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Arico Kotze - Civil Union Bill

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Date: 2006/11/23 11:10 AM
Subject: Civil Union Bill

Dear Mr Arico Kotze (Committee Secretary),

I'm writing to you as I am concerned as to how the civil unions bill is going to affect me, my children, my family and my community. I am currently a proud citizen of South Africa. I'm not a lawyer and have no legal experience. I'm a working wife and mom who disagree with same sex marriages and allowing children to be introduced into these circumstances. I feel that my standards, values and religion are being discriminated on, as my faith in Jesus and the values I learn in the bible strongly disagree with this behaviour.

I therefore cannot accept that same sex behaviour, I cannot agree to same sex unions or what ever it can be phrased. Marriage is a word that we use to identify a special covenant between one man and one lady which is done in the presence of God. My freedom, values and religion is discriminated upon by this bill. I'm writing to you to appeal against the Civil Unions Bill. As my husband and I have entered into a marriage for life. Marriage has a meaning, value that is pure, honest and is a holy covenant which is done in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that the reason why the family law dispensation as it existed after the commencement

of the Constitution did not provide for same-sex couples to enjoy the status and the

benefits coupled with the responsibilities that marriage accords to opposite-sex couples" was intentional as this behaviour is considered as sin in the bible and is not acceptable. By allowing this to happen it will impact our lives and the way the rest of the world sees South Africans. We have standard and values that we need to maintain so that we can say we are proudly South African.

Kind Regards
 Mrs Carole Mac Donald

To all my friends who I have copied on this email if you feel the same as I do about the Civil Union Bill. You also have the opportunity to voice your opinions by contacting Mr Arico Kotze before 16:00 tomorrow.

Bellow are the links to the Civil Union Bills, it required me to capture my email address before I could access it.

<http://www.pmg.org.za> (choose New Bills twice.)

or

<http://www.pmg.org.za/bills/061109b26b-06.pdf>

extract "PREAMBLE

WHEREAS section 9(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996,
 provides that everyone is equal before the law and has the right to equal protection and
 benefit of the law;

AND WHEREAS section 9(3) of the Constitution provides that the state may not

unfairly discriminate directly or indirectly against anyone on one or more grounds, including race, gender, sex, pregnancy, marital status, ethnic or social origin, colour, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, conscience, belief, culture, language and birth;

AND WHEREAS section 10 of the Constitution provides that everyone has inherent dignity and the right to have their dignity respected and protected;

AND WHEREAS section 15(1) of the Constitution provides that everyone has the right to freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief and opinion;

AND WHEREAS the rights in the Bill of Rights may be limited only in terms of law of general application to the extent that the limitation is reasonable and justifiable in an open and democratic society based on human dignity, equality and freedom;

AND NOTING that the family law dispensation as it existed after the commencement of the Constitution did not provide for same-sex couples to enjoy the status and the benefits coupled with the responsibilities that marriage accords to opposite-sex couples,

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa,

as follows:-

Definitions

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates-

"**civil union**" means the voluntary union of two persons who are both 18 years of age or older, which is solemnised and registered by way of either a marriage or a civil partnership, in accordance with the procedures prescribed in this Act, to the exclusion, while it lasts, of all others;

"**civil union partner**" means a spouse in a marriage or a partner in a civil partnership, as the case may be, concluded in terms of this Act;

"**Customary Marriages Act**" means the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998 (Act No. 120 of 1998);

"**Identification Act**" means the Identification Act, 1997 (Act No. 68 of 1997);

"**Marriage Act**" means the Marriage Act, 1961 (Act No. 25 of 1961);"

Arico Kotze - Comments on the Civil Union Bill

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From: "Luyanda Mangquku"
To:
Date: 2006/11/21 11:04 AM
Subject: Comments on the Civil Union Bill

Good morning,

This is my comment on the proposed Civil Union Bill.

South Africa has been praised by many countries around the world for having pulled through a peaceful transition from the horrors of apartheid to this present democracy. One may attribute this miracle to many deserving causes but one of the most powerful reasons why our country never had bloodshed in its transition although at times it was looming, it is the power of prayer.

Man, women and children of this country spent sleepless nights dedicating our country to the Lord Almighty and asking for a peaceful transition and for the enemy to be finally defeated and brought to its knees. The Lord heard our prayers and we had it just the way we wanted, we became a free country. These dedicated people again made undertakings to the Lord that because of what He has done for us as a nation, setting us free, we committed ourselves to forever be indebted to the Lord, to make sure that all that we do, all that we are part of, all that is identified with us, will be based on the true foundation, the commandments of the Most High God.

This means that as a people who have a relationship with the Lord, Christ Jesus, we believe in His Word that if He promises to do all that we ask in His name, He would really see to it that it happens as we ask if it all falls within His will. This is the kind of God that we serve. He is not keen to entertain people who change their views and opinions about issues depending on the outside influences. He is a God who blesses those that stand by His promises and Word no matter what.

South Africa has those kind of people. People who will sacrifice all for the sake of being approved by the Creator, the Living God. These are people who are not religious about their faith but know that it's a relationship with the Lord. We believe that life is not worth living without living within the settings that stand the test of life itself, let alone time. Our relationship with the Lord is so deep that it consumes us to see every day those in authority fighting against the very commandments that our Heavenly Father gave us to live by.

I believe that the Lord has put those in authority for a purpose and that purpose can best be achieved by having a nation dedicated to the standards set by the Lord. Many go astray especially once power reminds them of their 'temporary' influence. We choose to abide by the standards of the Lord and never to breach them deliberately and encourage anyone else to go against them.

As a nation that was delivered by the Mighty hand of God from such inhumane conditions, I therefore totally refuse to be forced to endorse a proposition to make into Law clear violation of the standards that the Lord has placed before human kind.

The basic human fundamental threatened by the Civil Union Bill is not a matter of belief or religion or even that of the constitution, deep down we all know that a man and a woman were created for marriage and that is only human. When our government goes out of its way and endorses sexual orientation of some group, orientation which has always been a human outcry and abomination to God, I get very worried and be left with no choice but to divorce myself from the policy makers that continue to violate ordinary human living standards set before the foundations of the earth.

I have always treasured the ANC as the party that has no rival, as a black South African who has felt the pain of apartheid and what it did to our society, there has really been no alternative party that matches the sacrifice and struggle that the ANC has put for decades. However, when that same party begins to be so democratic that they promote the constitution that we ourselves developed using our own hands and brains to be above the Word of God, to be above the Bible, to be above what our conscience tells us, as if we can look and protect ourselves better than what God can do through His standards and commandments, I have a fundamental breakdown of affiliation and sense of belonging that makes me feel betrayed, makes me feel like our Mighty God is being played for a fool because He sets us free and puts us in position of power and then we go and make Law for the entire nation to go against Him. This can lead this country nowhere but

disastrous territory that we dare not approach.

This Civil Union Bill is based on a constitution that we made so if it causes us to go against ourselves, let's simply amend the constitution because no constitution, I say no constitution ever should encroach and ever attempt to be beyond God's standard.

If certain individuals choose a particular lifestyle or orientation, we have no duty as a nation to associate ourselves with such behaviour. If people choose to be gay, that is their seed and they will reap accordingly and we don't have to endorse that behaviour.

As a nation, we need not judge people but when someone chooses to go against God's commandments, He/she has already brought judgement upon him/herself.

We have been an exemplary nation on many things so let us fight and not be exemplary even for the abominable acts, leading the way to world demise and moral degeneration.

As a person, never again will I associate myself with the ruling party if it continues to be Satanic in its doing, because we need to understand that going against the Lords will can only be evil.

Let us not become the nation of evil and allow ourselves to be used by legal minds to promote acts that drive our nation to eternal condemnation but let us remain awake and know that when all else fails, when there is no more guidelines in society, we can rest assured that the conscience deep inside every citizens will be the guide that sees us through any challenge as a nation.

All Law simply enforces what the Lord demands in His Word. There is not a single Law that betters God's standard for us and what we need to guard against is breaching that very standard and going against it.

When you endorse this Bill, you promote for our children to see such horrific unthinkable inhumane deeds happening before their very eyes, you are giving birth to a society that breeds homosexuality and you condemn the nation forever.

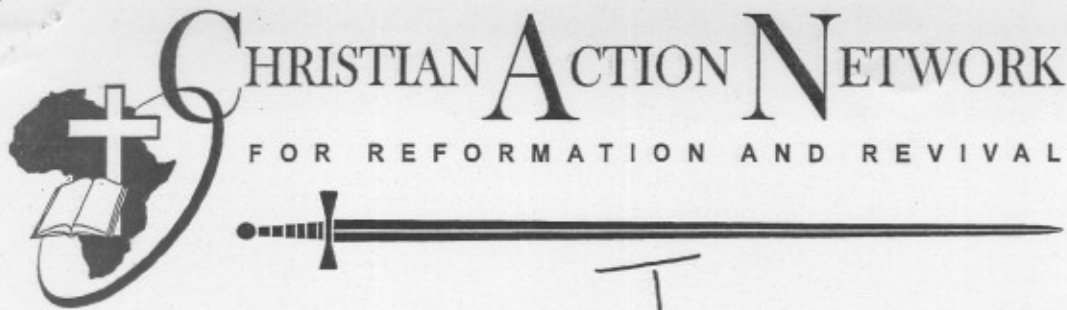
This is totally against the will and the spirit which we voted into power. This has the influence of the evil one and represents total betrayal on the government's part.

We placed in government people to create a future for our nation and the future generations but now this Bill sets to destroy all that future by making it Law in this country for same sex marriages.

This is utter disgrace and I am certain that whether now or later, the Lord will reward all those that continue to sow seeds that undermine Him. This is reality.

Please scrap this Bill and bring a blessing to our nation.

Luyanda Mangquku.



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Oral Submission to the Select Committee on Social Services of the National Council of Provinces

23 November 2006

How the Civil Union Bill would Affect Communities in the Western Cape

Section 1: How Children in the Western Cape Would Be Affected

1.1 Future generations of children would suffer the most. Firstly, those 'born' to homosexual couples through artificial insemination, or those adopted by same sex couples, would grow up without either a mother or a father. The following statistics show the tragic consequences of fatherless and single parent homes in the United States:

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes.
- 85% of all children that exhibit behavioural disorders come from fatherless homes.
- 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes.
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.
- 75% of all adolescent patients in drug abuse centres come from fatherless homes.
- 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home.

While this applies to children who grow up in fatherless homes, mothers are equally important in the lives of children and the results of motherless homes are equally tragic.

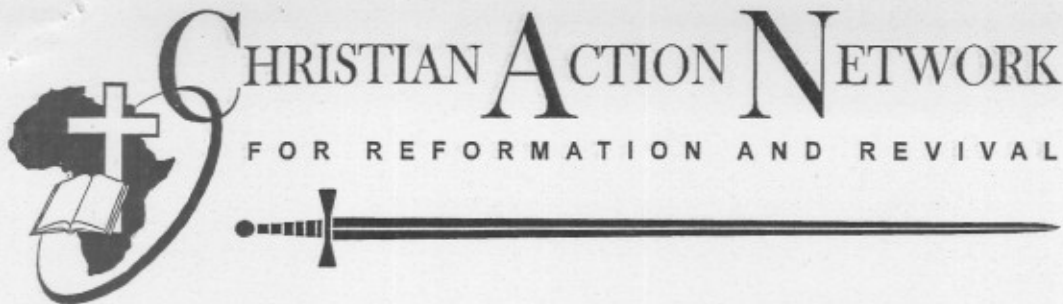
The father-mother-child bond makes it illogical to maintain that a homosexual union matches marriage in its benefit to society.

1.2 Secondly, children growing up with same sex parents or seeing and hearing about homosexual marriages may become confused about their own gender identity and roles. Children need the role models of both parents to become good parents themselves.

Section 2: How Marriages and Families in the Western Cape Would be Affected

2.1 Changing the definition of marriage will further contribute to the belief that marriage is just a contract based on emotions, not a covenant commitment made in the sight of God, based on love, expressed through sacrificial service. In short, if marriage can be distorted to mean anything, then, in the minds of future generations, it will further deteriorate to mean absolutely nothing.

2.2 Communities in the Western Cape are already being destroyed by drugs, alcoholism, gangsterism, crime and pornography. Legalising same sex marriages would not strengthen families, it would destroy future ones, as indicated by the above statistics. It is not fair to encourage public policy that encourages this social engineering and pretends that homosexual "families" are normal, healthy and desirable. Instead, public policy should work toward mitigating the harmful effects of divorce and parenting that results in motherless or fatherless homes, not promoting it!



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Laws are not just nice, harmless ideas for the populace to consider. For those millions who do not have a set moral standard, the laws often become their moral measure. As adultery and pornography have been decriminalized, many more people indulge in these destructive activities – their rationale is: if government legalises it, then it must be acceptable. Similarly, more people will experiment with homosexuality and even enter into “partnerships or unions” because it is legal.

Summary

Should this Bill go through, we will be giving special status in our national consciousness to “families” that deny children either a mother or a father. Future generations of children would tell us the truth that growing up without either a mom or a dad was a terrible mistake. The liberal French parliament earlier this year ruled against same-sex marriages to protect children, citing article 7 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. “Children represent the future of society. They “must not suffer from conditions imposed upon them by adults... The best interests of the child must prevail over adult freedoms... even including the lifestyle choices of parents.”

If there was a Referendum in South Africa, or if provincial parliaments had more power to make laws, there is no doubt that they would vote overwhelmingly against homosexual “marriage”.

Lastly, we need to remind you that if this bill goes through, it will contribute to Cape Town becoming another Sodom or Gomorrah. God destroyed these cities by fire because of their rampant homosexuality. The prophet Isaiah said, and I quote, “*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, ...woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.*”

If the Civil Union Bill is passed, it will be with the most dire consequences for the government which is leading this onslaught against God’s moral Law and plan for human beings.

We reject the Civil Union Bill as unhealthy, unnatural and destructive to civilized society. We call for a constitutional amendment to protect the traditional definition of marriage as being a covenant between one man and one woman for – for life.

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Director

Arico Kotze - Oral submission to NCOP Re: Civil Union Bill

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Subject: Oral submission to NCOP Re: Civil Union Bill

SUBMISSION ON THE CIVIL UNION BILL

To The

Select Committee on Social Services of the National Council of Provinces - 23 November 2006 (09h20)

His People Christian Church is saddened by the passing of the Civil Union Bill by the National Assembly on 14 November 2006.

On this day of infamy two of society's most fundamental institutions were dealt a fatal blow that will invariably lead to the weakening of the foundations of our young democracy.

The institution of marriage - the first and most critical pillar of society - was severely undermined and devalued by our legislature to primarily legitimize the unnatural sexual behavior of a small sector of our society.

The second institution to be weakened by this grossly negligent act of Parliament is our fledgling democracy which was seriously undermined as the rights of our citizens to determine the future of the family were trampled upon.

The Home Affairs Portfolio Committees Public Participation process turned out to be nothing but a charade as the wishes of the majority were completely ignored.

The Draft Civil Union Bill presented to the public for comment was substantially altered a week before it was tabled in Parliament, making a mockery of the genuine concerns of thousands of South African citizens.

Parliament's total disregard for the deepest held convictions of the majority of its citizens has set a dangerous precedent and has widened the chasm between government and the people.

The peoples appeal to their political leaders to protect the God-given institution of marriage as a heterosexual union is based on their deeply held convictions, thousands of years of human history, and the witness of nature itself and not homophobia, bigotry and intolerance as suggested by various members of parliament.

Disagreeing with the sexual behaviour of a certain sector of society should not automatically relegate South Africans to the scrapheap of condemnation and negative labeling in our brave new democracy.

The passing of the Civil Union Bill in its current form underscores the fact that the legislature is completely out of step with the will of its electorate.

The overwhelming majority of South Africans of all faiths, cultures and creeds, are united in their

opposition to same-sex marriage.

Same-sex unions cannot be considered equal to heterosexual marriage for the simple reason that homosexuals are unable to procreate and cannot therefore contribute to the most vital requirement for the survival of human civilization – children.

It is therefore not Christians who are discriminating against homosexuals but biology.

Parliament conveniently ignored an important paragraph in the courts ruling which states “that equal treatment before the law does not necessarily mean identical treatment”.

While we fully appreciate Parliaments responsibility to comply with the Constitutional Courts ruling by 1 December 2006, we maintain that it was always the intention of the Court that Parliament would shoulder its responsibility correctly by balancing the rights of the homosexual minority with the deeply held convictions and rights of the majority of its citizens.

It is our contention that Parliament not only lost its equilibrium by passing the Civil Union Bill in its current form but that it instituted a grave injustice against people of faith in South Africa. I would go as far as saying that all the signs are pointing to the fact, that Bible believing Christians are increasingly becoming third class citizens in their own country.

Homosexuals are not being denied the right to marry because there is no such thing as same-sex marriage. Marriage by its very definition is a heterosexual union.

What the South African Parliament has managed to do last week, in total defiance of the will of its electorate, was to create rights for homosexuals out of thin air. Two men or two women do not have the right to marry because they simply do not meet the qualifications for marriage.

Governments undertaking that it would not tamper with the Marriage Act has turned out to be empty and meaningless. The Civil Union Bill is a duplicate marriage act designed to placate the militant homosexual lobby and deceive the Christian majority into believing that the sanctity of marriage has been preserved.

Evidently, the rights of the homosexual community seem to take precedence of the rights of other South Africans with much more serious needs. It is an indictment on our legislature that while it prioritized the Civil Union Bill it has postponed the Sexual Offences Bill for the umpteenth time.

Apparently, the rights of two men or two women to marry are much more important than the intolerable levels of crime and violence against our women and children.

Additionally, the rights of homosexuals to legitimize their unnatural lifestyles seem to take precedence over the rights of children as well.

Social Science agrees. Thousands of legitimate studies over the years agree that, overall, the married biological family serves children far better than any other family structure. It produces the most favourable rates in everything from academic excellence to avoiding crime, depression and suicide.

The Civil Union Bill doesn't. In the name of equality for individual adults, it ignores children and suppresses the reality that the traditional family produces better outcomes for children. It also prevents the traditional family structure from being held up as the ideal.

Every child has a natural self-evident right to a mother and a father. Marriage between a man and a woman protects that right, even in cases of divorce, where the courts ensure that the child has an appropriate level of care from and access to both parents.

France, quoting the United Nations, agrees. Article 7 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states that the child "shall have, as far as possible, the right to know and be cared for by his or her parents". **The Civil Union Bill** will in effect grant *adults* the right to replace a *natural* parent with a *legal* parent of another gender, making the child essentially fatherless, or motherless.

Married, biological family provides the optimal environment for raising children. There are exceptions to the rule, and some of us are living in them. But the ideal we want for our children and welfare institutions, ~~notable family with a married mother and father~~, even if we can't always ~~have that~~ *primary consideration*," vehicle for validating adult relationships and changing mores.

We therefore reiterate our appeal that government urgently amends the constitution to protect marriage as a heterosexual union, and that the National Council of Provinces exercise its legitimate authority given to it by the majority of South Africans by removing all and every reference to marriage in the Civil Union Bill.

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APPLICATION: ARIC KOTZE
RE: CIVIL RIGHTS BILL
- PROTECTION -

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I object strongly to the Constitutional Courts working to change &
 legalize the Marriage bill allowing 'some sex messages to be
 recognized. My opposition to this bill is that not only does it
 go against the historic heterosexual understanding of marriage
 that in fact it a given in human creation - further to a God
 given decree of Governmental Male/Female bonding, sexual
 intimacy & mutual support for the means of procreation of the
 human race and in the perfect context for raising, caring &
 nurturing children. The whole/female message institution
 has a unique pro-co-rexual ecology which develops the
 Male/Female divide - managing the procreative process in
 establishing parental obligations to children, supporting the
 birth right of children to be connected to both a mother & father and
 also demanding a responsibility to society & changing the
 definition of marriage would mean marriage could no longer
 function to affirm this biological bond between parents &
 children. But...
 Remember no law, state or church invented marriage -
 but it has been recognized as a pre-existing creation
 of divine biblical revelation. Governments therefore only put
 law around it to protect that which they recognize as the
 fundamental institution of human society is the courts give
 so it were - recognized by all Religion, ethnic groups,
 and ages & racial matters - remember or understand this give
 in other words cutting the threads from which our social
 fabric is woven & and one will see the stability in
 society begins to unravel & I fear we are in peril.
 I now have the law which never created marriage
 in the first place, now change, and want to re-define it
 according to some sex message. This should be without
 a doubt an invasion of civil society - that is in clubs
 different patterns, religious groupings, etc. etc. etc.
 for friendship, outside the formal regulations of the state and

I just said marriage is not State created and can no
one be re-defined to be 'same sex' other than say a woman
is re-defined to join a brotherhood or a man to join a
sisterhood - because a brotherhood in essence & definition
is a sisterhood in female. A man's in control
assist that his rights are being violated or discriminated
guarantee he insists on being admitted to a ladies ward -
other would violate both the definitional rights of the hospital
& establish a ladies ward, do well as a ladies ward
& privacy - A male has no rights saying I must enter
nursery - just as a woman to enter a brotherhood of
work - nothing unfair about that, no rights infringed
we. - so a self definitionally heterosexual, institutional
we creation is not unfairly discriminating nor infringing
on anyone's rights. Marriage has always had properly
discriminating boundaries of appropriateness
around it for good reason. - It prevents a man from
messing his mother or his sister, his daughter even, prevents
him also from messing someone who is already married -
rights. I believe this attack on the traditional marriage & family will
be an ongoing & relentless with ultimately the children
the sad realization - so too the moral fibre of our whole
culture & civilization is paid or done to put an
end to this quality bill. Pass this bill (same sex message
would be to deny the people of this wonderful nation their
constitutional rights - the same sex message bill would
become the 'Asian Norm' and therefore there appeared to it
would be in breach of the Xau - could this bring about an
era of civil disobedience? Too y message by definition
is no longer to be a union of one man and one woman - but
our two persons who wish to cohabit - what or who is to say
(if the language of rights is to be used) - why it must be limited
to two people. Why not two women and one man or two men
and one woman. - or again if it just rights with no moral
principles why not exercise the rights of multiple couplings -

rights of appropriate. Once message stops hindering mother & I.
rights have to be exercised within some moral parameters and
rights of appropriate for the sake of the children, the need to get married
of a woman, causing out of wedlock birth, the need for only one
that we allowed. Some sex message to be passed know the horror of
of us preserve marriage, it has stood the test of time. (Pass) the time. (Pass)