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FR JAMES MARTIN WROTE BUILDING A BRIDGE TO HELP LGBT+ FEEL MORE WELCOME IN THE CHURCH AND HAS SAID HE AGREES THAT LGBT+ SEXUAL ACTIVITY IS A SIN UNLESS IT IS HETEROSEXUAL

On James Martin SJ Facebook page 2018

To gay man Juan Carlos Pope Francis said: "God made you gay. Juan Carlos, that you are gay does not matter. God made you like that and he loves you like that and I do not care. The Pope wants you like that, you have to be happy with who you are."

The pope's words are a waste of time when no effort is being made to repudiate the Bible teaching that homosexuality as in sex acts is a sin. I accept that it does teach that and have no time for revisionist lies that it doesn't for the lies are so hollow and really just fuel opposition to LGBT rights. We need a direct formal declaration that that teaching is rubbish. The veneration of homophobes such as Moses, St Dominic, St Thomas and St Augustine needs to be dropped. It is no excuse that they were men of their time for we would not be saying that if they wrote against people of colour the way they did gay men. If somebody reads Leviticus and imagines God once commanded for gay men to be stoned to death the Church is responsible if that person then feels entitled to hate gays or be suspicious of them for it is the one saying the text is from God and the Bible is his word. Same sex marriage is a fundamental human right and its high time priests started performing it without a mandate from the Church. We know the Church is unlikely to stop them or to try to anyway so we need change from the bottom up.

Comment on Fr James Martin's page: Our Jesuit priest said two things that stuck out in my mind. 1) when one begins to talk about who is or is not allowed to receive communion, one is on dangerous ground because that one is standing between God and his people. 2) Scripture says "take this and eat", It doesn't say, "take this and stick out your tongue" I found the first one profound and the second one made me giggle.

My response: Does not change the fact that communion is passive aggressive according to the following teachings of the apostle Paul. It is not a parent's right or choice to let a child have anything to do with it. Some things are non-negotiable. **"Judge** for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a **disgrace** to him, but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering. If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice—nor do the churches of God. In the following directives **I have no praise for you**, for your meetings do more harm than good. In the first place I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. **No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval.** --- Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. **That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment.** Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world. So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment."

My Comment on Fr James Martin's page regarding his vehement opposition to Donald Trump's separating children from their immigrant parents. Fr claims the religious support for Trump is insane:

<http://www.bibleinterp.com/PDFs/BiblenotFriendofImmigrants.pdf> This is a scholarly explanation that the persecutors of the children get a religious placebo from the Bible and its alleged divine inspiration. Fr is just playing on peoples ignorance of the Bible and getting a salary for it. Faith is a placebo which is why people expecting it to stop abortion etc is bizarre. It in fact makes abortionists feel better about what they are doing.

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We need to remember that even suspecting gay people are unnatural creates a divide. More inclusiveness please!! Do not forget that people fear anything seen as unnatural and fear that it leads to a slippery slope.

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Who cares if homosexuality is unnatural anyway? Is oral sex between husband and wife natural? Asking if it is natural is suggesting, "Maybe it is unnatural". We need to stop caring about the natural/unnatural stuff. As long as lgbt people are striving for their own happiness we need to mind our own business.