the discretion of the husband, the head of the wives." is to introduce sin into the marriage.*

Who are you and by what authority do you call sexual contact between another mans' wives sin when God chose not to?

The Apostle Paul asked the same question. (Romans 14:4) *"Who are you to judge the servant of another?"*

I have repeatedly pointed out that God chose not to prohibit or condemn sexual contact between wives and you have not refuted that or even denied that, yet you persist in calling it sin. Answer the question and show me your delegation of authority that allows you to step into another man's bedroom and judge what takes place there when God chose not to do so.

We both know you can't because such authority exists only with God and what you are really doing is trying to play God. You seem to feel like God got it wrong and should have

prohibited such things and it bothers you that God chose not to. You tell me to lose the hubris while you're the one trying to play God.

Then you throw this little gem of a lie in there:

**So the husband is at work and the wives decide to orgy without the man.*

A bit of projection demonstrating you don't know women very well. But, even if they chose to do so because their husband allowed it, who are you to say it's wrong? God didn't.

In the process they decide that the man is not really needed

Total SJW projection here. Actually, they are thankful they have a husband who allows them to play together when he's not around and they know they are privileged to have such relations ONLY because they are married to him.

they have been given over to their lusts and then to degenerate minds.

(Simple Tim now claims the power to see the heart and judge motives.) Lust is a desire that cannot be legitimately obtained. It is not possible for them to lust after each other because they can legitimately satisfy their desires for one another. They are under the authority of their husband. As to having a degenerate mind, perhaps you should look in the mirror.

You, call this "holy"

You, are a liar. Show me where I said people given over to their lusts who then develop degenerate minds are holy.

It is you, Simple Tim, who is lusting after the authority that only God has, the right to say what is right and wrong for everyone.

What is grievous is calling sin, good. That is what I believe you are doing.

You can believe the moon is made of Stilton Cheese, but that doesn't make it so. Again, show me where God called sexual contact between wives married to the same man a sin, prohibited it or condemned it. Who are you to say what

my wives might do is sin if God chose not to and I allow it?

This isn't about sex, Simple Tim. This is about authority. Either show me where God said sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin, or show me your delegation of authority that allows you to arbitrarily step into another mans' family and declare something to be a sin when God didn't.

It's time for you to answer the question, Tim.

707. artisanalloadshall

July 16, 2015 10:51 AM

Mark

The point is, conclusions based on the claim that the prohibition is GENERAL are flawed.

My conclusion was based on the context of the prohibitions concerning marriage to sisters or a woman and her mother coming on the heels of all the prohibitions concerning incest and the implications that held for a man with more than one wife. But, your correction is noted.

There is always danger in attempting to speculate on why God said something.

I think a good example has been demonstrated in the past few comments. Simple Tim says he's arguing with me because the Holy Spirit told him to "go for it." Yet, he is arguing a position based on nothing but the traditions of men and ignorance of what the Bible says. He does not understand that in doing so he and others like him are causing injury to brothers and sisters in Christ. He believes his position is correct and I have the impression he believes that in telling him to "go for it" the Holy Spirit supports his position.

I don't think he has considered the possibility that the Holy Spirit told him to "go for it" because he is wrong and needs to be corrected.

708. simplytimothy

July 16, 2015 4:40 PM

Toady,

Your reading comprehension sucks. You are so fixated on your p.o.v. that you have lost situational awareness and the ability to think and see outside your tunnel vision.

Read my words in context:

*What is grievous is calling sin, good. **That is what I believe** you are doing. I have not done so in terms to my satisfaction. To start that process, as I have repeatedly stated, it is imperative that I can state your argument in your terms your way.*

*Your contention that "sexual contact between wives in a marriage relationship
Is permitted, and wholly at the discretion of the husband, the head of the wives.*" is to introduce sin into the marriage.*

It is my job to show why and it is now wholly evident that my dogged persistence is bearing fruit.

"I believe" not "I know".

"It is my job to show why" not "it is your job to explain to me"

I have repeatedly pointed out that God chose not to prohibit or condemn sexual contact between wives and you have not refuted that or even denied that,

Cause I am still working on it you ignoramus.

1. I have just reviewed every darn claim you have made in every comment so that I would be sure I saw every point you where making. That took about 2 weeks
2. I will now condense redundant claims and keep the cross references to the comments. <--I AM HERE
3. From that, I will recreate your argument such that you agree it is correct. <--THIS IS NEXT
4. With the argument in place, I will then evaluate your claims and your argument as a whole <--THIS IS WHERE I WILL START DISSECTING YOUR ARGUMENT.

I will be asking questions at every step--1,2,3,4. Until I get to four, I will not address your claims because I don't fully understand your freaking argument.

When I say "fully understand" I mean look at each claim and evaluate its merits and counter-claims.

I don't think he has considered the possibility that the Holy Spirit told him to "go for it" because he is wrong and needs to be corrected.

I have. I will follow His Truth where it leads.

You have made your case toad. It is out in the wild now. It will be examined, Linus law will be employed and I will decide on the merits if your assertion is worth a darn. The closer I look the weaker your case appears.

I continue now with step 2.

709. artisanaltoaadshall

July 16, 2015 5:23 PM

C'mon Simple Tim

This isn't about sex, Simple Tim. This is about authority. Either show me where God said sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin, or show me your delegation of authority that allows you to arbitrarily step into another mans' family and declare something to be a sin when God didn't.

It's time for you to answer the question, Tim.

GOING ONCE

710. simplytimothy

July 16, 2015 6:33 PM

In my good time, mr. toad. In my good time.

BTW, your case may not fall on authority grounds. Check your six.

You are fixating and have lost s.a.

711. artisanaltoaadshall

July 16, 2015 6:48 PM

All the restatement in the world won't get you past this.

Answer the question Tim. Your assertion certainly does fall

on authority grounds.

712. simplytimothy

July 16, 2015 8:26 PM

Reread comment 708 starting at the line that reads:

Cause I am still working on it you ignoramus.

713. Mark Call

July 17, 2015 10:58 AM

@ST - You really are making this a lot harder than it needs to be.

The 'sexual contact' thing is fraught with 'Xtian Baggage'. BECAUSE that is what the baggage, the Pharasaic burdens, ARE. So just look at the general principle:

YHVH gave us His Torah ('Instruction'.) He NEVER changed it, not the smallest part ("yod or tiddle", Matthew 5:17-19). He changes not, is the same yesterday, today, tomorrow, etc. All proven beyond doubt from His Word, as Written (not as modified by the 'traditions of men,' who Know Better than Him! See Mark ch. 7, etc, etc.)

We are COMMANDED, in no uncertain terms (Deut. 4:2, Deut. 12:32, and the Final Command in Scripture, at the end of Revelation) NOT to EITHER "add to" or "subtract from," what He Wrote.

To put things in there, and call them 'commandments' that He DID NOT is FORBIDDEN, and is the real sin. (See Matthew 23, for just one hard-hitting blunt reminder on that score!)

Is He silent on "Topic X", or NOT? And IFF He is silent, who has the God-given Authority to make 'halacha' (a ruling over his own house) FOR his own house?

714. artisanalloadshall

July 17, 2015 5:02 PM

I missed this:

Sex is good; orgies are not. I have done both; there is a difference.

Every guy I've ever known who didn't have problems getting laid was indifferent to porn. Why watch porn and masturbate when you can get laid instead?

Every guy I've ever known who had a serious problem with porn developed the problem because they weren't getting laid to their satisfaction. With the married guys it was either their wife wouldn't put out very often or it was because she'd turned into a repulsive land whale. With the single guys it was because they couldn't get laid.

I'm not saying you're lying about this, but your comment about being addicted to porn does not square with your claim of being in orgies. The point is I think you're projecting based on porn and that's why you're fixated on the sex and your conclusions are wrong. I have been in two poly-type relationships and this is my experience:

When I was stationed at Camp Pendleton I had a girlfriend named Micky. She and a fellow student named Mandy shared a small apartment. Micky and I were together enough I'd practically moved in. One morning Micky left early and I slept in. I finally got up and got in the shower and a little while later Mandy got in the shower with me. I said "No way. Micky would kill me."

She said "Nope, we talked about it." We were still in bed when Micky got home and she got in bed with us and they wore me out. Mandy dumped her boyfriend that afternoon and the three of us were a team. When we were in bed together they were down for anything but they never got in bed together when I wasn't around. I asked and they said it wouldn't be the same, wouldn't be nearly as much fun.

In reality, when they were in bed with me they were competing with each other. That's the real reason they weren't interested in getting in bed together when I wasn't around. What's the point if I'm not there? It wasn't about the sex so much as getting and keeping my attention. Did they enjoy it? Sure, but their enthusiasm was a response to my desire for sex and their desire for my attention.

How do I know? Micky was an attentive lover before Mandy joined us, but when we were all together she was insatiable. Screaming, biting, back-scratching... and Mandy was too. But when I was with either of them alone, they weren't like that. I finally realized they were competing to give me what I wanted. They cooked for me, did my

laundry, ironed my uniforms, washed my car. Whatever. Without me asking.

The fact is most women aren't really all that into sex. The guy gets great sex in the beginning but after making a commitment it dies off. The great sex in the beginning is partly about the competition with other women and also a form of currency used to purchase commitment. The commitment is an attraction-killer because the competition was part of the attraction.

M&M maintained a high level of attraction to me because of our situation. We'd go out together and I had pre-selection bias in my favor. Other women would signal attraction and M&M responded with PDA's. Then it wasn't just two fairly good-looking women with me, but women very attracted to me and willing to share me. Any guy that hit on them got a nuclear rejection, signaling loyalty. Men saw it and treated me with respect. Women more attractive than M&M displayed interest in me and they dialed up their attention to me. It was an endless feedback loop that validated and reinforced M&M's attraction to me. The competitive, down-for-anything sex was the result of that attraction, not their desire for girl-on-girl action.

They graduated while I was deployed, moved and I never saw them again.

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715. artisanaltoaadshall

July 17, 2015 5:28 PM

2nd Experience

One year in college I rented a house with 3 female housemates. They were 19-20 yrs old and I was 28. After a couple of months we were all pretty comfortable with each other and they were all subtly competing for my attention. That changed when I started having sex with one of them. That upped the ante and by Christmas I was having sex with all of them, just not all at once. What changed after that was the social dynamic in the house. It wasn't subtle competition for my attention, it was overt.

This is one of the reasons polygynous marriages work well to tame hypergamy. Even though there's a commitment, they're still competing for the husband's attention. Having to compete for him makes him more attractive. The only

way they can compete is by giving him what he wants. They cannot punish him or try to coerce him by withholding sex or being bitchy because that means they won't get his attention.

I noticed the effect of competition on their loyalty. We all worked and attended college so we didn't have a lot of time or money and we didn't go out much. What we did was throw a party every month and there'd be 40-50 people present. I saw guys that looked a lot better than I did hit on them and get shot down. It was my experience with M&M that helped me see it was the competition between the girls that was driving that dynamic. We didn't have a formal agreement or anything and there were probably a few times when one or two of them stepped out on our relationship, but it damn sure wasn't going to happen where any of the others could find out.

One of the reasons they wanted me as a housemate was the house we rented was on the edge of the barrio and it wasn't exactly a safe neighborhood. One day we came home and the house had been robbed. They didn't get my guns because I kept them in my car, but they got most everything else of value. The girls were flipping out but I got them calmed down and told them not to call the cops, I'd take care of it.

I called my friend Foz, the president of the Mexican-American student alliance. He took me to see the local gang. We explained the situation. I didn't speak Spanish back then so I don't know what Foz told them, but they were like "OK, we'll see what we can do." Later I found out the gang leader was Foz's cousin.

The next morning there were a couple of guys from the gang at the door and about 90% of our stuff was piled on the front stoop. They said "Best we could do man, but don't worry, this won't happen again." I woke up the girls and as they hauled the stuff in they acted like kids on Christmas morning because there was a bunch of stuff there that hadn't come from our house.

That had a definite impact on the relationship. They got together and worked out an arrangement because after that one of them was in my bed every night without me saying anything. Sometimes I'd go to sleep with one and wake up with another one. Whereas previously we'd been a pretty egalitarian household, after that I was definitely the leader and they deferred to me. I think if the relationship had

been formalized it would have become a lot more like what I had with M&M, but we all knew our arrangement was temporary and we were all way too busy to get very serious about relationships.

At the end of that term I got called home to deal with a family problem and that was that.

What I learned from those two experiences was there is a completely different dynamic to a poly relationship than exists in a monogamous relationship. Part of it is the competition between the women and part of it is the validation and attraction feedback loop that maintains a high level of attraction for the man. If the attraction level is high enough the competition takes over and whatever he wants, he gets. Lead and they'll follow. Command and they'll obey because women don't have a problem submitting to a man they're attracted to.

716. simplytimothy

July 17, 2015 8:19 PM

@Toady,

I did not enjoy my depravity. You enjoyed yours.

My orgy was me another man and two women, one time. I did not enjoy it.

Mine was a purposeful relativism and part of that was sex. I once took it as my duty to bed as many women as I could and thought it was my problem that I did not enjoy it the way I was "supposed to"; the way the culture taught me. There was a disconnect between what I thought sex was supposed to be and what I experienced. I looked to porn for lessons-"this is how it is done", it said.

It was liberating when I decided I didn't want to bed every attractive woman that wiggled at me; it was an act of integrity. Unfortunately, that made me *more* attractive to women and I was *not* very good at abiding by my liberation as my sex drive (up until last year, used to) get the better of me against my better judgement and wishes to remain chaste (especially with a few drinks in me) . There is also my ample ego and the pride of being a stud.

Remember as a boy of between 8 and 12 where you and your friends would just hang out and *be*? Friendship was a given and drama did not exist? Well, *that* is what I, to my

complete surprise, achieved with my ex-girlfriend--the last woman I picked up. We loved deeply and it was very good. I was at home. I was a kid again and I valued *that* way more than I ever valued getting laid. That changed my focus and my priorities. I want *that* and sex is incidental to *that*.

There is something else that is more important. During that time, God grabbed me by the throat and made very clear to me that I would be casting myself into hell if I did not pay attention to Him. When He pressed the point (to where I found myself dying) and made the choice a binary choice of "My way or your way" I blurted out, "I want You!".

Since then, the process of sanctification has been real. Tough, aggravating, painful, disorienting, infuriating at times, but real. I am not the man I was 10 years ago, five years ago, 1 year ago or 3 months ago. I am actually accepting the process of His work in me. This ain't just the statement of faith, this is the regeneration that you do not see in the 501c3 Churches. "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds" is not an abstract notion.

So, here I sit, God turning me inside out, my mind being renewed and I see a Biblical case for going the other way from the path I have just trod with much labor and effort. It pissed me off. I do not want to go back to that. I have seen that road. I want to go *this* way...

You however have fond memories of that road.

That makes your position clearer to me.

With no specific (in your view) prohibition against your women doing what you see them enjoying, you see the awesome authority granted to the husband, smile, smack a couple of asses, power up the hyper-gamy feedback loop and say, "yep, this is the way God intended it!"

It is my job to show you why I think you are in error and to do so from flaws in your case from Scripture.

It is your problem that I am on a different road having seen enough of your road to know that I do not want to travel it. Your arguments from 'rosy red buttocks and hyper-gamy' hold no sway with me.

heh. I just realized that you think I am supposed to be jealous of you. hee! I am laughing at that realization.

God bless you and good luck.

717. simplytimothy

July 17, 2015 8:32 PM

@Mark Call,

Thanks. I am not a TOB guy and I do not know enough to either embrace or reject. Unfortunately, I cannot make that choice based on your comments. I mean no disrespect; only that I am a mere man and have only so much band-with.

The case for polygyny is viable and the case of the "absoluteness" of husband headship is very strong. The latter, if I am reading the verses correctly, much stronger than I ever imagined. The case for the state having no say in marriage is iron clad.

I am still organizing my thoughts, and that work will be as slow as what I have done with the collection of toady's claims. (I am a working man, and my time is limited).

718. artisanaltoadshall

July 17, 2015 10:00 PM

It is my job to show you why I think you are in error and to do so from flaws in your case from Scripture.

That's easy! All you have to do is answer the question:

This isn't about sex, Simple Tim. This is about authority. Either show me where God said sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin, or show me your delegation of authority that allows you to arbitrarily step into another mans' family and declare something to be a sin when God didn't.

If you can't do that, Romans 14:4 applies: *Who are you to judge [declare something to be sin on the part of] the servant of another?*

I'll also note that I've been making my argument from the standpoint of marriage. You, however, bring up the subject of orgies which you later defined as including another man and claim I called that holy. Liar. This is another example of your dishonesty and baggage. (Why you'd want to get into a

situation where you had some dude's cock waving in your face is beyond me)

Now, while you're trying to figure out a way to answer the question you can't answer and have way too much pride and baggage to admit you're wrong, answer me this:

I admit what I did with M&M was fornication, as well as the others. No question about it. However, if I had married M&M, are you claiming what we did before we married would be sin after we married? If so, answer the first question. By what authority do you make that claim? No other man present, just me and two happy, horny housewives. What about the others? We didn't do group sex, it was rotational. If I'd married them and we'd continued that are you saying it would be a sinful relationship? Again, by what authority?

This is the third time I've asked the question. You have yet to respond from anything but baggage.

719. artisanalloadshall

July 18, 2015 12:18 AM

Simple Tim, this is another stark difference between us:

I once took it as my duty to bed as many women as I could and thought it was my problem that I did not enjoy it the way I was "supposed to"; the way the culture taught me.

I don't believe that, but I was never into skanks and always preferred relationships. I had girlfriends in high school but it was typical petty HS BS. In the marines I got promoted to corporal meritoriously, early, and I had problems with the men. One of the older sergeants pulled me aside and said "Son, you can't lay hands on men until you've laid hands on iron. After you've laid hands on iron you don't need to lay hands on men. Come with me."

He introduced me to power-lifting. Over the next 5 years I put on over 40 pounds of muscle. He was finishing a masters in philosophy and he encouraged me to read and loaned me books. I met my first serious girlfriend (Rene') at a book signing in San Diego. We talked for hours and the chemistry was perfect. We'd read a lot of the same books, were more or less both libertarians and were interested in a lot of the same things. We were also seriously the odd couple. I'm 5'8, had a buzz haircut and a cocky attitude. She's 6'2, had flaming red hair to her butt and was very quiet and

reserved. She was also 10 years older than I was although she didn't look it.

After hours together we decided we really liked each other. We met again and it worked well and we continued to see each other because we genuinely liked each other. Things changed when she told me she was in the process of getting certified as a massage therapist, she really wanted to practice on somebody with muscle and would I let her use me for a guinea pig? Wow. Who can say no to that? Once she started working on me it didn't take long for our relationship to get really physical. We were together for 1.5 years and she's still a friend to this day.

She didn't approve of my next girlfriend and cheerfully said "I told you so" when that exploded a few months later. She and all her friends gave their approval of M&M and those two got all kinds of avuncular advice on how to deal with me. I'm fairly sure that was a factor in the success of the relationship while it lasted.

When I got the house with the girls in college, she reversed course and talked only to me. I had the feeling she didn't approve because I wasn't willing to make enough of a commitment to the girls. My last day in California I had lunch with her before I went home and said goodbye to the girls.

The point is fucking somebody you don't know and don't care for is nothing more than mutual masturbation. Emotionally it's a dead end. Being in a relationship you discover that you don't get anything more out of the relationship than you're willing to put in and all you get in the end is pain when the relationship ends. If you aren't willing to give everything you can give you won't get everything you want. That's what commitment is all about.

But look at what's happened. We now have a situation in which even if the guy makes the ultimate commitment, the entire culture and legal system is stacked against him and the pain of losing his life partner and his children is a whole lot worse than losing a girlfriend.

I point out there's a solution, a Biblical form of marriage that meets the needs of the women, tames their hypergamy and offers far more stability. You, based on the false premise of your baggage fucking skanks, say no.

I return to first causes and say "Show me the authority."

You have no answer, just protests.

GIGO. Answer the question.

720. Mark Call

July 18, 2015 8:53 AM

@ST - All right, it's early here, I haven't had my coffee...

TOB?

721. simplytimothy

July 18, 2015 10:13 AM

Toad

Reread comment 708 starting at the line that reads:

Cause I am still working on it you ignoramus.

722. simplytimothy

July 18, 2015 10:19 AM

But look at what's happened. We now have a situation in which even if the guy makes the ultimate commitment, the entire culture and legal system is stacked against him and the pain of losing his life partner and his children is a whole lot worse than losing a girlfriend.

I point out there's a solution, a Biblical form of marriage that meets the needs of the women, tames their hypergamy and offers far more stability. You, based on the false premise of your baggage fucking skanks, say no.

heh.

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723. simplytimothy

July 18, 2015 11:51 AM

He introduced me to power-lifting.

After you've laid hands on iron you don't need to lay hands on men.

Agreed.

410 lbs squat max, typically worked with 350 lbs during workout.

450 lb deadlift for reps. In a set cycle that was my heavy reps weight.

310 lb bench, yes, it sucked, but shoulder has a twing when pressing.

200 < 300 lbs snatch (floor to chest then chest to overhead press. Makes you breath like a horse)

Leg curls where the whole damn stack for reps--clink->clack,clink->clack, clink->clack.

The power-lifters where a different breed. They routinely pressed 500 lbs as part of their training. I am a endomorph--think Urlacher for Da Bears or [the guy in jeans behind vox but with 400 lbs on his back and a grin on his face and the muscle to push it for reps--](#), the power guys tended mesomorph, with the occasional freak of nature thrown in.

Mine was a stamina routine. From the power guys, I learned to work all major muscle groups every workout, but cycle the heavy lifting for one major muscle group at a time--legs (always start with squats, 'cake guys' bench first), back, upper. My body liked extended sets with the modest weights I posted above. Every exercise was for 10 sets with all reps to failure. The light work was power-sets (push this, then pull that) for bursts of 3 power sets and then catch breath before repeating. This gave me good power and excellent endurance and stamina. In summary, my "heavy" lifts where in the low to mid 400's with my "power curve" in the mid 300's. Not power lifting, but solid strength for speed and extended time. I also ran well. I enjoyed a sprinting halfway around Lake Eola in Orlando as part of my jogs around the lake.

At the time, I was acing calculus. My professors where accusing me of being a genius and there was one female professor who was stalking me in the halls. She was hot; I ignored her. I preferred thinking.

Anymore pissing contests toady? I will meet every challenge every time every day. Its up to you to decide if it is worth your time.

I used to compete with gym monsters. I'm not a big guy, only 5' 8", We competed on a "what can you do with what you've got" basis.

Double my body-weight, bench.

Triple my body-weight, squat.

2.5 times my body weight, dead lift.

Three mile run, less than 18 minutes.

5 mile farklek, less than 35 minutes.

6 mile compass run on broken terrain, full combat gear, less than 1 hour.

3 mile combat swim, less than one hour.

Party til you puke: NO SALE.

Any more peeing contests today? I will meet every challenge every time every day. Its up to you to decide if it is worth your time.

It actually wasn't a peeing contest. What you're doing now is trying to change the subject. There's a reason for that.

You still haven't answered the question. That was your challenge and you haven't met it. By now you've probably figured out that I'm right, but your hubris and your baggage keeps you from admitting it.

This isn't about sex, Simple Tim. This is about authority. Either show me where God said sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin, or show me your delegation of authority that allows you to arbitrarily step into another mans' family and declare something to be a sin when God didn't.

Going Twice

725. simplytimothy

July 19, 2015 12:59 PM

You still haven't answered the question. That was your challenge and you haven't met it. By now you've probably figured out that I'm right, but your hubris and your baggage keeps you from admitting it.

Reread comment 708 starting at the line that reads:

Cause I am still working on it you ignoramus.

I may be wrong. You may be right. If you are I will tell you.

I am in the process of formulating my reasoning and checking my assumptions and then I will have others check my work.

I expect to have that done by next Sunday. If there is a delay, I will inform you during the week.

One vector is purely on logic grounds--literally, your argument is invalid using basic logical reasoning using your definition. i.e. your reasoning is internally inconsistent. I worked through that in my mind while I was sleeping and have not written it down yet to check my work.

My work as I type this is to file your claims into categories. I am filing your claims into categories of my own naming at the present moment.

AUTHORITY
COVENANT
DEFINED PROHIBITIONS vs IMPLIED PERMISSIONS
ITS ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS
POLYGyny
PRIMACY OF SCRIPTURE
THE LAW IS PERFECT
THE NATURAL FUNCTION
STORY vs VERSE

I am doing that work, right now, on another screen. (I am taking a break to post this comment and read VP)

726. simplytimothy

July 19, 2015 3:48 PM

@Mark Call

TOB-Torah Observant Believer.

727. Mark Call

July 19, 2015 9:11 PM

Thanks...I know I should've know that. (I use the term ToBe, pronounced Too-bee, fairly often.

728. simplytimothy

July 22, 2015 8:47 PM

Update:

I have finished the initial sorting of toady's claims (with comment numbers) into the categories I listed above in comment 735.

Tomorrow I start the process of 'condensing' them and removing the duplicates.

From there I will re-examine the taxonomy in light of toady's comments 700 through 702 .

After that comes the restating of toady's claims and then my counter-arguments.

I DO NOT EXPECT to have this done this Sunday as I had hoped. I will continue until it is done.

729. artisanaltoadshall

July 27, 2015 10:39 PM

Still working away at it Timmy?

730. simplytimothy

July 29, 2015 6:27 PM

Yes. I have a CFI renewal to complete this week and next (and maybe the week after that). Work will be limited until then.

Here is what I expect.

Your argument for polygyny will stand on its premises (it falls on premises you reject)

Your argument for wife-wife sex within a marriage will fall on at least three scriptural grounds and one self-refuting logical error.

Your argument for polygyny as a solution to divorce problems is interesting.

It is a pity you polluted your argument with your 'selling point' .

I will keep you informed.

731. Mark Call

July 31, 2015 9:56 AM

Didn't realize you were a CFI, ST. I finished my BFR not too long ago (SEL, Inst.) and have an annual on my Skylane I need to get ready for in another month or so...

732. Artisanal Toad

August 02, 2015 7:52 PM

Simple Tim

It is a pity you polluted your argument with your 'selling point'

The pity is that you (obviously) still can't think about this in terms other than sex. You never asked me why I chose to argue the issue the way I did, which is telling. Nor did you think to ask why I made the argument at all. You remind me of W.C. Fields, an atheist, who was observed looking through the Bible on his deathbed. When asked what he was doing, he replied "looking for loopholes..."

There is a very simple (heh) point to this argument that you have not responded to which summarizes the entire argument:

This isn't about sex, Simple Tim. This is about authority. Either show me where God said sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin, or show me your delegation of authority that allows you to arbitrarily step into another mans' family and declare something to be a sin when God didn't.

We both know you can't do either.

733. simplytimothy

August 06, 2015 6:42 PM

CFI renewal complete accept for some paperwork to submit...so I will be back on task next week.

You never asked me why I chose to argue the issue the way I did, which is telling. Nor did you think to ask why I made the argument at all.

First, I am interested in your argument, not in your opinion. If I want your opinion, I will ask.

By doing this, you take on the mantle of a teacher and with that mantle comes extra responsibility. I am sure you are

aware of the verse on this. If not, I will get it to you.

This is about authority.

Not just. Your challenge is a straw man.

It is my job to clearly state the case such that you see your errors.

734. artisanalloadshall

August 07, 2015 12:55 AM

Simple Tim

Your argument is a strawman

I gave you the fundamental premiss. Either show me God prohibited it or show me your delegation of authority. If you can't, there is no possible argument you can make against polygyny.

Any other argument you make will be a strawman. From the beginning you have been claiming I'm wrong without even understanding the issue. Even before #330 you were referring to polygyny as a sin, but in that comment you outdid yourself.

You take polygamy as a given good while Christianity does not.

Beau's statement mirrors mine and it derives from the narrative of the Bible.

1. *Man was created good.*
2. *Man was given one wife--Eve*
3. *Man's sinful nature introduced the sin of polygamy.*
4. *God decided to step in and established His covenant with Abraham. Polygamy was practiced then.*
5. *God introduced the law with attendant rules on polygamy.*

You started out You take polygamy as a given good while Christianity does not

That really should read "You take polygyny as a given good while the Catholic Church did not, starting in the 1500's, and the Protestant Reformation continued with that tradition of Popes, Cardinals and Bishops."

Then you come up with this whopper:

3. *Man's sinful nature introduced the **sin** of polygamy.*

and followed it up with this:

5. *God introduced the law with attendant rules on polygamy.*

You make the claim that polygyny is sinful and the product of sin, yet in the same little list you point out that God provided His regulations for anyone who desired more than one wife. So, either God got it wrong and regulated sin or it's sin according to the gospel of SimpleTim who decided to add to the words of the Book.

You have claimed polygyny was sinful from the beginning. You later waffled and said you didn't think polygyny was sinful, but apparently have reversed course.

You claim this isn't "just" about authority. The authority of the Law is that it is God's Law. The authority of the husband is created in Genesis 2:24 and specified in Ephesians 5:22-24 (among other places) as being equal to that of the authority of Christ over His church.

To illustrate the point, I made the argument that nothing in scripture prohibited multiple wives from sharing their husbands bed at the same time. Nothing prohibits sexual contact between such wives and thus the matter falls under the authority of their husband.

Continued

735. artisanalloadshall

August 07, 2015 1:12 AM

Continued...

Over the course of this argument there have been multiple lines of attack. Hamster claimed the problem was not my argument, per se, but the way I made it. I was "tempting" people. You joined him in that. Beau tried the Romans 1:26-27 argument with the claim the passage was about sex. This has been your primary argument.

I pointed out that the text specifically said both the men and women gave up the natural function of the woman. I

argued that Eve was created to be a helpmeet, wife and mother. Supporting was 1st Timothy 2:15.

You have not had a rebuttal for that.

I finally refined it down to its essence:

Either show me where God said sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin, or show me your delegation of authority that allows you to arbitrarily step into another mans' family and declare something to be a sin when God didn't.

You claim it's not "just" about authority but here is why you're wrong: We both know God didn't prohibit it and we both know you don't have a delegation of authority from God to regulate my marriage. You will probably repeat some lame argument from earlier in the thread claiming, for example, that it's too much a focus on the flesh, which is not a pursuit of righteousness and must therefore be wrong.

My answer will be the same: For my family, and every other family except YOURS, that isn't your call to make. Maybe I marry a nymphomaniac and we go at it like crazed weasels every morning and every night. Maybe I marry another nymphomaniac and they both do their best to wear me out. What business of that is yours? Who are you to regulate my home?

In doing so you'd be attempting to usurp my authority as husband and head of my house and attacking the headship doctrine. In addition, you'd be placing yourself (arbitrarily I might add) in a position as one in authority, teaching as doctrine the precepts of men. It's funny, you keep making reference to teachers being held to a higher standard, but you are doing exactly what you're warning me not to do.

Go back and re-read Ephesians 5:22-24. If you (an outside entity) can step into my marriage and claim that something God never said was wrong, is wrong, you are also claiming the authority to step into any monogamous marriage and do the same thing. Further and by inference you are claiming an outside entity can do the same with the church. Both are usurpations of authority which is wrong. To teach such a thing is to teach wrong doctrine.

You might claim polygyny is a stumbling block because of people with porn addictions, but that won't fly. Hebrews says marriage is to be honored by all. In fact, we use these

Greek designations of monogamy and polygyny to differentiate to *aspects* of one thing: marriage (even though these words are not found in the Bible). God commanded mankind to be fruitful and multiply, therefore marriage cannot be a stumbling block regardless of whether it's monogamy or polygyny.

I saved this for last, and I probably should have stomped on this earlier.

It is my job to clearly state the case such that you see your errors.

Idiot. Your job is to refute the argument. I have already quite clearly stated MY case. Your only job is to refute it if you can.

736. SirHamster (#201)

August 07, 2015 3:12 AM

To illustrate the point, I made the argument that nothing in scripture prohibited multiple wives from sharing their husbands bed at the same time. Nothing prohibits sexual contact between such wives and thus the matter falls under the authority of their husband.

Over the course of this argument there have been multiple lines of attack. Hamster claimed the problem was not my argument, per se, but the way I made it. I was "tempting" people.

Please retract the bolded statement. I have not accepted that lesbian sex between wives is natural, and do not accept that Scripture fails to prohibit the behavior you discuss.

You are confusing my agreement that polygamy not prohibited in general (but see Deut 17:17) with a position on what is not prohibited within a polygamous marriage.

Your continued failure to correctly understand my thoughts gives me little confidence that you are doing any better with Scripture.

737. artisanalloadshall

August 07, 2015 3:53 PM

[@337](#) SirHamster said:

"It's not about the polygamy. It's how you're selling it, and your emphasis."

You said that after saying " *You are selling an interpretation of scripture on the basis that it will satisfy the desire of men to see lesbian porn, a desire you try to sneak in as "the norm".*"

I'm sure it's your opinion, but you're wrong. Review my comments [@351](#) and [@363](#) You don't understand what I've been arguing. You're still convinced it's about sex, but the real argument is the authority of the husband.

I have not accepted that lesbian sex between wives is natural, and do not accept that Scripture fails to prohibit the behavior you discuss.

There you go with that lesbian word again. The "natural function means sex" argument, referencing Romans 1:26-27 has been made and refuted. The behavior on the part of women and men was a rejection of God and His plan for family with the result of forming unnatural *relationships* The men (verse 27) compounded that by engaging in prohibited behavior for which they receive a penalty.

Let's try this...

Jan and Julie, along with Bob and Brad were all disobedient brats who didn't honor or obey their father. Their father got disgusted with their behavior and left. They all knew they were to stay in the house, but Jan and Julie ran out the front door to play. One of the neighborhood Moms gave them a pie and they ate it. Bob and Brad also went outside, but they stole fudgesticks from the ice cream truck and ate them.

1. They were all disobedient.
2. Both the girls and the boys did something they shouldn't have done when they left the house.
3. The boys, already doing something they should not have done, compounded that by stealing, for which they were given extra punishment.
4. Should the girls be given extra punishment for eating pie?

Your argument claims eating pie is the same as eating the fudgesticks and the girls should be given extra punishment.

You fail to grasp *the context* of eating the pie was wrong. The girls should not have been eating pie because they

were outside, but eating the pie was not wrong in and of itself. If the girls had wanted to, they could have waited and when the time was right pie would be a menu option if they both married the same guy. The boys were in disobedience for leaving the house, but the fudgesticks were an additional offense for which they were punished. Unlike the girls, fudgesticks at home were forbidden because their father called them an abomination. The boys could also have waited and pie would be on the menu if they wanted it.

The entire issue revolves around what the natural function of women is. I point to Eve and the reason for which she was created. If you want Romans 1:26-27 to simply be about sex, you are claiming Eve was created to be Adam's sex-bot. That interpretation also creates problems with 1st Timothy 2:15. To top it off, you're adding to the Law.

2. If you don't accept that Scripture fails to prohibit the behavior I've discussed, then take the Simple Tim challenge:

Either show me where God said sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin, or show me your delegation of authority that allows you to arbitrarily step into another mans' family and declare something to be a sin when God didn't.

If you can't do that, Romans 14:4 applies. "Who are you to judge the servant of another?"

3. You reference Deut. 17:17 so I'll go over this one more time. God took credit for giving David (a King) Saul's wives and said He would have given him more if that had not been enough. David already had multiple wives when God gave him Saul's wives and God said He would have given him even more. We know the names of 8 of David's wives but there could have been more. But more to the point, as Christians we aren't kings, we're ambassadors working for the King. That makes citing Deut. 17:17 irrelevant.

738. SirHamster (#201)

August 07, 2015 4:54 PM

@artisanaltoad,

You have made multiple arguments in this thread.

One of your arguments is that polygamy is acceptable, and

even desirable for our current times. I do not find that position worth disputing and have said so, repeatedly.

On the other hand, I have just quoted you saying "*I made the argument that nothing in scripture prohibited multiple wives from sharing their husbands bed at the same time. **Nothing [in Scripture] prohibits sexual contact between such wives and thus the matter falls under the authority of their husband.***"

In these two sentences, you have made two separate arguments, the latter one being one I completely reject as wrong. Given the context, I reject the claim in the following paragraph that I had no problem with "your argument".

I have asked that you retract the statement, "Hamster claimed the problem was not my argument [that nothing prohibits sexual contact between such wives], per se, but the way I made it."

Do not waste words trying to instruct me on what I think or thought. Your summary of my position is wrong, now retract it and clarify it.

739. artisanalloadshall

August 07, 2015 6:36 PM

@Hamster.

In these two sentences, you have made two separate arguments, the latter one being one I completely reject as wrong.

I will note that you have not refuted that argument, but it appears you are upset that I seem to be doing exactly what many here have been doing: tarring with the same brush. The argument is the same but comes from two sources. If you can say polygyny is not wrong, then by the same token you can't say sexual contact between wives is wrong. But, perhaps my problem is I don't understand what you're trying to say.

I don't attempt to instruct you on what you think or thought, all I have to go on is what you wrote. In order to understand what you're objecting to, which of the following statements would you agree with most, and if you can't agree with any of them, try to state specifically what you're

trying to say.

1. A man can have more than one wife without either the man or the women being in sin. However, in order to avoid the appearance of evil, the husband should never bed more than one of them at once. (Make sure it never happens)

2. A man can have more than one wife without either the man or woman being in sin. While there is no restriction on the man desiring that all his wives attend him in bed at the same time, sexual contact between wives should be avoided. (Sometimes things happen, try to avoid it)

3. A man can have more than one wife without either the man or woman being in sin. If the man desires all his wives attend him in bed at the same time (which is his right), while it's obvious sexual contact will occur in such situations, the man must never command or allow his wives to intentionally engage in sexual activity together. (Don't sweat the small stuff, just don't intentionally go there.)

Taken in conjunction with the typology of marriage being a "type" of the relationship of Christ to the church, think about this. We as Christians have prayer, study and devotions as a one-on-one relationship with the Lord. We also have corporate worship as a body. So...

Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am with you also. You wives are joined together by my name, therefore, you will never be in bed together unless I am there and when I am, I'm am the purpose you've gathered for and your attention is to be given to me.

If we are gathered together and I am working with one of you and I desire the help of others, it is for my purposes, not your pleasure. If it gives you pleasure that's OK, but your pleasure is not the purpose, rather, my pleasure.

740. SirHamster (#201)

August 08, 2015 1:38 AM

But, perhaps my problem is I don't understand what you're trying to say.

I agree. Finally, progress. Given that you do not understand what I am trying to say, could you get around to retracting your false claim of what I have said? I do have problems with some of your arguments.

I should not need to ask you a **third time** to retract a false claim on **what I think**.

I am not surprised, but I wish you would actually **listen and understand**. I don't know how to type this slower.

741. simplytimothy

August 08, 2015 10:10 AM

Ah!

SirHamster, Mark Call, glad to be back.

With less than 10 exceptions all of toad's claims fall within the following "headings"

ASCETICISM

ROMANS 1

AUTHORITY COVENANT AND HEADSHIP

DIVORCE

MARRIAGE ME: (Merge with Covenant?)

MONOGAMY

POLYGyny

PRIMACY OF SCRIPTURE

PROHIBITIONS and PERMISSIONS

THE LAW IS PERFECT

THE NATURAL FUNCTION

STORY vs VERSE (The letter of the law vs the spirit of the law. aka idiomatic antithesis.)

ITS ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

The question I will focus on is the authority of the husband to command wife-wife sex within a polygynous marriage.

gotta run, more later.

742. artisanaltoadshall

August 08, 2015 12:08 PM

Toad said:

To illustrate the point, I made the argument that nothing in scripture prohibited multiple wives from sharing their husbands bed at the same time. Nothing prohibits sexual contact between such wives and thus the matter falls under the authority of their husband.

*Over the course of this argument there have been multiple lines of attack. **Hamster claimed the problem was not my argument, per se, but the way I made it. I was "tempting" people.***

Hamster cried foul, and objected to me saying: "**Hamster claimed the problem was not my argument, per se, but the way I made it.**"

Hamster, I paraphrased a quote from you. I didn't claim it was what you thought, that was based on what you said. You want me to retract, saying it's a "**false claim on what I think**". I don't think YOU understand the argument I'm making and thus the effect of what you said in regard to that argument.

Notice (in bold above) I said I was illustrating a point. Do you even know what the point is?

You said:

One of your arguments is that polygamy is acceptable, and even desirable for our current times. I do not find that position worth disputing and have said so, repeatedly.

and

"You are confusing my agreement that polygamy not prohibited in general (but see Deut 17:17) with a position on what is not prohibited within a polygamous marriage."

I said I was **illustrating a point** and the point is simple. "*Wives, be subject to your own husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the savior of the body. But as the church is to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.*"
Ephesians 5:22-24

Everything. Not "everything, except [that]."

Then the screeching began. "It doesn't mean everything because Christ would never tell a Christian to sin!" I **agree**. So, we check carefully, and guess what- there is no prohibition on female-female sexual contact. Anywhere, under any conditions. So as long as the wives aren't menstruating or are within the proscribed period after childbirth, the husband is within his rights to demand they all attend his bed and anything that happens after that falls

under his authority.

Then comes the Romans 1:26-27 argument, which I've dealt with repeatedly and you, Beau, Simple Tim and the others have not dealt with what the natural function of the woman is. Eve was created to be a wife, not a sex-toy. Over and over I've pointed out that it isn't about sex, it's about the relationship, and that's the problem for you. Admit the relationship and you admit the authority of the husband to direct the sex in whatever way he wants it to go. That applies with one wife or many wives.

Implicitly, you're saying there are no general prohibitions on [monogamous] marriage [see Leviticus 21:7 and 21:13-15], but you do not agree on what is prohibited in a [monogamous] marriage. Sexual congress is what consummates marriage, thus sex is the *sine qua non* of marriage, but it does not define the relationship bound by marriage. I'm asking you to clarify YOUR position. Are you claiming restrictions on the [monogamous] marital bed other than those God imposed? If you are, please cite your authority, otherwise you're making an argument against Ephesians 5:22-24.

My position is that to admit polygyny is acceptable is to admit that what happens in the marital bed is up to the husband. You have agreed polygyny is a licit marriage, therefore, **absent an argument to the contrary**, you are agreeing that what happens in the marriage bed falls under the husbands authority and whatever sexual contact occurs (whether M-F, F-M-F, M-F-F or even F-F) is licit. Therefore, either retract your statements that polygyny is licit or take the Simple Tim challenge.

743. artisanaltoadshall

August 08, 2015 1:02 PM

@Tim

Welcome back Tim. Are you ready to take the Simple Tim challenge?

Either show me where God said sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin, or show me your delegation of authority that allows you to arbitrarily step into another mans' family and declare something to be a sin when God didn't.

You may want to carefully review the recent comments between me and Hamster.

@Mark

Does controversy generate listening audience for you? If so, you ought to have me as a guest on your radio show. I was looking at your blog and I noticed that in your discussion of marriage licenses you didn't mention *Meister v Moore*. For over 130 years the requirement to get a marriage license has been "merely directory" because marriage is a fundamental right for people who have the right to get married.

Look at the definition of a marriage license (Black's 5th). It's a special license issued to persons who intend to intermarry. Then comes the definition of what intermarriage is. See: miscegenation. So, we look up miscegenation. "The mixing of the races, as between a white and a negro."

God forbid the mixing of the races, and it was after the 14th Amendment was passed that the states began passing laws requiring a license to marry. the very definition of a marriage license demonstrates that the state is justified in requiring them, and it appears SCOTUS is looking at this situation and saying "Look, if you're going to allow one form of illegal marriage you're going to have to allow all of them."

Further, I think you're going off on a tangent with the 501(c)3 thing. It isn't the IRS enrollment, it's the fact the churches are corporations. Controlling on that point is *Hale v Henke* (cited over 1600 times in other rulings), which states that a corporation is the creature (creation) of the state, and that's not dicta. It's absolutely on point. The problem is the churches want to operate in commerce instead of being churches.

Everybody screams about the bakery that got fined for refusing to do the wedding cake for the sodomite wedding. Guess what? They were incorporated! Why? To get the benefits of limited liability. The state has the authority to require a corporation to do business with everyone. If they'd been a sole proprietorship the state would not have had a case because the state does not have the authority to tell an individual who the must or must not do business with. (I will admit that the precedent set by *ObamaCare* may change that in time, but currently that's the situation)

I'd have said that on your blog but you have the comments turned off for that post.

744. artisanalloadshall

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@Mark

I forgot to add that with respect to the bakery, the water gets muddy when issues revolving around "trade, commerce, business or industry effecting a public interest" collide with "public policy" issues. I know I'm right, but I will admit the bakery would probably only have won on appeal if they had been a sole proprietorship. As a corporation, the bakery was completely wrong to have refused to do the cake.

745. simplytimothy

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Welcome back Tim. Are you ready to take the Simple Tim challenge?

You have made your case and stated your claims. You are repeating what you said. Now it is time to examine your claims.

I will be doing so one category at a time.

Under PRIMACY OF SCRIPTURE I have the following comments listed:

 PRIMACY OF SCRIPTURE

Nothing more or less than The Law of The Lord (Psalm 19) is needed. (COMMENT [@145](#)) (ME See comment [@600](#))

When tradition directly contradicts God's Word it's wrong (COMMENT [@145](#))

Further, to speak where God was silent in His Law (adding to the Law) is to say that God got it wrong. That's blasphemy. (COMMENT [@415](#))

There is only one standard for Christians, and that's the Word. (COMMENT [@431](#))

When Christians deviate from the Word and make a mess of

things, the solution is to repent. King Josiah is instructive here. (COMMENT [@431](#))

Scripture is pretty much discreet when it comes to describing what happens in the marital bed. (COMMENT [@436](#)) (ME: Song of Solomon. One woman.)

176. That which God says is wrong I identify as wrong. That which God did not say is wrong I refuse to describe in pejorative terms. (COMMENT [@534](#))

God's Word is the defining factor in what we as Christians should or should not do and His will for our lives encompasses what we should or should not be. (COMMENT [@534](#))

I have repeatedly pointed out that it is arrogance and even blasphemy for you to claim the authority to condemn where God chose not to. (COMMENT [@534](#))

That silence is particularly instructive because God had a great deal to say about sex and relationships, but we see ONLY prohibitions and restrictions. (COMMENT [@534](#))

There is a lot to examine here...

To whit.

1. The prohibitions on food and St. Peter's vision of the sheet with formerly unclean foods now being clean.
 2. Toady's example of Moses getting it wrong.
 3. The inference that a lack of a prohibition or a restriction implies God's blessing an action
- ...and possibly others.

I will be taking to time to state these (and other) principles under this category from toady's claims in positive terms using standard Christian terminology. When I have that done, I will move on to the next category of toady's claims.

Consider this the *definition* phase. The necessary precondition for avoiding talking past one another.

@SirHamster, @Beau, I am not married to these heading names. If you see better terms, please suggest them. Currently they are:

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ASCETICISM
 ROMANS 1
 AUTHORITY COVENANT AND HEADSHIP
 DIVORCE
 MARRIAGE ME: (Merge with Covenant?)
 MONOGAMY
 POLYGyny
 PRIMACY OF SCRIPTURE
 PROHIBITIONS and PERMISSIONS
 THE LAW IS PERFECT
 THE NATURAL FUNCTION
 STORY vs VERSE (The letter of the law vs the spirit of the law. aka idiomatic antithesis.)
 ITS ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

I will be posting the claims categorized under each in a series of comments following this one for you to browse. The goal is to articulate the principles clearly and the attendant problems if any.

cheers.

746. [simplytimothy](#)

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test [@745](#)

links to earlier comments do not get there, possibly because the system was introduced after this thread started. Let's see if they glom on now.

747. [simplytimothy](#)

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[@745](#), [@746](#)

yep, they work now. Should be useful going forward. Thanks mods

748. [artisanalloadshall](#)

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1. The prohibitions on food and St. Peter's vision of the sheet with formerly unclean foods now being clean.

I'm sure Mark will have something to say about that and I'm just as sure I already know what it will be, but do you really

want to go there? Why not just go full monte with 1st Corinthians 6:12? And what does this have to do with polygyny or the authority of the husband?

3. The inference that a lack of a prohibition or a restriction implies God's blessing an action

I don't believe I've stated that, anywhere, and the statement is wrong. A lack of prohibition does not imply God's blessing, it implies a neutrality on God's part because in other parts of Scripture we are commanded to do things. That moves any particular action into the realm of wisdom, as in "is this wise?" I've already stated a delegation of authority to the husband so that lack of prohibition with respect to marriage (which is the subject here) devolves to discretion on the part of the husband because the husband is in authority over his wife or his wives.

As a housekeeping note, I suspect you're using a word processing program to compose your comments. Would you please get rid of the excess blank lines at the bottom when posting? Thx.

749. artisanaltoadshall

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Ironically, you don't need to cite all the comments about Scripture that I made, all you have to do is cite the Bible itself:

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. 2nd Timothy 3:16-17

If you are arguing there is a higher universal standard, a higher universal authority than God's Word, please say so. I say that in contradistinction to a higher individual standard or a higher authority over the individual Christian. There is one and you should know what I'm talking about.

750. simplytimothy

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The following few comments are just cut-n-paste of toady's claims into my categories. Please do not feel any need to expend any energy on them, they are intended such that you can see how toad's claims cluster. I expect revisions to the categories as the core ideas reveal themselves.

Here are some claims by toad that I do not think are germane, yet I include them in their own category for completeness sake and later reference.

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What if, instead of the "Man up and marry that slut" campaign that some churches are waging, they instead said "Girls, get together in groups of two to four, move in together, get your houses in order and then find the greatest guy you can and offer him his own personal harem."

Which is more likely to increase the stability and economic security of those single mothers and their children? Is it sin? No. Is it unbiblical? No.

Why do they go snakeshit at the idea? Because the idea some guy has a sexual smorgasbord available when they're stuck with a monogamous marriage drives the men nuts.

The men AND women go nuts because they KNOW that sooner or later the girl-on-girl thing will come up and NOTHING in Scripture forbids it. (COMMENT @332)

"Wives, submit to your husbands in everything."

And Christians who scream with outrage at me for suggesting such a thing (Toad is appealing the flesh) don't bat an eye at the percentage of divorcees

or the number of women in their pews that have already filed the paperwork to destroy their families, impoverish their children and cause their men to leave the congregation. (COMMENT @332)

Toad's argument does not rely on Hebrew Roots dogma.

The problem with women is found at Genesis 3:16. They're cursed. For what Eve did she and all her daughters were cursed. (COMMENT @430)

For what Adam did the ground was cursed.

(COMMENT @430)

Salvation in Christ doesn't remove the curse, although the Holy Spirit gives women the power to overcome the curse.

(COMMENT @430)

SirHamster was not complaining about the issue of polygyny so much as the way I was "selling" it.

(COMMENT @510)

Masturbation (married or unmarried) is an issue to be decided between the Master and the masturbater.

(COMMENT @515)

Revelation 3:18 says we should buy three things from the Lord Jesus. Gold, refined by fire, white garments and eye

salve.

The gold refined by fire is what you get by suffering for His name's sake. It happens when your faith is put to the test and you were not found lacking.

The white robes represent the perseverance of the saints, the clothing of righteousness which we receive from Christ as we persevere in our service to Him.

The salve for the eyes is that filling of the Holy Spirit which allows us to see as the Lord would have us see, from His perspective.

It is this focus on Christ that allows us to sacrifice for Him and even suffer for Him, and in doing so we become filled with the Holy Spirit." (COMMENT @546)

Ephesians 5:18 is a command. "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit" (COMMENT @546)

There are two words for 'know' used in the New Testament.

1. Ginosko is objective knowing. examples Galation 4:9 2 Timothy 2:19.

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ME:(investigating Galations 4:9 neither word that toady gave is used. <http://biblehub.com/interlinear/galatians/4-9.htm>) (COMMENT @546)

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ASCETICS

God made sex pleasurable. Church teaching say sex should not be pleasurable. (COMMENT @415)(COMMENT @363).

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This will probably need breaking into different categories when it is examined. Note my "Romans 14??" comment to myself

ROMANS 1

Romans 14.????

The Context of Romans 1 is the rejection of God and a refusal to recognize His authority. (COMMENT @176) ME(its idolatry)

The relationships Paul is describing are not defined by sexual acts that occur within them but rather by the fact they are unnatural relationships in rebellion against God.

Sex that occurs within the relationship is only a facet of the relationship and does not define it. (COMMENT @319) ME:(Nuns in a convent are in a relationship.)

The society prospers when the relationships are correct and honored. God's "defense of marriage act" was making adultery and fornication death penalty offenses. (COMMENT @319)

The society suffers when unnatural relationships are permitted and begins to crumble when they are tolerated. (COMMENT @319)

A society that embraces unnatural relationships and honors them on the same level as natural marriage will be destroyed.(COMMENT @319)

"Female homosexuality" is a contradiction of terms because "homosexual" is any sexual act between men, which are unilaterally forbidden.(COMMENT @319)

Women aren't men, thus "homosexual" anything is impossible for women. (COMMENT @319)

What you're really trying to do with your interpretation (whether you realize it or not) is go back and "correct" God by defining the relationship according to the sexual acts in order to condemn sexual acts that God chose not to. (COMMENT @319)

The term "lesbian" defines a relationship which is unnatural and not in accordance with God's plan; not any particular sexual act that might take place within such a relationship.

Therefore, it is impossible for multiple wives to have "lesbian orgies" within the context of their marriage. (COMMENT @319)

Beau, what happens within your marriage bed is nobody's business but yours. Likewise, no matter how many wives a

man has, what happens in their marriage bed is nobody's business but theirs. With respect to this,

Romans 14:4 speaks loudly

(COMMENT @319) <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+14&version=ESV>

Two of the commandments speak to family and the regulation of sexual activity is extensive. (COMMENT @399)

What is the sin they are repenting of? Is it the sexual acts they've engaged in together or the fact they did so in an unnatural relationship (rejection of men) outside the bounds of marriage? (COMMENT @319) (ME: restate this positively)

Would choosing a polygynous marriage in order to maintain their relationship under the headship of their husband be wrong? (COMMENT @319) (ME: restate this positive!y)

*Homosexual acts are defined as male-male only; Scripture is silent on female-female sexual acts (COMMENT @389)
ME:(katecho's approach and idiomatic antithesis approach)*

The passage of Romans 1:18-32 was a prophesy for our times (COMMENT @640)

Perhaps the degrading passion is the feminist hatred of men, of which lesbian relationships are merely a symptom and girl-girl sex is merely a side note. (COMMENT @640)

Created for men, they (Lesbians) reject men with hatred. That's degrading and perverted. (COMMENT @640)

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It is idolatry for a Christian to seek permission from the state in the form of a license to marry. (COMMENT @37)

Girl-girl sexual relations are not specifically prohibited because in a polygynous marriage they occur under the authority of their husband. (COMMENT @209)

The wives are in a covenant relations with each other, not just with their husband. (COMMENT @176) ME: Probably wrong here. If so, sex with somebody you are not married to is adultery or fornication.

The women are not married to each other. They are married to their husband. (COMMENT @189) ME: toady is logically wrong. Exploit it.

There are only two restrictions God placed on the marriage bed: no sex during menstruation and no sex after the birth of a child; 40 days for a boy and 80 days for a girl.

Therefore, regardless of the number of wives and in light of points one and two, what happens in the marriage bed falls under the authority of the husband. (COMMENT @209)

Within the marriage the wife is to be subject to her husband. Whether his behavior or her behavior that he permits rises to the level of "lasciviousness" (is that even possible in a Christian marriage between husband and wife?) or "gratuitous ego-centric carnal indulgences" is the husband's call to make. Period. For as it is written... the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church (COMMENT @332)

Marriage is a covenant, which by definition means that God is a party to the covenant.

In the marital covenant both husband and wife make vows to each other and to God.

As believers, they are bondservants of the Lord. Think of a triangle with God at the top and husband/wife at the bottom.

Christ is in the center making intercession. Both husband and wife make vows to each other (across the bottom of the triangle) and to God (upwards to the top).

Read comment @324 for a discussion on divorce. As bondservants of the Lord, regardless of whatever violations take place between husband and wife the covenant holds between them because God is a party to the covenant.

The covenant cannot be broken unless the servant leaves the service of the master and refuses to be a bondservant.

The bondservant cannot leave and the master has forbidden divorce. (COMMENT @342)

I will clearly state that the husband is ALWAYS bound by God to obey His Law and behave in a Godly fashion. Whether the husband is a Christian or not, the standard

does not change. (COMMENT [@342](#))

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Other than the published restrictions on all marriages,
 what happens is between God and those involved.
 (COMMENT [@342](#))

Whatever might happen in the marital bed is nobody's
 business but theirs. (COMMENT [@363](#))

They are under their husbands headship covering and to
 the extent they're trying to make babies, in accordance
 with God's plan according to the natural function of
 women. (COMMENT [@363](#))

The issue of female-female sexuality "within a marriage" is
 a delegated responsibility.
 "For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is
 the head of the church... wives are to submit to their
 husband in everything." (COMMENT [@399](#)) ME: (Covenant
 grounds)

If the power delegated to the husband is not upheld by the
 congregation, God will destroy the members of the
 congregation who do so. (Numbers 15 and 16)
 (COMMENT [@399](#))

Scripture clearly says the wife is to submit to the husband
 in everything. (COMMENT [@415](#))

Yes, men err , but that does not negate the grant of
 authority nor the responsibility such a grant of authority
 places on the shoulders of men. (COMMENT [@415](#))

The church does not have the authority to regulate the
 marriage bed. (COMMENT [@415](#))

Only the man was given the authority to initiate marriage
 (Genesis 2:24) and that authority was not limited to a

single wife. (COMMENT [@417](#))

Under Moses only the man had the authority to end his marriage (Deut. 24:1-3). Jesus reinforced this when He said "let no man separate." (COMMENT [@417](#))

*From a Biblical perspective, neither the state nor the church has authority over marriage, only God, who delegated headship authority to the man.
(COMMENT [@417](#))*

In doing so they usurp the authority of the man, the head of the marriage.

*This dates back to the invasion of the family by the church when they usurped the authority of the husband and claimed the authority to regulate the marital bed.
(COMMENT [@417](#))*

The state took control from the church and now claims authority over marriage, requiring the permission of the state to marry.

It also claims the authority to end a marriage and issue a certificate of divorce for any reason at all (no fault divorce) if one of the parties wants to leave the marriage. Women love this arrangement. (COMMENT [@417](#)) (ME: spot on)

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How does Christ love the church? Start with Rev. 3:19. Some translations have "reprove and chasten" and others have "rebuke and discipline." It's all the same, the first is verbal, the second is physical.

Taking it up a notch, look at what Christ said to the church at Ephesus in Rev. 2:5. He threatens to remove His lampstand. (COMMENT [@430](#))

*Scripture is pretty much discreet when it comes to describing what happens in the marital bed.
(COMMENT [@436](#))*

According to covenant theology, a covenant is an agreement or contract to which God is a party.

The husband, as the federal head in his marriage, covers the wives. One family, regardless of the number of wives. Many marriages implies many separate families.

(COMMENT @459)

The question of one covenant (shed blood) with respect to one church or multiple churches is beyond the purview of this discussion but it becomes relevant in my choice of semantics. (COMMENT @465)

Toady acknowledges that evil is not appropriate in marriage . (COMMENT @492)

Within the marriage what happens between the husband and wives is between them and God. It's nobody else's business. (COMMENT @515)

*Not being twisted like Simple Tim, I don't consider scat, breaking bones and throwing acid on the face to be sex acts
ME:(Care to do a porn search for this? Ever read Sade?)
but look at what he's really doing with that argument: He can't stand the idea of somebody else getting something he wants but can't have so he piles absurdity upon absurdity in order to create a special situation in which he might be able to claim "That's wrong!" ME:(b.s. I verified that you are (probably) not evil)*

So, anyone who looks at a marriage with multiple wives and says "any sexual contact between the wives is wrong" is also saying "and I also have the right to judge what happens between you and your wife." (COMMENT @525) (ME: yes we do. You cannot be immoral you cannot do evil. You are still under God)

It was to the MAN that authority to initiate marriage was given. CITE: (ME, its in the notes somewhere) It was to the MAN that Moses gave the procedure to terminate the marriage. And the Lord said "let no MAN separate.". (COMMENT @608)

Going from "It's a good idea" to "This is a requirement and if you don't, you aren't married" is nothing more than a power grab. (COMMENT @638)

If a man can be required to receive permission to marry it means he has no right to marry. (COMMENT @638) ME:(good point)

Without the right there is no authority. Taken to extreme, you get droit du seigneur: it's all about power.

(COMMENT [@638](#))

"The concept of agency" states that the Master is responsible for the conduct of the agent. (COMMENT [@650](#))

In the parable of the talents, the lazy servant was calling his Master a lawbreaker to which the Master

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The destruction of Christian marriage began when the church invaded the family, usurped the authority of the husband and claimed the right to dictate internal family policy even to the point of regulating the marital bed. (COMMENT [@654](#))

The destruction continued when the state took that power from the church and claimed virtually plenary authority over marriage. (COMMENT [@654](#))

Within my lifetime a husband could literally go to jail if his wife gave him a blowjob. (COMMENT [@654](#))

The destruction accelerated with women's suffrage as they began to tear down the patriarchal culture. (COMMENT [@654](#))

Feminism, combined with the availability of artificial hormonal birth control turned the hypergamy loose. (COMMENT [@654](#))

The solution is not to return to "Marriage 1.0" but rather to go all the way back to marriage in which the authority of the husband over his family within the constraints of the Law is undisputed and unchallenged. (COMMENT [@654](#))

As soon as "Wives, submit to your husbands in everything"

becomes "Wives, submit to your husbands in everything except that" then the only thing left is to expand the definition of "that" until the whole thing is meaningless. ME:(compare 214 and 215. the Law is an "except that" furthermore, the character of Christ is an "except that") (COMMENT [@654](#))

That authority has always resided in the husband and that goes all the way back to Genesis 2:24 where God granted that authority to the husband as the initiator of marriage (COMMENT [@654](#))

->ME:(Compare Adam as initiator with Wilson's assertion that God was the initiator)

Also 1st Corinthians 7:36-39 36 reads:"

If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed,[a] if his[b] passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry—it is no sin.

37 But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed,he will do well.

38 So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.

39 A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. "

The husband has the authority to provide corporal punishment (COMMENT [@654](#))

The husband has the authority to take another wife. (COMMENT [@654](#))

The husband also has the right to revoke any contract or vow his wife or daughters make because they are under his authority.(COMMENT [@654](#))

Once a limiting exception to a husband's authority is found it's just a matter of finding a way to chip away at that headship doctrine until it's meaningless.(COMMENT [@654](#))

Once the headship authority is usurped, it isn't God's design for marriage any more.(COMMENT [@654](#)) ME:(agreed)

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That's where the entire girl-girl sex within a polygynous family point came from. Wives were commanded to submit to their husbands in everything. (COMMENT @654)

*The husband has the authority to command his wife to do anything within his sphere of authority. Notice that above I said "constrained by the Law."
He has no authority or right to commit murder and thus has no authority to command his wife to do so
However, if somebody is kicking the door in in the middle of the night he has every right to hand her a shotgun and tell her to back him up and shoot to kill. And she damn well better obey. (COMMENT @656 657) ME:(Restate this positively)*

*I am convinced that millions of wives would be far happier if they KNEW that when they got out of line they were going to get a trip straight over their husbands knee and wouldn't get back up until their ass was glowing cherry red.
It wasn't but a few generations ago a wife could expect a spanking for getting seriously out of line. And look how depressed they've become. (COMMENT @655 656 657)*

*Its an interesting question.
The wife is referred back to 2:18-25 because she is under her husband's authority. As the wife is under his authority, he, likewise, is under Christ's authority.*

*The relationship of Christ to Christian is a master-servant relationship. The text makes clear, however, that the husband-wife relationship is a special master-servant relationship. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church. As she is under authority, likewise he too is under authority.
(COMMENT @596) ME:(yes, ergo the husband's headship is conditional on his right relationship with God)*

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@Simple Tim.

Simple Tim, look at your first cite.

Nothing more or less than The Law of The Lord (Psalm 19) is needed. (COMMENT [@145](#)) (ME See comment [@600](#))

First olive out of the jar and you got it wrong.

[@145](#) I said: *You Christians (of whatever flavor) miss the point about polygyny. There is no way to get around the fact that Psalm 19 states "The Law of the Lord is perfect" and that means it is perfect. Nothing more or less than needed. As has been pointed out, God does not regulate sin, He prohibits it and condemns it.*

[@600](#) Hamster said:

Nothing more or less than The Law of The Lord (Psalm 19) is needed.

That isn't what I said so Hamster lied, but you are now quoting Hamster's lie as if I said it. I didn't.

I was describing the Law of the Lord, quoting what Psalm 19 said and pointing out that in describing the Law of the Lord as perfect it meant that God got it right. He didn't leave anything out and He didn't put in too much. That's where the statement "nothing more or less than needed" came from.

Your sixth cite is also incorrect. Comment 436 was by Mark Call. I know I said what you're quoting, I just don't remember which comment. However, to support, other than something along the lines of "he went into her" Scripture doesn't mention any sexual acts specifically. Proverbs 5:19 says the husband is to be satisfied with his wife's breasts but it doesn't say how. That's why I said it's discreet.

Out of your first ten points in the "definition" phase, you got two wrong. You've stated you aren't a theologian and admitted this isn't something you'd ever studied before. So, imagine you're flying IFR in a storm. Standard panel with an altimeter, VSI, airspeed indicator, compass, HSI and attitude indicator. If your altimeter and attitude indicator aren't giving you correct readings, what do you think is going to happen?

Either you're being sloppy or you're intentionally being

dishonest. Which is it? Quote me all you want, but stick with what I actually said and keep it in context.

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Toad, I have added a note: ME:(Fix this per Toad's comment 758) to my notes and will fix the error. Since you make multiple claims per comment, I have paraphrased when necessary. I got this one wrong. Expect more errors. Its a draft.

Next category is...

 DIVORCE

Marriage is described as a type for the relationship between Christ and the church. (COMMENT @324)

In my opinion, divorce between believers is the ultimate marital immorality and a major causative factor in adultery, idolatry and the destruction of the culture and society. (COMMENT @324)

Divorce, while a part of Deuteronomy was/is not part of God's law (COMMENT @324 see toad's extended discourse on Matthew 19)

If a wife disregards the command not to separate, her husband is under no requirement to suffer sexual starvation and loneliness because he has the right to take another wife. (COMMENT @324)

She, as a separated wife cannot legitimately remarry regardless whether some state court judge gives her a certificate of divorce and uses the badge gang to extract money from him to support her in her rebellion against him.

Any man who marries such a separated wife commits adultery because she's still married. (COMMENT @324)

I Cor. chapter 7.

v 10. "A wife is NOT to DEPART from her husband."

...but (hmm...) IF she does, SHE is to remain unmarried.

(Why? Obvious. She is still married, "has a living husband.")

v 11. HE, OTOH, is not to 'divorce' her. (Actually, not to "put her away" is a better rendering, but that doesn't matter in

this case.)

SO - can he take another wife? OBVIOUSLY.

Is such a wife an "unbeliever", or just rebellious? What matters is that the husband is "not under bondage".

If such a husband remarries...what if the wife does as she SHOULD -- and repents, and returns? (Mark Call COMMENT @361. referenced in COMMENT @365)

The believing wife who violates her instruction and departs from her husband cannot in doing so force him into sexual starvation and loneliness because he can take another wife. (COMMENT @417)

Because divorce is forbidden to believers (1st Cor. 7:10-11), the separated wife is still his wife, commanded to remain single or be reconciled to her husband (ME: and wife #2->700). (COMMENT @417)

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Some churches still teach the correct doctrine of "Once married, always married" but deny polygyny is licit. (COMMENT @417)

The state took control from the church and now claims authority over marriage, requiring the permission of the state to marry.

It also claims the authority to end a marriage and issue a certificate of divorce for any reason at all (no fault divorce) if one of the parties wants to leave the marriage. Women love this arrangement. (COMMENT @417) (ME: spot on)

Following the departure of their wife, husbands may take another wife but in keeping with the teachings of the church they refuse to acknowledge they now have two wives.

A desire on the part of the separated wife for

reconciliation would be rejected after he takes a second wife. (COMMENT [@417](#))

The wives with their state granted certificates of divorce that God won't honor then proceed to engage in adultery. At best, the church is silent. At worst the church gives its active support to the women destroying their families. (COMMENT [@417](#)) (ME: good analysis)

At the same time the church refuses to hold accountable the burgeoning population of sluts who enter their doors with their illegitimate children in tow, applauding these "single mothers" for their "courage" in not getting an abortion. Veterans of the cock carousel, they are almost completely unsuitable for monogamous marriage. (COMMENT [@417](#))

The separated wives and their children, along with the sluts with their bastards are (as a rule) low income "families" at the bottom of the economic ladder and in need of support.

The divorced men, bled by child support and alimony payments, are not in much better shape. Many of them go from one pseudo-marriage (dating) to another, further polluting the church with their adultery and fornication. (COMMENT [@417](#))

That (113 -> 125) I contend, is a crisis that is literally destroying the church. (COMMENT [@417](#)) (ME: this is toad's motivation.)

Why not tell those brave sluts to partner up in groups of 3 or 4 and offer themselves as a package deal? They've already trained themselves to share a husband during their years on the carousel and polygyny has major advantages over monogamy in this legal climate. (COMMENT [@417](#))

Why not rebuke the adulterous wives with their so-called second marriages, directing them to stop committing adultery with their fake husband and exhort them to return to their real husband? Why not preach the truth to the husbands with multiple wives that if the prodigal wife comes back they're commanded to be reconciled with her and live with her? (COMMENT [@417](#))

Because the church would rather have what it's got now than admit a man can legitimately have more than one wife at the same time. (COMMENT [@417](#))

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 DIVORCE

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I think the prophet Isaiah was speaking to the modern church when he said (paraphrasing) your women rule over you and those who guide you lead you astray and confuse the direction of your paths. Isaiah 3:12 (COMMENT @417) 1st Cor. 7:10-11, overturned the judgment of Moses at Deut. 24:1-4. (COMMENT @459)

Deut. 24:1-4 had to be overturned because God describes Himself as having two wives, Israel and Judah. He said He divorced Israel but also said that Israel would be redeemed. (COMMENT @459)

Under the specifics of Deut. 24:4, God would not be able to redeem Israel to Himself without overturning that judgment by Moses. (COMMENT @459)

Deut. 24:1-4 was a judgment by Moses, not part of the Law that God gave to Moses. This isn't a case of God changing because a judge's ruling can always be overturned by a higher court (COMMENT @474)

The text of Matthew 19:6 indicates that

- 1) the first question referred to Deut. 24:1-3 and*
- 2) in the second question both Jesus and the Pharisees identified it as a judgment of Moses, as opposed to a part of the Law that God commanded Moses to give to the people; and*
- 3) this was not a case of God changing (from the beginning it was not this way) but rather the judgment was in error. (COMMENT @474)*

God, pre-law, forbade divorce. Moses allowed it. Jesus, as a man and under Moses was bound by the law. After the resurrection, the rules for divorce revert to pre-fall ME:

*(funny that)
all forms of marital dissolution for the bondservants of
Christ are forbidden, with one exception: the unbelieving
spouse who departs. (COMMENT @474)*

*Exodus 21:11 provided the just cause rationale for a woman
to divorce her husband. (COMMENT @474)*

*1 Peter 3:1 removes that just cause of Exodus 21:11
(COMMENT @474)*

*Marriage is a type for the relationship between Christ and
the church. CITE:*

*A marriage scheme that allowed divorce would imply that
it is possible for Christ to be separated from the church.
(COMMENT @474)(ME: Christ removes lampstand? Death?*

*In pointing to the creation account, with the use of the
word "separate" He effectively denounced ALL forms of
marital separation. (COMMENT @608)*

*His use of the word "separate" in the context of the
reference to Genesis included both the separation of
"putting away" and the separation of divorce because
"from the beginning it has not been this way."
(COMMENT @621)*

*I believe Dalrock is correct in saying we no longer have a
marriage system in the United States, it's been replaced by
a child support system. (COMMENT @654) Me:(me too.
Dalrock makes a strong case)*

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DIVORCE

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*For two married believers, there is no divorce.
(COMMENT @657)*

*For the believer who is married to an unbeliever, divorce is
possible only if the unbeliever leaves; (COMMENT @657)*

but as long as the unbeliever is willing to stay, they are sanctified by the believing spouse in the service of the Master. (COMMENT @657)

The Master has forbidden His married bondservants to divorce. (COMMENT @657) ME:(ergo polygyny as a solution to present day secular laws)

The entire incentive structure has changed and now wives are enticed to separate by a system that rewards them for destroying their families. (COMMENT @657)

Their leaders lead them astray and confuse the direction of their paths. (COMMENT @657)

And their women rule over them. (COMMENT @657)

The text specifically tells the WIFE (who has no authority to terminate the marriage) not to separate (1 Corinthians 7:10-11) (COMMENT @655 656 657)

ME: (This comment series is where toady concedes my point. We also see a difference in definitions. Toady admits the woman can leg it out of there, but is correct that the woman has no authority to terminate the marriage)

But, and here is where we agree in part, sometimes there is a time for the wife (and perhaps children) to run. And the text continues, saying but if she does separate, she is to remain single or be reconciled to her husband. Not her ex-husband. Because she's still married. ME:(Need careful definition.)

The husband, representing Christ within the marriage, is told not to divorce her and not to run. He's to stand there and take it. Just like Christ hung there and took it. (COMMENT @655 656 657)

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MARRIAGE ME:(Merge with Covenant?)

Marriage belongs to God and recognizing any authority of the state over marriage is idolatry. It is literally giving to Caesar that which belongs only to God. (COMMENT @209)
Marriage is a covenant entity (there are three- the family, the state and the church) in which God is a party to the

marriage. (COMMENT [@209](#))

A corporation is the creature of the state, therefore it is idolatry for a church to incorporate. (COMMENT [@209](#)) (ME: agreed)

Individuals have a right to marry and are not required to get a license in order to do so. Therefore, it is idolatry for Christians to obtain a license to marry. (COMMENT [@209](#))

Marriage is described as a type for the relationship between Christ and the church. (COMMENT [@324](#))

Sex within marriage should be pleasant for both the men and women (COMMENT [@348](#))

180. Based on Matthew 19, 1st Cor. 7 and 1st Peter 2-3, the master has commanded that His married bondservants are not to separate. (COMMENT [@535](#))

Biblically speaking, I see four elements to marriage:

The permission of the father,

the agreement of the man and woman,

the consummation of the marriage (penetration) ME:

(Revisit per comment by bethyada regarding penetration) subsequent cohabitation as man and wife.

The context of these elements is a commitment to marriage, which is to be for life. I question whether absent the commitment there is a marriage but that is not relevant to the discussion. (COMMENT [@535](#))

God wants marriage so that He is seeking Godly offspring. (COMMENT [@608](#)) Malachi 2:14-15. (ME: profound and true)

You're asking about ending this thing called marriage and I think it best to first agree on what marriage is.

(COMMENT [@638](#))

Nowhere in Scripture was any authority given to either the State or the Church to regulate or control marriage.

(COMMENT [@638](#))

As nearly as I can tell, there are 6 general elements of a Lawful marriage:

1. Desire of the man to take the woman to be his wife. (almost always required)

2. Permission of the woman's father (not always present/required)

3. Agreement of the man and woman to marry (not always present or required)

4. Consummation- becoming one flesh (by man, always required)

5. Cohabitation (indicating commitment to be married)

6. God joining them as one flesh (spiritual consummation, always required) (COMMENT [@638](#))

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@Toad, Some of Mark Call's comments may be interspersed in this.

 MONOGAMY

If you want to play the game, the first monogamous marriage introduced sin into the world. The offspring of the first monogamous marriage committed the first murder.

The first recorded case of incest (a two-fer!) was the result of a monogamous marriage. Want me to go on about how wonderful monogamy is? (COMMENT [@332](#))

*A church Elder must be married (i.e Assuming St. Paul was unmarried, he would not qualify as an elder)
 (COMMENT [@365](#)) ME: (Letter vs Spirit of the law)
 Church doctrine of 1 man and 1 woman was officially enshrined at the Council of Trent in 1563 (COMMENT [@365](#))*

*If you are arguing that this "accepted standard" of monogamy is actually working, you truly are a simpleton.
 (COMMENT [@654](#))*

What you'd see if you looked around are children growing up without fathers in the home.

Daughters who climb on the cock carousel before they're old enough to drive.

Sons who grow up without discipline and glorify thug culture.

Look around, Simple Tim, and see the detritus and wreckage of this "accepted standard" you call monogamous Christian marriage. (COMMENT [@654](#))

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 POLYGYNY

Polygyny was a regulated, as opposed to a proscribed, relationship. (COMMENT [@209](#))

You err when you pre-emptively identify polygyny (not polygamy) as a sin. (COMMENT [@332](#))

Polygyny is a valid and licit form of marriage regulated by God in the Law which was not prohibited or condemned in the New Testament. (COMMENT [@351](#))

The silence on God's part in not forbidding a man from entertaining more than one wife in the marital bed speaks very loudly in light of the restrictions He did place on the marital bed. (COMMENT [@351](#))

Deuteronomy 25:5-20 is God establishing polygyny (Mark Call COMMENT [@361](#). referenced in COMMENT [@365](#))

God gave David Saul's wives (plural). (II Samuel 12:8) (Mark Call COMMENT [@361](#). referenced in COMMENT [@365](#))

Per Malachi 3:6 or Hebrews 13:8 Polygyny is here to stay because God never changes. (Mark Call COMMENT [@361](#). referenced in COMMENT [@365](#))

God is a husband of more than one wife: (Jeremiah 3, Ezekiel 23...oh, and didn't Yahushua tell a parable about a marriage with 10 virgins, FIVE of whom go in to be with the Bridegroom? (Mark Call COMMENT [@361](#). referenced in COMMENT [@365](#))

Polygyny is not wrong. (COMMENT [@363](#))

God commanded polygamy in the law of the levirate (COMMENT [@365](#))

I have yet to find anywhere in the Bible where God differentiated between monogamous and polygynous marriage as different classes of marriage. (COMMENT [@365](#)) ME:(THIS IS INTERESTING VECTOR. Is it true?)

Your teleological argument is founded on the presupposition that such a distinction exists and this is an eisegetic error. (COMMENT [@365](#))

I assert marriage is a covenant relationship regardless of the number of spouses. (COMMENT [@365](#))

Per Isiah 4:1-2 Polygyny is not a "temporary" thing, but a permanent ordering established by God. (COMMENT [@365](#))

God never gave any general or specific prohibition against polygyny. (COMMENT [@365](#))

God gives polygyny explicit moral approval in 2nd Samuel 12:7-8

God cannot do anything immoral so God taking credit for David's many wives must therefore carry with it God's moral approval. (COMMENT [@365](#))

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The multiplying wives argument fails with the response to #5 (ME: ??) because we don't know what the word multiply means. ME:(Multiplying wives argument)

David's eight wives did not turn his heart away from the Lord, Solomon's 700 wives and 300 concubines did. (COMMENT [@365](#))

Polygamy is nohorribly dehumanizing for women. (COMMENT [@365](#))

1 Tim 3:2 the requirement that an elder be the "husband of one wife" is better translated as "not a ladies man" and "not a flirt"(COMMENT [@365](#))

Genesis 2:24. That's the grant of authority for the man (not the woman) to initiate marriage. It is not restrictive to any specific number of wives. (COMMENT [@368](#))

in Hebrews "Let marriage be honored by all." implies honoring polygynous marriage (COMMENT [@389](#))

I've pointed out repeatedly that the man's authority to marry is granted in Genesis 2:24 and it wasn't limited to once. (COMMENT [@430](#))

Polygyny is a loving solution to the following scenarios:

- 1. The post-menopause woman who does not want sex.*
- 2. The man divorced by his wife, marries another (now has two wives) and first wife, like the prodigal son, returns.*

(ME: It wasn't the prodigal daughter, what's that law of scripture?)

3. The reformed caoursel riding sluts are packaged by the church into groups of 2,3,4 (why not 700? Like Solomon!) and one "lucky" man gets to marry them.

4. Two lesbians are living in sin repent, but they really like the lesbian sex, so they marry a man in a polygynous marriage and it is all ok. (COMMENT @430)

5. Woman divorces husband, bankrupts him, ruins him. Repents, wants back. Man says no. Man is in error (COMMENT @431)

The authority was given to the man to initiate marriage in Genesis 2:24 and that authority was not limited to a single woman. (COMMENT @638)

The financial benefits from polygyny are wondrous (COMMENT @431)

Polygyny is very similar to corporal punishment of wives. Both have significant textual support in the Bible. Neither are forbidden or condemned. Both have significant historical support.

Both are sometimes necessary and surprise! Feminism HATES both of them. (COMMENT @431)

Polygyny is an obvious solution for many of those most in need, but the xians tut tut tut and say, "That's sinful!" (COMMENT @431)

Because parents have just as much right to add children to the family as the husband has to add another wife.

Where did that come from? The same place all your other rights come from: God. (COMMENT @432)

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POLYGyny

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I take pains to differentiate between polygamy (many marriages) and polygyny (many wives) because of the tendency toward serial monogamy (polygamy) in the west, in which there are literally many marriages with the

previous ones being broken prior to establishing the next one. (COMMENT [@459](#)). (ME: per toad: polygamy exists, polygyny does not yet exist in the West)

Deut. 24:1-4 had to be overturned because God describes Himself as having two wives, Israel and Judah. He said He divorced Israel but also said that Israel would be redeemed. (COMMENT [@459](#))

In verses 12-17, Paul restates the Law of the bondservant as it applied to marriage. As long as the unbelieving spouse was content to stay with the bondservant, they were sanctified under the protection of the Master. If they chose to leave they left the "service" of the Master and the bondservant who stayed with the Master was free to marry another bondservant. (COMMENT [@474](#))

Everybody claims the breaking up of marriages is not a good thing, but everybody wants the option. Because the idea of adding another wife is just so... unthinkable. (COMMENT [@621](#))

This will not end well. What's a young man to do? Round up a crew and settle in. Buns in ovens. Every child gets passed around until all mothers are bonded to every child. Balance out the alpha aloofness with the beta comfort. Work to build the family bonds between all. If, some years down the road, somebody wants to walk, in all likelihood the children will stay with the husband, the other wives and the siblings. That means she pays child support. Incentives matter. (COMMENT [@657](#))

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 PRIMACY OF SCRIPTURE

ME:(Fixed per Toad's comment 758)

There is no way to get around the fact that Psalm 19 states "The Law of the Lord is perfect" and that means it is perfect. Nothing more or less than needed. As has been pointed out, God does not regulate sin, He prohibits it and condemns it. (COMMENT [@145](#)) (ME See comment 600)

When tradition directly contradicts God's Word it's wrong (COMMENT [@145](#))

Further, to speak where God was silent in His Law (adding to the Law) is to say that God got it wrong. That's blasphemy. (COMMENT @415)

There is only one standard for Christians, and that's the Word. (COMMENT @431)

When Christians deviate from the Word and make a mess of things, the solution is to repent. King Josiah is instructive here. (COMMENT @431)

Scripture is pretty much discreet when it comes to describing what happens in the marital bed. (COMMENT @436) (ME: Song of Solomon. One woman.)

That which God says is wrong I identify as wrong. That which God did not say is wrong I refuse to describe in pejorative terms. (COMMENT @534)

God's Word is the defining factor in what we as Christians should or should not do and His will for our lives encompasses what we should or should not be. (COMMENT @534)

I have repeatedly pointed out that it is arrogance and even blasphemy for you to claim the authority to condemn where God chose not to. (COMMENT @534) (ME: kidnap)

That silence is particularly instructive because God had a great deal to say about sex and relationships, but we see ONLY prohibitions and restrictions. (COMMENT @534)

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PROHIBITIONS and PERMISSIONS

Romans 1:26 does not explicitly condemn girl on girl action (COMMENT @176)

Because Leviticus 18 and Leviticus 20 Do not explicitly prohibit lesbian sex, it is permitted in marriage. (COMMENT @176)

If you claim that something God permitted is wrong for

everyone then you're calling God a liar and that's blasphemy. (COMMENT @145) (DUDE! COMMENT 600)

girl-girl sexual relations are not specifically prohibited because in a polygynous marriage they occur under the authority of their husband. (COMMENT @209)

No matter what Adam and Eve chose, as long as it was not specifically forbidden it was permitted and they were within God's will for their lives if they chose it. (COMMENT @209)

The Law only contained two restrictions on the marital bed.

First, there was to be no marital relations when the wife was menstruating for she was unclean.

Second, there were to be no marital relations after the birth of a child, 40 days for the birth of a male child and 80 days after the birth of a female child (Leviticus 12). (COMMENT @209)

within a licit relationship, there are only two restrictions which I have described above. (COMMENT @209) (ME: add comment number where toady retracts this) (ME: DUDE! examined for rebuttal)

Homosexuality is literally restricted to men with men and does not include women with women. (COMMENT @247)

There are no specific sexual acts forbidden in Scripture, but many examples of forbidden relationships that involve sex. (COMMENT @209)

Fornication is any sexual contact and is wrong because the individuals involved are not married. (COMMENT @209)

Adultery is any sexual act and is wrong because at least one of the individuals is married, but not to the person they are having sex with. (COMMENT @209)

Homosexuality is wrong because regardless of the sexual act, it's men with men and God has condemned all such relationships. (COMMENT @209)

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The context of the passage (Romans 1,2) is the wrath of God is being poured out on people who have rejected God, refuse to honor and worship Him and for that, they receive His abandonment. The first point was God abandoned them to impurity. The result was the defilement of the relationship He created, marriage, through fornication, adultery and divorce.

They didn't repent so God gave them over to depraved passions, the result of which was the formation of unnatural relationships. (COMMENT @316) ME:(seems forced. Discuss w/ help)

Lust is a desire that cannot be legitimately obtained or fulfilled. (COMMENT @316)

The result of this lust was the men committed indecent acts (forbidden acts) for which they receive the due penalty in their own bodies (AIDS?).

Both the men and women are in an unnatural relationship but within that illicit relationship the men are compounding their error by engaging in prohibited sexual activity.

The women are not. (COMMENT @316) (ME: Stats on lesbian lifespan?)

Some sexual activity is unilaterally forbidden, meaning there is no possible relationship in which such acts can be licit:

1. Men with men.
2. Men with animals.
3. Women with animals.

Other sexual activity may be licit depending on whether the individuals are married. (ME: Marriage covenant between women?)

Thus, the fact God chose not to unilaterally condemn or forbid sexual acts between women indicates they would be licit within marriage.

Marriage, however, requires a husband, thus the only way sexual acts between women would be licit is within a polygynous marriage.

I'm sure that bothers you, but to say otherwise is to say God got it wrong. (COMMENT @316)

Beyond the homosexuality (men with men) and bestiality (men or women with animals), what constitutes sexual

immorality gets pretty much decided as to which side of the marriage line one is standing on.

Licit sexual acts occur within marriage, illicit sexual acts occur outside marriage. (COMMENT @323)

Marriage is to be honored by all and let not the marriage bed be defiled; for we know that fornicators and adulterers will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

(COMMENT @323)

I see adultery as sex (any act) by the married outside the bounds of their marriage and fornication as sex (any act) by the unmarried who are not bounded by marriage.

(COMMENT @323)

God didn't describe and prohibit specific sexual acts, he proscribed relationships. (COMMENT @323)

You err when you pre-emptively identify polygyny (not polygamy) as a sin. (COMMENT @332)

The fact that God regulated the practice of polygyny, did not prohibit female-female sexual relations (while doing so with men) and the fact that

He did not include a prohibition on more than one wife in the marital bed at the same time pretty much destroys my arguments about polygyny being sinful. (COMMENT @332)

(ME: toady asserts that if God did not explicitly label a thing as sin then it is not sin)

We find three classes of sex acts are unilaterally prohibited and condemned in God's Law: men with men, men with animals and women with animals.

God did not give us lists of specific acts, just a blanket prohibition.

All other prohibitions are based on relationships.

(COMMENT @351) ME:(Verify this claim...examples of other prohibitions.)

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THE NATURAL FUNCTION

"The Natural Function" for men is to be a husband and a

father. (COMMENT @176)

"The Natural Function" for women is to be a helpmeet to her husband. (COMMENT @176)

The natural function of women is to be married and make babies, for it is written "Women shall be saved through childbirth..." 1 Timothy 2:15 (COMMENT @189)

Can a woman who is married to a man with more than one wife fulfill the natural function of a woman by submitting to her husband and bearing his children (or at least trying)? Yes. (COMMENT @209)

Can two women who abandoned God and neither honor Him or obey Him, rejected His plan, rejected men and marriage fulfill the natural function of women? No.

(COMMENT @209) ME:(here is the vulnerability in the nuns argument)

I don't know what translation simplytimothy is using, but the text of Romans 1:26 does NOT say "natural sexual relations for unnatural ones." (COMMENT @209)

To make that claim (above) you have to demonstrate that the Apostle Paul was inserting a new violation into the Law, something God chose not to do. (COMMENT @209)

The text is best defined as the NASB has it: They "exchanged the natural function for the unnatural" which brings us back to the question of what the natural function of the woman is and I already cited 1st Timothy 2:15. But, when you read it, perhaps you should start at verse 12.

(COMMENT @209) (SEE Beau

COMMENT @287/288) <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Timothy%202&version=ESV>

ME:(In 1 Timothy Paul is addressing Timothy and the subject is the matter of the Church and the roles in Church, not marriage?)

Both the women AND me mentioned in Romans 1:26-27 "gave up the natural function of women" so maybe some focus should be placed on what the natural function of women actually is.

The first covenant entity God created was the family. Their mission is to be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it and take dominion over it.

That mission takes place within the bounds of a covenant called marriage, to which God is a party.

That is the natural function of both men and women, but the sex between men and women is only a part of it.

What the women are doing in verse (Romans 1:)26 is rejecting God's plan and thus rejecting men, children and

motherhood.

It is the rebellious relationship being condemned, nothing else. (COMMENT @316) ME:(Both the women AND men???)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1&version=ESV>

"26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ME:(Contrary to Nature implies foregoing marriage?)

27 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 themselves the due penalty for their error."

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THE NATURAL FUNCTION

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In Romans 1:26-27, the natural function of the woman, used in regard to both the men and women, refers to marriage and baby-making. I cited 1st Timothy 2:15 in support.

It follows that the unnatural for women is to reject men, marriage and motherhood under the headship and in submission to a husband.

Beau argued the "natural function of women" is a reference to sex and you're trying to equate girl-girl sex with guy-guy sex in order to condemn the girls, something God didn't do. I claim it's about relationships.

So let's go back to Genesis and see what Eve was created for. Wouldn't that help us understand the "natural function of women?" It follows that if Eve was created to be Adam's sex toy, I'm wrong and it's all about sex.

If Eve was created to be a helpmeet to Adam, to be his wife and bear his children within the bounds of marriage, you're wrong and it's about relationships.

(COMMENT @351)

Aside from point 76, it isn't the act itself, it's the context of the act: the relationship. In light of points 71-75 I make

the claim that IF the women in Romans 1:26 were within a lawful marriage to a man, any such sex acts would be licit. Further, not being in a lesbian relationship (rejection of men and marriage) you can't even call it lesbian sex or homosex without slandering them. (COMMENT @351)

The natural function of women is to marry and make babies. (COMMENT @432)

So, if you've given up on that it's the same as the guys in Romans 1:27, minus the gay sex. (COMMENT @432)

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STORY vs VERSE (The letter of the law vs the spirit of the law. aka idiomatic antithesis.)

Song of Solomon

The First Marriage

Lamech and polygamy

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(COMMENT @436) (ME: Song of Solomon. One woman.)

Carefully looking at Leviticus 18 and Leviticus 20 we see that girl on girl sexual acts are not prohibited

(COMMENT @640)

If you had more than one wife I'm thinking I'm correct when I say that sooner or later you'll want all of them in bed with you at once.

Put a pile of naked, sweaty, sexually aroused people in bed together and things happen.

Maybe that's why God didn't prohibit or condemn girl on girl action, because it could be legitimately exercised/satisfied in a polygynous marriage.

This drives most Christians nuts and scares the living bejeezus out of Christian women. (COMMENT @640)

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ITS ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

 Lust is a desire that cannot be legitimately obtained or fulfilled. (COMMENT @316)

Any "plumbing connection" is licit in a marriage.
 (COMMENT @176)

God isn't so interested in how the plumbing is connected as He is in the relationship of who is connecting the plumbing.
 (COMMENT @209) (ME: is this true?)

God cares more about the relationship of people connecting the plumbing than how the plumbing gets connected. (COMMENT @209)

All the prohibitions are based on relationships, not sex acts. (COMMENT @209) (ME: is this really a general principle?)

It isn't a case of "don't do *this* but rather don't do *anything sexual* with someone who's presence would constitute a proscribed relationship. (COMMENT @209)

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I'm sure that bothers you, but to say otherwise is to say

God got it wrong. (COMMENT [@316](#))

The relationships Paul is describing are not defined by sexual acts that occur within them but rather by the fact they are unnatural relationships in rebellion against God. Sex that occurs within the relationship is only a facet of the relationship and does not define it. (COMMENT [@319](#))

God didn't describe and prohibit specific sexual acts, he proscribed relationships. (COMMENT [@323](#))

With that in mind I truly don't know that I can restrict sexual immorality to sexual acts.

What about birth control (God said He is the one who opens and closes the womb) or what is known today as an "emotional affair"? (note to self: the slope gets slippery)

The only licit sexual activity occurs in marriage. Any sex outside of a legitimate marriage is either adultery, fornication or incest.

It isn't about the acts themselves, it's about the relationships in which they occur. My vanilla PIV sex with my wife is licit. My vanilla PIV sex with your wife is adultery. (COMMENT [@351](#))

Continued

775. simplytimothy

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ITS ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

...Continued...

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In a polygynous marriage, wives are not "lesbians," are not in a "lesbian" relationship and are not having "female homosexual sex." (COMMENT [@363](#))

God did not prohibit or condemn male-female sex except as in the two regulations on the marital bed and the

*prohibition on fornication and adultery.
Other than that, it's all about proscribed relationships.
Nothing else. (COMMENT @466)*

*Although a man laying with a whore makes them one flesh,
they are not in a "relationship". (COMMENT @524)*

*You(me: !) err in assuming relationships are defined by sex
and that all relationships are equally licit.
God did not do so and in fact, God said no bastard shall
enter the assembly of the Lord, even down to the tenth
generation. (COMMENT @524)*

*God does not define relationships by sexual acts and He
places a great deal of emphasis on the legitimacy of the
relationship in question. (COMMENT @524) ME:(weak.
define why)*

*Sex between wives in a polygynous marriage is NOT lesbian
or homosex (COMMENT @527)*

*Toady rejects Beau's Set/Subset argument and states.
If anything is condemned in Romans 1:26 it's a relationship
in which men are rejected, marriage is rejected, God is
rejected.
Romans 1:26 Because of this, God gave them over to
shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual
relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the
(COMMENT @546)*

*A distinction exists between sexual acts between women
who were in an anti-man, anti-marriage relationship
(LESBIANS) and sexual acts that might happen between
wives sharing the bed with their husband.
(COMMENT @640)*

776. artisanalloadshall

August 08, 2015 6:14 PM

Tim, it sure would have helped if you'd numbered the points
you're citing.

Here are a few that just kind of stuck out at me:

*@753 "The wives are in a covenant relations with each
other, not just with their husband. (COMMENT @176) ME:
Probably wrong here. If so, sex with somebody you are not
married to is adultery or fornication."*

Let's see. "probably wrong here, if so, sex with someone you are NOT married to is adultery or fornication." The implication of you saying sex with someone you are not married to is NOT either fornication or adultery is to say that sex outside marriage is licit. Please explain that one.

[@753](#) *The women are not married to each other. They are married to their husband. (COMMENT @189) ME: toady is logically wrong. Exploit it.*

Yes, please exploit the fact that particular statement was me quoting CM (didn't the italics give you a hint?) from comment [@180](#)

[@755](#) *Not being twisted like Simple Tim, I don't consider scat, breaking bones and throwing acid on the face to be sex acts ME:(Care to do a porn search for this? Ever read Sade?)*

Let's try for reading comprehension. I stated "I don't consider scat, breaking bones and throwing acid on the face to be sex acts." You are the one, again, who is trying to define such things as sex acts. That's why I described you as twisted.

The last vignette was the setup for the show-stopper:

[@755](#) *So, anyone who looks at a marriage with multiple wives and says "any sexual contact between the wives is wrong" is also saying "and I also have the right to judge what happens between you and your wife." (COMMENT @525) (ME: yes we do. You cannot be immoral you cannot do evil. You are still under God)*

Context: "So, anyone who looks at a marriage with multiple wives and says any sexual contact between the wives is wrong" means **the context of my comment is the marital bed**. Now, Simple Tim has already established he's a pretty sick dude and considers scat, breaking bones and throwing acid in the face to be sexual acts. Here, he makes the claim he has God's authority ("Yes we can.") to regulate the marital bed of anyone, regardless of how many wives the man might have.

He ends his comment with "*You cannot be immoral you cannot do evil. You are still under God*" yet he conveniently overlooks the point that it is only God who gets to determine morality for everyone.

You are quite apparently missing two key points.

1. It was not given to you to determine what immorality and evil is for everyone. That is the prerogative of God and God alone. Your opinion as to the morality or immorality of what might happen in my bed between me and my wives is not a writ of authority. It's nothing more than what it is- an opinion.

2. It was not given to you, the church or the state to regulate the marital bed of anyone but your own.

That brings us back to the challenge. Where, pray tell, did God say that sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin?

Since you've now stated your position that you or the church (You may mean just the church because you used the word "we" but correct me if I'm wrong) have the **right** to exercise authority over the marital bed of anyone, state your delegation of authority and your standard for what immorality is. Simply tell me:

Where God said sexual contact between women was a sin. Cite chapter and verse.

Where you get the authority to decide what is moral and what is not for everyone. Cite chapter and verse.

Where you or anyone else are delegated authority over another man's marital bed. Cite chapter and verse.

This is no longer "my argument" since you've now taken a counter-position that you have the right to exercise authority over another mans marital bed.

777. simplytimothy

August 08, 2015 6:15 PM

So there is an initial framework for examining toad's claims. Expect errors and refactoring as progress continues, but it gives us a way to systematically address the substance of toad's argument.

I need to rest for a day or two, but I will be reviewing and deciding on what order of categories should be addressed so as to come to conclusion on toad's assertion

Fwiw, I am not married to the category names or the number of them. The idea is to support clarity in thought and agreed upon definitions as we examine things.

778. artisanaltoadshall

August 08, 2015 7:30 PM

Since you've now stated the position that you (or the church) have the right to determine the morality of sexual acts and render judgment or otherwise regulate the marital bed of anyone, it's time for you to justify that.

Where did God give you or the church that authority?

I honestly had no idea you'd have the breathtaking arrogance to state that, but since you did it's time for you to answer the two questions I've been asking that you've refused to answer.

Show me where God said sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin, or show me your delegation of authority that allows you to arbitrarily step into another mans' family and declare something to be a sin when God didn't.

I asked you to answer that in comments [@706](#) [@709](#) [@718](#) [@724](#) [@732](#) [@735](#) and [@743](#) over a period from July 16th to August 8th.

Finally, today, you admit you hold the position that you or the church have the authority to determine what is moral or immoral in somebody else's bed (regulate the marital bed).

If a guy's wife give him a blowjob, is that moral or immoral? Yes or no.

Where did you get the authority to make that judgment? Cite chapter and verse.

In addition, you continue to misquote me.

Toady rejects Beau's Set/Subset argument and states. If anything is condemned in Romans 1:26 it's a relationship in which men are rejected, marriage is rejected, God is rejected.

Romans 1:26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual

relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the
(COMMENT @ 546)

What I actually said is in bold. You then put your Extremely Silly Version of Romans 1:6 in there, when in general I use NASB which says:

"For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural.

Also, it wasn't at comment 546, it was here: [@594](#)

Answer the questions Simple Tim.

779. simplytimothy

August 08, 2015 8:10 PM

Toad, I will be addressing each category on my own time.

You have stated yourself that a head in the covenant cannot command sin in [@342](#).

Although the Christian is to obey Caesar, he is to disobey Caesar when Caesar commanded a pinch of incense as an acknowledgement of Caesar's divinity..

Yet, Caesar is the head of a covenant relationship as government is established by God.

Yet, we see clearly that we are to obey God and disobey the covenant authority when it is a choice between an idolatrous tyrant and Him.

I believe, yet cannot prove that this principle extends to the marriage covenant. My current working theory is this:

As husband, if you are like Caesar and commanding your wife to do that which is against the will of God, then somebody has to intervene if the wife cannot help herself. God will use His ways to correct the husband and reassert right relations. Now, I do not know if that is a proper role of the Church. I think it is as the Pastor will upon verifying the charge, discipline the husband. Perhaps the husband will destroy his marriage, his wife and himself and God will use that as a lesson to all.

Tightening up that working theory and exploring to see other facets of Covenant relationships is what I am after. I do not take your opinions as definitive.

With that defined we can move on to your other categories and examine them.

That is that for now. I will decide in what order it best makes sense to approach your claims. I am leaning on the PRIMACY OF SCRIPTURE category as it seems most basic; however I want to step away from it for a day or two and consider the matter.

There is also the task of consolidating/summarizing your claims as there is a lot of repetition. I am not sure it is necessary. Perhaps a draft of the "clean" claims and counter claims per category should be what we shoot for.

780. simplytimothy

August 08, 2015 8:12 PM

Yes, I am aware of the admonition about Sarah in one of the Epistles (St. Peter?) I want to look at that too with a clear eye.

781. simplytimothy

August 08, 2015 8:31 PM

I have corrected the [@546](#)/[@594](#) error in my notes.

When collecting the notes, I did a lot of copy-n-paste of (COMMENT XYZ) and probably missed changing XYZ to ABC in more than just that one place. I expect there will be more errors like that.

782. simplytimothy

August 08, 2015 9:28 PM

As a housekeeping note, I suspect you're using a word processing program to compose your comments. Would you please get rid of the excess blank lines at the bottom when posting? Thx.

I will endeavor to pay attention to that and remove that distraction.

783. artisanaltoadshall

August 08, 2015 9:55 PM

Simple Tim said

Toad, I will be addressing each category on my own time.

No. You have presented a counterclaim and I am demanding you support or retract. You may want to review the rules of the blog.

1. You have not answered the questions that have been placed squarely before you.

2. DO NOT continue spamming with page after page of what has already been written with no argument or counterclaim. Feel free to cite (although you don't do so well in that department) with actual quotes that I made if you wish to argue or counterclaim.

What follows shall in no way be interpreted as me accepting this as an "answer."

You said: *As husband, if you are like Caesar and commanding your wife to do that which is **against the will of God**, then **somebody has to intervene** if the wife cannot help herself. God will use His ways to correct the husband and reassert right relations. Now, I do not know if that is a proper role of the Church. I think it is as the Pastor will upon verifying the charge, discipline the husband. Perhaps the husband will destroy his marriage, his wife and himself and God will use that as a lesson to all.*

As to your statement above, take a hard look at 1st Corinthians 5. Paul is rebuking a man who violated Leviticus 18:8 and in the course of that chapter he is telling the *church* they are to exercise discipline over their members. But notice the standard he used: God's Word. He told the people to remove the wicked from among them. In Chapter 6 he helpfully provided a list:

Fornicators
Idolators
adulterers
effeminate
homosexuals
thieves
covetous
drunkards

revilers
swindlers

Those are general categories for which to exercise church discipline and remove an individual from the body. Otherwise it's for a specific violation, like Leviticus 18:8

You say that if the husband is like Caesar and commands his wife to do that which is against the will of God... It begs the question of what the will of God is for the wife. What you don't seem to be able to handle is that her husband will decide that. God made that very clear in Ephesians 5:22-24: She is to obey her husband in *everything* and that's even more clear when compared to 1st Peter 3:1 which says the wife is to submit to her husband **even if he is disobedient to the word.**

You claim that somebody needs to intervene if the man who decides what God's will for her life is, violates God's will for her life. Seriously? No. When she decided to marry him she gave him that authority, along with her father and all the witnesses present. Any "intervention" should only be for a violation of God's Word and nothing else, with the understanding that the husband is the authority in that home. In addition, the elders don't go looking for things, it only happens if someone brings a case before them.

Believe it or not, I would love to see people bringing marriage bed offenses before the elders of their church, because I guarantee you it's going to be 100 to 1 in favor of the men when it comes to issues related to 1st Corinthians 7:4.

I'm running out of patience Tim. Answer the questions.

Show me where God said sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin, or show me your delegation of authority that allows you to arbitrarily step into another mans' family and declare something to be a sin when God didn't.

784. SirHamster (#201)

August 09, 2015 12:54 AM

artisanaltoad:

[@742](#)

Hamster, I paraphrased a quote from you. I didn't claim it was what you thought, that was based on what you said.

Your paraphrase is wrong and does not reflect what I have said. To stand by your false claim of what I said despite correction demonstrates your lack of intellectual integrity.

For instance, if you must insist on your stupid interpretation, you could have said something like the following, "SirHamster's acceptance of polygamy means that he has no problem with my argument that sexual acts between wives is acceptable."

I do not agree that sexual acts between wives is a necessary byproduct of polygamy, but it at least that sentence makes it clear that you are interpreting my position, rather than falsely claiming I do not find issue with parts of your argument.

[@758](#)

[@600](#) Hamster said:

"Nothing more or less than The Law of The Lord (Psalm 19) is needed."

That isn't what I said so Hamster lied, but you are now quoting Hamster's lie as if I said it. I didn't.

My [@600](#) post quoted simplytimothy in [@598](#), you imbecile. I'd ask you to retract this false claim as well, if our last exchange hadn't just demonstrated the futility of such requests.

785. artisanalloadshall

August 09, 2015 10:03 AM

Hamster.

Can you accept this?

I believe SirHamster's acceptance of polygyny should be interpreted to mean that sexual acts between wives fall under the discretion and authority of their husband because no one here has cited any Scriptural authority demonstrating such acts are sinful in nature within the bounds of marriage to a man. In the absence of such a prohibition or condemnation, I believe Romans 14 and Ephesians 5 are the controlling passages (who are you to judge the servant of another- their husband). SirHamster does not agree with this and wants me to be clear about his disagreement.

Hamster, I know more than a few Christian (not Mormon) polygynous families. Some have separate houses for each wife. Some have separate areas within one house for each wife and her children. Others have all the children together and all the adults have their own bedroom. Some mix the children together, share a bedroom and if asked will tell you "We didn't get married to sleep alone."

Sexual contact between wives is not a **necessary** *byproduct* of polygyny. In some families it will never happen but in some families it will happen. Polygynous marriages are a much different dynamic than ordinary marriages and just as with many ordinary couples there are agreements (tacit or implied) as to what is acceptable behavior and what is not. I know several families who have formal written marital covenants that spell everything out: rights, duties, responsibilities, prohibitions, etc. They're signed, witnessed and notarized. All the families have rules to one extent or another, but they are all unique because of the nature and structure of the marriage.

We see the same thing in ordinary marriages, but it's almost always the wife who controls what the rules are. In polygynous marriages the power dynamic is completely different.

I have been arguing this at the doctrinal level, not at the personal level.

That taken care of, let's move on to the next issue. Go back and check comment 600 and you'll find that you said:

2*. Nothing more or less than The Law of The Lord (Psalm 19) is needed. (COMMENT 145)

Notice that you were citing my comment at 145. It is only now that you point out you were actually quoting Simple Tim. I did not notice you were quoting him because you attributed it to me and I actually missed it the first time when he said it.

Therefore:

1. Simple Tim originated this as a "premiss" but it wasn't what I said and he got it wrong.
2. You repeated it and attributed it to me as a quote without citing Simple Tim's comment.
3. It seems possible you believed Simple Tim was quoting me.

4. Simple Tim then cited your comment [@600](#) as a rebuttal to something I never said.
5. I responded as I did based on what you wrote.
6. The "rest of the story" now emerges.

Therefore, I retract my statement that you lied, which implies you did it intentionally.

However, you should have cited the fact you got it from him because you presented it as a quote by me. Am I an imbecile? Maybe. But only to the extent that I should watch both of you more closely, especially Tim. But you erred in not citing Simple Tim on that.

786. simplytimothy

August 09, 2015 11:23 AM

*Show me where God said sexual contact between wives married to the same man is sin, or show me your delegation of authority that allows you to **arbitrarily** step into another mans' family and **declare something to be a sin when God didn't.***

Bold mine.

I am doing neither. The decision to protect a covenant member from illegitimate authority will be made. I have given the example of the process under the civil covenant. I am working to see if the principle holds under the marriage covenant. Scripture is full of examples of what happened to Israel when God remained faithful to the Covenant and Israel did not. It ain't pretty for the sinner.

IF the principle does not hold for the marriage covenant, I will state so. I will be looking for reasons why it should not.

I will not be declaring something a sin when God didn't. Sex between two un-married people is not sanctioned. The wives are *not* married to each other, is one claim I will be making.

Another is Beau's rebuttal of your lame ass interpretation of "giving up the natural function". I will be doing more work on that.

Another relies upon the spirit of the law vs the letter of the law.

Another relies on the use of the masculine pronoun as a holder for both sexes.

There is your answer per the rules of the blog.

Here is another. I am not done.

I will **patiently, relentlessly, thoroughly and happily** follow these lines of thought as I find them interesting. You will have **zero** influence on my decision. It is mine, not yours. The title of this blog post is Bow Not Before Caesar. It is *not* Bow Before Toad. And I assure you, if it was, I will not and never will bow before you or kowtow to your whims. Got it?

I am pursuing this for **my edification** and for the possibility that this work will bear good fruit.

Your **only** role in my work is pointing out where I get your claims wrong and that accepting that role is entirely up to you.

787. simplytimothy

August 09, 2015 11:38 AM

2. DO NOT continue spamming with page after page of what has already been written with no argument or counterclaim.

"DO NOT"
heh.

From [@750](#) I wrote:

*The following few comments are just cut-n-paste of toady's claims into my categories. Please do not feel any need to expend any energy on them, **they are intended such that you can see how toad's claims cluster**. I expect revisions to the categories as the core ideas reveal themselves.*

Why do you hate statistical raw data, Toady?

From that data, any observer can see where the bulk of your claims lie. **That was the intent**. This will be useful for others who disagree with you where it will be most profitable to direct their attention.

AUTHORITY COVENANT AND HEADSHIP is the clear winner for expressing to us where you think your argument's strength lies.

"DO NOT"

heh.

788. simplytimothy

August 09, 2015 12:09 PM

@SirHamster @Beau

My thinking is that the following three (tentative) categories:

PRIMACY OF SCRIPTURE
PROHIBITIONS and PERMISSIONS
THE LAW IS PERFECT

are fundamental to any claims toad makes in:
AUTHORITY COVENANT HEADSHIP,
THE NATURAL FUNCTION etc.

So, although the AUTHORITY COVENANT HEADSHIP category commands the bulk of toad's attention, it should not command ours.

I will be reviewing and refining what I see expressed in those and they may be renamed/condensed.

As a preview, some issues I have been made aware of that fall within those are (paraphrasing):

1. The use of the masculine in expressing laws and women.
2. The "Moses got it wrong" claim of toad suggests the requirement for discernment and heuristics that I would like to express as a principle stated in declarative terms.
3. The Spirit of the Law vs the Letter of the Law.
4. "Patterns" i.e. Chiasm is a pattern used for a purpose. I have seen the assertion that "Lamech is the seventh and therefore archetypical" example and am curious as to other "archetypical" examples. The fact that God gave Eve in marriage at Eden. The Song of Solomon only having one woman in bed,
5. St. Peter and the vision of the unclean food (the law) being declared clean (the Law?)

I will be reviewing those categories along those lines and attempting to put toad's claims in juxtaposition to those.

Please interject with any ideas or criticisms.

@Mark Call, while I appreciate your civility, I am unable to

consider these things from your framework. Perhaps another year. I beg your patience at what is sure to irritate you (:

I will taking up this task by Tuesday night and, God willing, devote Wednesday day to it.

Thank you for your patience and persistence.

789. simplytimothy

August 09, 2015 12:17 PM

However, you should have cited the fact you got it from him because you presented it as a quote by me. Am I an imbecile? Maybe. But only to the extent that I should watch both of you more closely, especially Tim. But you erred in not citing Simple Tim on that.

In collecting toad's claims, I attempted to paraphrase some of them. I got it wrong in that case. No intent to mislead was or is present in my work. If my error was the cause of this, then I apologize for your wasted time.

It is precisely for catching errors that I made that I post my work (with cross references) for all to see.

790. simplytimothy

August 09, 2015 12:28 PM

That said, compare:

There is no way to get around the fact that Psalm 19 states "The Law of the Lord is perfect" and that means it is perfect. Nothing more or less than needed. As has been pointed out, God does not regulate sin, He prohibits it and condemns it.

to.

. Nothing more or less than The Law of The Lord (Psalm 19) is needed. (COMMENT 145)

The semantic difference implied by your non-sentence "Nothing more or less than needed" is whisker thin and implies a benefit of the doubt as to your intent. If the subject is your use of the Psalm, then my paraphrase is correct. If the subject is "The Law of The Lord" then my

paraphrase is incorrect.

You are complicit in this error with your grammatical mistake. You owe Hamster your apology.

791. simplytimothy

August 09, 2015 4:04 PM

For giggles, I did a rough count of toad's claims per category and ordered them in descending order. They count does not recognize unique claims.

50 AUTHORITY COVENANT AND HEADSHIP
 35 DIVORCE
 35 POLYGyny
 23 PROHIBITIONS and PERMISSIONS
 19 ITS ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS
 17 "ROMANS 1"
 17 THE LAW IS PERFECT
 13 THE NATURAL FUNCTION
 12 MARRIAGE
 10 PRIMACY OF SCRIPTURE
 10 ???
 5 MONOGAMY
 3 STORY vs VERSE
 2 ASCETICS

Per [@788](#) I look forward to a methodological examination of toad's argument starting from first principles.

As each category is examined (and as categories are renamed/eliminated/added/) I expect the number of unique claims to be quite small and manageable.

Should be fun.

fwiw, The raw data dump starts at [@750](#) and is not in the same order as the frequency. I *will not* be doing any more long posts like those as the collection step is over. I included those only because we needed the cross-referencing to where a claim was made.

792. artisanaltoadshall

August 09, 2015 5:44 PM

I do not agree that you've answered the questions. I made it clear I wanted Biblical cites.

As to your arguments, those are pretty easy to deal with.

As to your desire to apply "principles" from the civil covenant to the marriage covenant (as if they'd be binding):

Two separate covenants, two different missions, two different "heads." The "principles" of civil governance do not apply to a separate covenant entity, the family because we aren't dealing with "principles." The issue is what does the Bible actually say, on point.

"Sex between two un-married people is not sanctioned. The wives are not married to each other"

No, you got it wrong. It is not that "sex between two unmarried people is not sanctioned," it's that sex between two unmarried people of the opposite sex is prohibited and condemned. There is a difference. However, having just finished a detailed exegesis of Romans 1:25-27 compared to Leviticus 18:22-23, I'm now of the opinion Romans 4:15 and 5:13 controls the subject:

"For the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no Law there is no violation."

"sin is not imputed when there is no Law."

So, if you can't find something specific in the Law, you have no violation. With no violation you can't call it immoral or evil. The wife is to submit to her own husband in everything. Question: is sexual contact between the wives sin, a violation of God's Law? No. Therefore, it falls under the authority of the husband, who will determine whether it is appropriate or inappropriate- not the church.

"Letter of the law vs spirit of the law."

This too falls under the authority of the husband to determine. Since there is no letter of the law in this regard there is no sin, so it falls to the husband to decide for his own house.

"Another relies on the use of the masculine pronoun as a holder for both sexes."

In general the masculine pronoun can be seen as representative for both sexes. But not always and the sexual prohibitions found at Leviticus 18:22-23 is one of these. I also mentioned Numbers 30 as another example.

"We see a class of prohibited sexual practices grouped together. Men with men, prohibited and in the very next verse we see men with animals prohibited and then we see women with animals prohibited. The inclusion of women within this class specifically speaks to the absence of women with women. **Context, class, subject.**" This is the passage in question:

"You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination. And you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion."
Leviticus 18:22-23

In the following comment I'll deal with Beau's Romans 1 argument. Both Mark and I dealt with Beau, but from 2 different perspectives. However, I took the time to state my argument more completely this time. Beau [@583](#) claimed I am in error and he asserts that the word translated into English as [likewise] equates anything the girls might do together with what the boys are described as doing and are thus to be condemned. He also claims I'm incorrectly using the verse numbers to separate something that should not be separated.

793. artisanalloadshall

August 09, 2015 5:44 PM

[Continued]

The structure of Romans 1:25-27

**[Rebellion] => [Reaction] => [Two "like" Actions] [AND]
[Prohibited Action by The Men]**

1. **[Rebellion]** : They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the creator.
2. **[Reaction by God]** : God gave them over to degrading passions.
3. **[Two "Like" Actions]** : [The women gave up the natural function of women for the unnatural] and likewise [the men gave up the natural function of women for the unnatural]
4. **[AND]** : The word "and" is a conjunction, Merriam-Webster defines it as: *used to join words or groups of words.* Synonyms are *added to, plus*

5. [Prohibited Action by Only The Men] : The men burned with lust, committed indecent acts (c.f. Leviticus 18:22) and received a penalty

Notice God gave them over to “degrading passions” (plural) so that they “gave up the natural function of women for the unnatural.” To degrade someone is to punish them. What the men did was to add “indecent acts” to their unnatural relationship. The women likewise had an unnatural relationship, however, the women did not commit indecent (prohibited) acts. (c.f. Romans 4:15 and 5:13)

What is the natural function of the woman? Why was Eve created? To be a helpmeet to Adam. To be a man’s companion, a wife under her husband’s authority and a mother. It logically follows that the unnatural function of a woman is to reject men and their headship authority, reject marriage and reject motherhood. Likewise, when the men gave up the natural function of the woman they were rejecting marriage to a woman and fatherhood.

[Women thus formed unnatural relationships], [likewise] [the men formed unnatural relationships] [AND, PLUS, ADDED TO] [the men burned with lust, committed indecent acts and received a penalty.] Thus, from the structure we see the two like things are the relationships- women with women and men with men. The men, in addition to the unnatural relationship, compounded their sin with forbidden sex and got a penalty.

Therefore, They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator. For that, God gave them over to degrading passions. The strong feeling of the women was to reject marriage and the husband’s authority over them and they formed unnatural relationships with other women. Likewise, the strong feeling of the men was to reject marriage and the role of a husband and they formed unnatural relationships with other men. Additionally, the men committed indecent acts with each other for which they received a penalty.

From both structure and content, Romans 1:25-27 does not and cannot create a condemnation for anything the girls might have been doing within their unnatural relationship. There was nothing the women could do sexually that could be condemned because nowhere in Scripture does God prohibit female-female sexual contact. **In fact, I do not**

find a prohibition or condemnation of the unnatural relationships because the unnatural relationships are already punishment for those who rejected Him. He's pouring out His wrath on an unbelieving world, remember? The men in such unnatural relationships who *choose* to violate Leviticus 18:22 get condemned and get even more punishment.

[@463](#) Tim said *"I am not a Bible Scholar and I do not know Hebrew or Greek."* Paul was a consummate scholar who was fluent in Hebrew and Greek. HE doesn't describe whatever the women might have done as so much as fornication in writing this passage. Reflect on Romans 4:15 and 5:13 and reflect on why female-female sexual acts cannot be condemned, per se, in Romans 1:26. The condemnation and punishment for the men brings this into sharper contrast. Paul not only did not condemn them, he explained why at Romans 4:15 and 5:13. He couldn't because God chose not to.

Romans 1:25-27 doesn't mean what you think it means.

794. artisanalloadshall

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[@345](#) Mark Call rebuts Beau's argument.

"The Scriptural condemnation of male-on-male homosexuality is repeated multiple times (at least 5 in total) and, moreover, called "abomination" ['towebah'] in the Hebrew (Lev. 18:22, etc). Furthermore, it carries a death penalty (Lev. 20:30)

In stark contrast, there is simply no mention in Torah at all of a corresponding situation with females, nor anywhere else in the TNKH (what Yahushua referred to as the Torah, Writings, or Prophets; the 'Hebrew Scriptures'.)

It is an "argument from silence". And the silence, in comparison, is practically deafening.

We are not to "add to," nor "subtract from" (Deut 4:2, Deut 12:32, and that's repeated as the "last command in Scripture", too) what is Written.

So here comes the part that I contend is the "big deal" that so many here have a problem with:

PAUL KNEW THAT.

And he would not have violated Torah by "adding in" a commandment where Scripture was SILENT."

End of quote

It isn't that Paul wouldn't have violated Torah by "adding in" a commandment where Scripture was silent, he didn't and even explained why at Romans 4:15 and 5:13. Anyone who claims he did has created an instant antinomy with those two verses.

795. SirHamster (#201)

August 09, 2015 7:16 PM

Can you accept this?

"I believe SirHamster's acceptance of polygyny should be interpreted to mean that sexual acts between wives fall under the discretion and authority of their husband because no one here has cited any Scriptural authority demonstrating such acts are sinful in nature within the bounds of marriage to a man. [...]"

No, because that's not what I mean. And you should know better than to muddle what I actually said with something that you want to talk about. The fact that you want to talk so much about "girl-girl but not lesbian" sex is your failing, not mine.

Therefore, I retract my statement that you lied, which implies you did it intentionally.

Close enough. Thank you.

As for attribution, I addressed the post to simplytimothy whose words I quoted exactly as written. There are no quotation marks.

I am not responsible for your failure to follow a thread of discussion. I am also not responsible for your confusing my quotation of simplytimothy for simplytimothy being misled by a false quote from myself.

If you haven't noticed yet, I am not interested in persuading you or engaging you in discussion on your pet topic. You

have made too much of a habit of misreading my words for me to care. I only wanted to correct the record and for you to stick to truthful summaries of my thoughts.

796. Mark Call

August 09, 2015 9:23 PM

@arti -

There's more in there, especially on 'commerce', licenses, and corporate churches. If you really want the details, listen to any number of the podcasts where I talk in FAR greater detail on the subject.

But - suffice it to say that from the Black's definitions to the voluntary nature of contract and submission to "another master" - nothing you mentioned isn't something I've talked about at length. (Nor, for the most part, would I disagree. The nature of the bondage is "by agreement."

The 501c(3) Caesar-created State-licensed faith-based corporate church serves 'another master' (see Romans 6:16) whether they know it or not. That is a significant part of what I quote Rev. 18:4 to say, "come out of her..."

PS> I turned off the comments because I got tired of dealing with ad-spam and viagra links...

797. Mark Call

August 09, 2015 10:08 PM

@ST - (#745)

1. The prohibitions on food and St. Peter's vision of the sheet with formerly unclean foods now being clean.

Bzzzzt!!!! Wrong - sorry, Scripture Error #1. Read the WHOLE THING, in context:

Kefa (Peter) TELL US what the dream is about himself, just a couple verses later (Acts 10:14, he explains in v 28!) It's about MEN, not food!

And furthermore, this guy walked with Yahushua! And STILL he says, YEARS later, that he has "NEVER eaten anything...unclean." Don't you think that if the Savior had told him "hey, once I'm gone God is gonna re-do your digestive tract, and redesign pigs, too!" that He'd have let him in on the secret? Of course, if He had, that would have

made him (good ole Matthew 5:17-19, Deut 7, Deut 12, Deut 13, etc) a liar....

PS> If you've got a Bible where some false teacher has inserted ("Thus He declared all foods clean") centuries after the fact, beware. Of course, it "all depends on what the meaning of the word 'food', is!"

798. Mark Call

August 09, 2015 10:10 PM

That PS refers to what most folks usually point to next: Mark 7.

799. artisanalloadshall

August 09, 2015 10:20 PM

I'm surprised, Mark. You were quite gentle with him, not comparing that gentile dog of a Centurion with modern American Christians.

800. automatthew

August 09, 2015 11:02 PM

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