

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."



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## A Different Look at the Inquisition

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Ulrich Zwingli

In Zurich Switzerland, on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1525 an order was given by the Zurich Council that all infants must be baptized within 8 days of birth. Those not compliant to this ruling would be banished from Zurich. On January 21<sup>st</sup>, all opponents of this decree were not allowed to meet or speak in public.

This led to martyrdom and many of those who were martyred were Anabaptist. An Anabaptist is not speaking of those called Baptists today. They were a people who were nicknamed "Anabaptist". This comes from the Greek which means "over again" and "baptism". So an Anabaptist is "One who baptizes again!" They did not consider infant baptism or sprinkling a recognized baptism, so they did not consider believer-baptism a re-baptism so they rejected the nickname.

In March of 1525, this order was given: "You know without doubt, and have heard from many that for a long time, some peculiar men, who imagine that they are learned, have come forward astonishingly, and without any evidence of the Holy Scriptures, given as a pretext by simple and pious men, have preached, and without the permission and consent of the church, have proclaimed that infant baptism did not proceed from God, but from the devil, and, therefore, ought not to be practiced... We, therefore, ordain and require that hereafter all men, women, boys and girls forsake rebaptism, and shall not make use of it hereafter, and shall let infants be baptized; whoever shall act contrary to this public edict shall be fined for every offense, one mark; and **IF ANY BE DISOBEDIENT AND STUBBORN THEY SHALL BE TREATED WITH SEVERITY**; for, the obedient we will protect; the disobedient we will punish according to his deserts, without fail; by this all are to conduct themselves. All this we confirm by this public document, stamped with

the seal of our city, and given on St. Andrew's Day, A. D., 1525."

**RESULTS:** Felix Manz, Henry Reiman, Jacob Falk were drowned. December 1527 they were told, "He who immersed shall be immersed". A townsman said, "They like immersion, so let us immerse them".

Balthasar Hobmaier said, "The command is to baptize those who believe, to baptize those who do not believe, therefore is forbidden. He was imprisoned and later when he was supposed to recant instead he shouted, "Infant baptism is not of God and men must be baptized by faith in Christ. I have never taught Anabaptism...but the right baptism of Christ, which is preceded by teaching and oral confession of faith, I teach, and say that infant baptism is a robbery of the right baptism of Christ." On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1528 in Vienna, he was burned at the stake and 8 days later, his wife was drowned.

Not only in Zurich and Vienna was this persecution against those who were for immersion and against infant baptism practiced but at St. Gall, Switzerland they issued this decree – September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1527: "In order that the dangerous, wicked, turbulent and seditious sect of the Baptists may be eradicated, we have thus decreed: If anyone is suspected of rebaptism, he is to be warned by the magistracy to leave the territory under penalty of the designated punishment [to be drowned]. Every person is obliged to report those favorable to rebaptism. Whoever shall not comply with this ordinance is liable to punishment according to the sentence of the magistracy. Teachers of rebaptism, baptizing preachers, and leaders of hedge meetings **ARE TO BE DROWNED**. Those previously released from prison who have sworn to desist from such things, shall incur the same penalty. Foreign Baptists are to be driven out; if they return they **SHALL BE DROWNED**. No one is allowed to secede from the [Zwinglian] church and to absent himself from the Holy Supper."

The decree on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1530, was even more severe: "All who adhere to or favor the false sect of the Baptists, and who attend hedge-meetings, shall suffer the most severe punishments. **BAPTIST LEADERS, THEIR FOLLOWERS, AND PROTECTORS SHALL BE DROWNED WITHOUT MERCY**. Those, however, who

*assist them, or fail to report or to arrest them shall be punished otherwise on body and goods as injurious and faithless subjects."*

Likewise, the Geneva's Switzerland council in 1632, hung and burned men for denying the Trinity. The same persecution was in Dasil and Berne.



Martin Luther

In Germany, Luther taught immersion even translating "baptize" as "dip". He wrote these words in 1518: "The signification of baptism demands, for it signifies that the old man and sinful birth from the flesh and blood shall be completely drowned through the grace of God.

*Therefore, a man should sufficiently perform the signification and a right perfect sign. The sign rests, in this, that a man plunge a person in water in the name of the Father, etc., but does not leave him therein but lifts him out again; therefore it is called being lifted out of the font or depths. And so must all of both of these things be the sign; the dipping and the lifting out. Thirdly, the signification is a saving death of the sins and of the resurrection of the grace of God. The baptism is a bath of the new birth. Also a drowning of the sins in the baptism" (Luther, Opera Lutheri, I. 319. Folio edition).*

He also wrote: "The term baptism is a Greek word; it may be rendered into Latin by "mersio": when we immerse anything in water, that it may be entirely covered with water. And though that custom be quite abolished among the generality, (for neither do they entirely dip children, but only sprinkle them with a little water,) nevertheless they ought to be wholly immersed, and immediately to be drawn out again, for the etymology of the word seems to require it. The Germans call baptism "tauf", from depth, which they call "tief" in their language; as if it were proper those should be deeply immersed, who are baptized. And truly, if you consider what baptism signifies that the old man and our native character that is full of sin, entirely of flesh and blood as it is, may be overwhelmed by divine grace. The manner of baptism, therefore ought to answer to the signification of baptism, so that it may show forth a sign that is certain and full." – Opera

*"When the washing away of sin is attributed to baptism, it is rightly so attributed; but the meaning of the phrase is too slight and weak to fully express baptism, which is rather a symbol of death and resurrection. For this reason I could wish that the baptized should be totally immersed, according to the meaning of the word and signification of the mystery; not that I think it necessary to do so, but that it would be well that so complete and perfect thing as baptism should have its sign also in completeness and perfection, even as it was doubtless instituted by Christ." – Primary Works, p. 192.*

Later, Luther began to oppose immersion and those who opposed infant baptism. Though he was opposed to executing them he wished them all to be banished for disagreeing with his doctrines. Again, he changed his mind and encouraged the destruction of peasants who revolted from the lords seeking their freedom.

He wrote: "The peasants would not listen; they would not let anyone tell them anything; their ears must be unbuttoned with bullets, till their heads jump off their shoulders. ... On the obstinate, hardened, blinded peasants, let no one have mercy, but let everyone, as he is able, hew, stab, slay, lay about him as though among mad dogs, . . . so that peace and safety may be maintained..." [Martin Luther, Werke, Erlangen edition, vol. 24, p. 294; vol.15, p. 276]

(Over 100,000 peasants died. Do I accuse falsely? - GLF)

He wrote: "It was I, Martin Luther, who slew all the peasants in the insurrection, for I commanded them to be slaughtered. All their blood is upon my shoulders. But I cast it on our Lord God who commanded me to speak in this way." [Martin Luther, Werke, Erlangen edition, vol. 59, p. 284]

So Luther sought the death of those opposing infant baptism and favored believers' immersion. In 1529, the Diet of Speirs all Anabaptists were condemned to death. Mr. Halley points out 400 special police were hired to hunt down those believers and execute them on the spot. Thousands were burned across Europe for their faith. So the Lutherans killed many of the immersed believers.

Urbanus Rhegius was a Lutheran who wrote a book in 1528 showing a river running into the ocean of water that was on fire. This was the view of Switzerland and Germany that immersion led to hell.

Banishment, death, burnings, hangings, torturing, branding, and imprisonment was their fate.

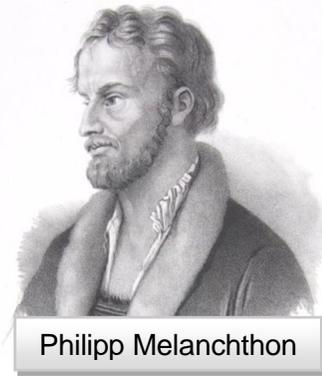


John Calvin

Likewise, Calvin was a persecutor and a murderer. "So entirely was he in favour of persecuting measures, that he wrote a treatise in defence of them, maintaining the lawfulness of putting heretics to death; and he reduced these rigid theories to practice, in his conduct towards Castellio, Jerom Bolesee, and Servetus, whose fates are too generally known to require being here repeated. At the council of Geneva, 1632, Nicholas Anthoine was condemned to be first hanged and then burned for opposing the doctrine of the Trinity..." (J.J. Stockdale, The History of the Inquisitions, 1810, p. xxviii).

In the days of King Edward VI of England, Calvin wrote a letter to Lord Protector Somerset and urged him to put Anabaptists to death: *"These altogether deserve to be well punished by the sword, seeing that they do conspire against God, who had set him in his royal seat"* (John Christian, A History of the Baptists, Vol. 1, chap. 15).

Historian John Christian observes that Calvin "was responsible in a large measure for the demon of hate and fierce hostility which the Baptists of England had to encounter."



Philipp Melancthon

In October 1563, Calvin had Servetus killed, burned at the stake for disagreeing on the Trinity. It was approved by both Melancthon of Germany and Bullinger of Geneva and other leading reformers. Some of the worst persecutions were done by the Calvinists against the Arminians.

Some were beheaded, imprisoned, or banished. Likewise, the Church of England under King Henry VIII, as well as King Edward VI and King James, persecuted immersionists. They organized burnings. These included both men and women. Many of their names are recorded in history but all in God's book of martyrs. Hangings were common as well persecutions and imprisonments which continued over several centuries.

Why do I print this? It shows that it is not only the Muslims and Catholics that kill their opponents. The reformers also persecuted those who insisted on immersion and other Bible truths. The very founders of Protestantism were also butchers filled with murderous practices on those who disagreed with their doctrines.

**The Legacy of Zwingli today** - He was the one responsible for calling baptism a work and establish the "faith only" doctrine we contend with to this day.

As for John Calvin, the founder of Calvinism, predestination is still taught in many mainline churches and was the cause of the death of many believers in Christ. Yet he did not predestinate the murders.

Martin Luther by his own mouth caused the deaths of many in Germany and Prussia. His hatred and persecution of Jews is also renowned. The Church of England likewise took their toll on religious freedom.

Ironically, these men had been greatly persecuted by the Roman Catholic Church. However, where they established themselves elsewhere in Switzerland, Germany, England, etc., they motivated other countries to prosecute and persecute. The persecuted became the

persecutors. **Romans 11:16** says, "If the root is holy, so are the branches." Is not the opposite true? "If the root is unholy, can the branches be holy?"

Isn't it strange and ironic that the adherents to these men's heritage now are saying that the mode, purpose, and candidates for baptism is simply immaterial? The rotting corpses of hundreds of thousands whom their ancestors tortured and slew over these questions gave their lives for believers' immersion. Christ never intended His Kingdom to be spread by force. Those who do so prove they are none of His. It was at the price of the martyrs' blood that we have the freedom today to preach believers baptism. Truly many of our own brethren lack the courage in this free society to preach the necessity of believer's baptism.

Today, if we teach what the restoration fathers taught in rejecting the reformer's teachings, both would be counted worthy of martyrdom by the founding reformers. The tolerance many brothers show toward the doctrine of the founding reformers to me is astounding. To teach the faith-only doctrine of Zwingli, the doctrine of election of Calvin, and the non-necessity of immersion of Luther as practiced now by many in the Church of Christ, denies not only the teaching of Jesus Christ but is a rejection of our heritage. It cheapens and tramples the blood of Christ and the blood of the martyrs. It makes the martyrs radical legalists who simply died on the wrong hill.

(This article was collected from many sources. We especially are thankful for the writings of David Cloud.)

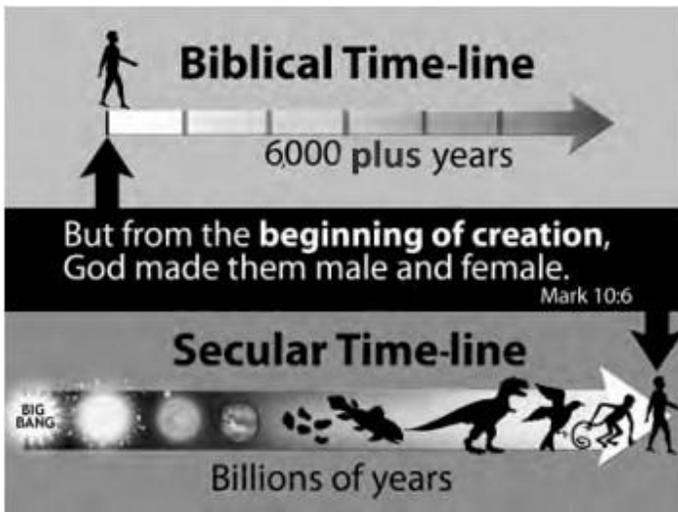
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## Created, Not Born

-- By Terry Carter



It is a growing trend among those who consider themselves Bible believing Christians to believe in an old earth. That is, they believe the age of the earth has been determined much more accurately by the scientific community than by the Word of God.

There are different places where people of such a mindset try to place the extra time. Some place it before Adam, some after. Some place it during the six days of creation, some between them. However, they all agree that if we want to know how old the universe and earth are, we need to consult scientists, not the Bible.

One of the leaders in this way of thinking is Hugh Ross. He is a scientist turned author who has written several popular books on the subject. Having read some of his books, several things are clear to me.

First, Dr. Ross has little, if any, doubt that the scientists are “reading” and understanding creation correctly.

Second, he has serious doubts as to whether Christians, especially young-earth ones, are reading and understanding God’s Word correctly.

Third, when the calculations of scientists conflict with the natural reading of Scripture, we must question our understanding of Scripture, not the scientists.

He repeatedly calls into question our supposed assumptions when reading Scriptures. On the other hand, he seems to accept the assumptions made by scientists without much question. Probably the most important premise in his reasoning can be found throughout his books. It is stated any number of ways, but it can be summarized as follows:

*If God created the universe and the earth with the appearance of age when it is actually young, that would be deceptive on His part. Therefore, if the universe and earth appear to be old, it is certainly because they are old.*

It is this premise that needs to be challenged.

On pages 156-159 on his book, *A Matter of Days*, we see a typical example of his reasoning about the age of the universe.

He argues that our sun cannot be an infant star as the luminosity of an infant star is highly unstable. He says that this period lasts 50 million years for a star as massive as the Sun.

He goes on to say that after this, the ionizing radiation for the next few hundred million years is 50 times higher than that of a middle-aged star. This is a deadly level. The obvious conclusion for Ross is that the sun must be hundreds of millions of years old or we couldn’t survive on earth.

He goes on to say that for God to create stars in a mature state would be deceptive on God’s part. He says that, “Astronomers observe the entire range of star development – from newborn to infant, to juvenile, to middle-aged, to old, to completely burnt out – with ages ranging from a few days to nearly 14 billion years. They even see pre-born stars.” He follows this with a list of the age determinations of the universe in recent times.

According to Ross, in 1991 the best data indicated 16 billion years; give or take 3 billion years. In 2001 it was updated to 14 billion years; give or take 1 billion years. By 2003 it had been changed again to 13.7 billion years give; or take only .2 billion years.

In passing, I’d like to say that I’m glad I didn’t base my eternal salvation on the 1991 figure. How foolish. I’d have looked for all eternity. But now that we cannot possibly be off by more than .2 billion years, well, that’s another story. After all, that’s closer than Washington can estimate the federal budget. Anyway, 200 million years is no big deal anyway. It only seems like an eternity. But that’s enough kidding. Let’s get back to the serious questions at hand.

Ross concludes this section by saying, “To hold their ground, however, young-earth creationists’ approach is to stir up doubt that scientists really know what they’re doing.”

I need to be clear in saying that I don’t doubt that scientists know what they are doing. What I have doubts about are the assumptions their calculations are based upon.

The one in particular that I’d like to examine here is that if it looks like it’s billions of years old, it must be billions of years old. This is essentially the same assumption that drives Ross’ arguments. The problem is that we know it is an invalid assumption.

Ross says that if the universe and earth appear to be old and yet are young, “God would thus be deceiving us into thinking the universe is old, when in fact it is young.” But

he overlooks a very important point. For the universe to appear old and yet be young is by no means deceitful on God's part if He already informed us that it appears older than it is. It is my contention that God has done exactly that. Let me give you some examples.

The mirror on the passenger side of my car has a disclaimer that says, "Objects in mirror are closer than they appear." The mirror on the driver's side has no disclaimer, because it reflects things as they actually are.

Now there is a reason why the mirrors are different on each side of my car. Each one serves a different purpose and therefore they are designed differently. Both reflect the same reality, but in different ways. It is certainly not deceptive on the part of the manufacturer because they have given us a written disclaimer.



Further, it would be dangerous or even deadly for myself and others to ignore that disclaimer and act as though the passenger side mirror reflected things as they actually are.

God has given us two mirrors through which to view the history of the cosmos. Each of these mirrors serves a different purpose. Both reflect the same reality but in different ways. The mirror of God's Word reflects things as they actually are. But when we look through the mirror of science, we must remember that historic events are closer than they appear. This is not deceptive because God has given us his disclaimer in **Exodus 20:9-11**.

There He makes it clear to us that He created everything in six literal 24-hour days. The Israelites didn't work for six long periods of time and rest for a seventh long period of time. They worked for six literal 24-hour days and rested for a seventh literal 24-hour day. To ignore this disclaimer is dangerous or even deadly to ourselves and those around us.

"9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day [is] the Sabbath of the Lord your God. [In] [it] you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who [is] within your gates. 11 For [in] six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that [is] in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." **Exodus 20:9-11 NKJV**

More than that, **Genesis** tells us that Adam and Eve were created on the sixth day. On this same day, God is conversing with Adam, giving him dominion over all the earth and instructing him to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. Now remember that Adam is not even a day

old yet. I know of no infant that is less than a day old that can name all the animals, converse, or have dominion of anything, let alone multiply and fill the earth.

Clearly Adam was created as a full grown man, not a newborn infant. While God doesn't state this explicitly, He doesn't have to. It is obvious from the account. An infant could not survive by itself, with or without an infant wife. God had to create Adam and Eve as adults or there never would have been other humans.

Now Adam goes to a fruit tree to eat as God has permitted him to do. How old is that fruit tree? Well, it was created on the third day. That makes our fruit tree only three days old. Is Adam disappointed to find no fruit, since the tree is not old enough to produce fruit? Does he die of starvation before any of the trees mature enough to bear fruit? Of course he doesn't. Clearly God created, at least some, fruit trees that were fully mature

and able to bear fruit.

Suppose Hugh Ross comes along and sees this full grown Adam eating fruit from a tree. What would he conclude? He concludes that Adam is at least 18-20 years old since you cannot grow to be a man in less time than that.

Further, the fruit tree must be at least one season old or it could not be producing fruit. He might go on to say that anthropologists observe the entire range of human development from newborn, to infant, to juvenile, to middle-aged, to old, to completely burnt out. They even see pre-born humans.

Further, horticulturists observe the entire range of fruit tree development from newborn, to infant, to juvenile, to middle-aged, to old, to completely burnt out.

They even see seeds. There can be no doubt about our conclusions. Adam and the tree are old. After all, Ross would reason, it would be deceptive of God to create men and trees that appear to be mature when they are actually newly created.

Yet that is exactly what God told us He did with Adam and the trees. Is God being deceptive? Or is Ross refusing to look at all the evidence and making poor assumptions as a result?

I think the answer is obvious. What would really be deceptive on God's part is to portray creation as happening in only six days when it actually took billions of years. Of course, Ross "reinterprets" in such a way to maintain that God didn't portray creation as happening in six literal days. But this is not at all the natural reading of the passage. He takes science at its word, but doesn't take God at His Word.

I wonder how Ross understands the healing of Peter's Mother-in-law of a fever or the calming of the storm. The only thing that makes these things miraculous is the immediate nature of them.

Fevers usually go away by the natural process of things over time. Storms normally calm by the natural processes of weather over time. But in both of these cases, Jesus brought about immediately what normally would take some time. Does Ross believe that the healing must have taken several hours or even days? Does he believe the storm must have calmed slowly over several hours? This nullifies the miraculous nature of both. These are miracles of time.

Why should we believe God was tied to the natural processes of physics and their associated time frames during the obviously miraculous act of creation? It is trying to understand and explain the miraculous by denying the miraculous. You cannot simultaneously affirm and deny the miraculous working of God.

What Ross needs to do is prove that the laws of physics as they operate today were in operation without alteration during the six days of creation. In fact, the creation account leaves us with no doubt that this is not the case.

The very fact that Adam was created in a day from the dust of the ground ought to prove this. But certainly the fact that Eve came from Adam leaves us with no doubt. When has woman ever come from man instead of man from woman through natural processes? The answer is never. In fact, it simply cannot happen that way.

Clearly the normal laws of nature do not apply here. We are dealing with the miraculous, the supernatural, not the natural. So while Ross cannot prove what is necessary to his position, the opposite is easily proven.

The problem is not that Ross doesn't know what he is doing as a scientist. The problem is with his assumptions. He assumes that if Adam and the tree look mature, they must be mature. He assumes that anything else would be deceptive on God's part. He is probably a very competent scientist. However, he is trying to apply science where it is not the appropriate tool. It's like trying to use a calculator to saw a log. It just isn't the right tool for the job.

The assumptions that Ross makes fall apart upon reading what God told us in **Genesis Chapters 1 and 2**. In fact, the very first verse needs to be considered carefully. "In the beginning God **created** the heavens and the earth." **Genesis 1:1 NKJV**

Notice that God "created" the heavens and the earth. They were not born, they were created. The difference is huge. Ross talks about newborn stars and infant stars, etc. But according to **Genesis Chapter 1**, the stars that

existed when Adam was created weren't born any more than Adam was. They were created.

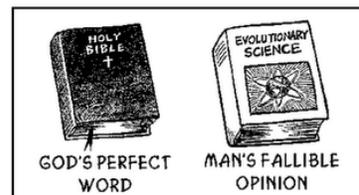
When a human is born, they must go through all the natural stages of development to reach adulthood. That takes some 18-20 years. But when a human is created (brought into existence out of nothing) they can be brought into existence as an adult as easily as an infant. In fact, they must be adults unless there are already other adults there to care for and nurture them.

Adam and Eve were created, not born. (In fact, woman has never been born of man, but Eve was created from Adam.) The first plants and animals were created, not born. The first stars were created, not born. The sun and moon were created, not born. The earth was created, not born. The universe was created, not born.

Determining the age of something that was born is one thing. Determining the age of something that was created is a different matter altogether.

Creation, by its very definition, is out of the realm of science. Science is about what can be observed and things that follow the normal course of events, i.e. the physical laws of nature. But creation was not observed by any human being. Only God is an eyewitness to creation. Further, creation is not subject to the laws of nature or the normal course of events. It supersedes them both by its very nature.

So what do we have? We have the testimony of the only eyewitness who cannot lie in **Genesis Chapters 1 and 2**. We also have the calculations and conclusions of the scientists which are based on assumptions contrary to what we read in **Genesis Chapters 1 and 2**. I believe I'll trust the testimony of the only eyewitness. Unlike scientists, He has never changed His story.



One final thought. When Adam and Eve listened to the message they understood from creation, instead of what God's Word plainly said, they fell.



When people today trust what they understand creation to be telling us today instead of what God's Word plainly says, they are said to be enlightened. I say it is foolish and dangerous.

I trust my ability to read and understand God's Word clearly far more than I trust the scientists' ability to "read" and understand nature clearly, especially when it comes to the age of what was created by God.

## Supreme Court Legalizes Gay Marriage

--By Terry Carter and George L. Faull

On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in favor of gay marriage. It is now the "law of the land" in all fifty states. Now Christians have nowhere to go in this country where the Biblical concept of marriage is enforced.



There is much to be said about this and the consequences will be far reaching. However, brother Faull and I have a few initial thoughts that we would like to share at this time.

1. Make no mistake about it, this is a threat to religious freedom. The dissenting justices have issued strong warnings on this very point. The only ones saying otherwise are those with no interest in religious freedom.
2. They will be coming after churches who do not agree with this decision. Again the dissenting justices have already warned about losing tax exemption status, etc. Despite what the pundits are saying, it is either naïve or an outright lie that they will not come against us legally. Two years ago nobody thought they would go after florists, bakers, or photographers. Just a few months ago, nobody thought they would go after a family-owned pizza parlor in a small Indiana town. The quick and complete change of heart by politicians from opposing gay marriage to strongly backing it, shows just how quickly things are changing.
3. This will affect churches in regards to weddings, Church discipline, and membership. Brother Faull and I have both announced publicly that we will no longer be performing weddings. Anyone who does, whether a preacher or public official, will place themselves in great legal jeopardy. Since the courts have presumed to know more about marriage than preachers or even God, let them take care of the weddings.
4. Justice Alito recognized that we will be labeled as "bigoted" and treated as such by "governments, employers, and schools" if we do more than whisper our thoughts privately. Those in favor of this decision want our religious freedom limited to our Church buildings. They call us hypocrites when we fail to live out what we believe. But if we attempt to live out what we believe on this issue, they will sue us and fine us just like they have florists, bakers, and photographers.

5. In redefining marriage, the court has ignored one of the first and most basic statements of Scripture regarding what it means to be human: "male and female He created them." **Genesis 1:27**
6. Our view of marriage used to be driven by what was best for children. That is no longer the case. Justice Alito noted that our changing views of marriage are caused largely because, "the tie between marriage and procreation has frayed". He goes on to note that, "more than 40% of all children in this country are born to unmarried women". This is the inevitable result of abortion, homosexuality, immorality between heterosexuals, divorce, etc.
7. Justice Kennedy justified the majority decision in part by saying that without marriage for homosexuals, "their children suffer the stigma of knowing their families are somehow lesser". Of course a homosexual can have a child from some other than their partner. However, they can never have a child that is "their" child in a biological sense. It was not God who provided for homosexuals to have children through adoption, artificial insemination, foster care, etc. In fact, even "married" homosexual couples cannot have children through natural processes without one of them engaging in sex outside of marriage. This is true even with their "definition" of marriage. Of course, even then it can only be the child of one of them biologically. We wonder if they will call that adultery and try to make God the author of that just like they have tried to make God the author of their homosexuality.
8. Justice Kennedy said, "*As all parties agree, many same-sex couples provide loving and nurturing homes to their children; whether biological or adopted. And hundreds of thousands of children are presently being raised by such couples.*" This is simply not true.
 

First of all, not all parties agree about what kind of homes homosexual couples provide for children. Second, as stated above, homosexual couples don't have biological children (at least not the biological child of both of them). Third, we do not believe for a minute that there are "*hundreds of thousands of children presently being raised by such couples*". We don't believe that any more than we believe that 10% of the population is homosexual. Figures don't lie but liars figure.
9. Justice Roberts asked, "*Who do we think we are?*" Evidently the court thinks that they are above the creator of mankind and virtually all of mankind for the entire history of the world.
10. Justice Kennedy is reported to have said that the only reason anyone opposes gay marriage is because they hate gays and lesbians. We wonder if he hates polygamists, the pedophile, the incestuous, etc.! Does he believe there are other reasons to oppose those unions?
11. As Kendall Faull said of the justices, "*They redefine perversion as marriage, lust as love, evil desire as natural orientation, and any disagreement with them as hate.*"
12. The mantras "love wins" and "love is love" will be used very soon to justify polygamy, incest, pedophilia, etc.
13. In our frenzy to have diversity on the Supreme Court, the largest demographic in this nation is entirely

unrepresented there. There is not one member of the court who is a Protestant. Six are Roman Catholic, and three are Jewish. Noting the disparity between the makeup of the nation and that of the court, Justice Scalia called this “social transformation without representation”.

14. It is interesting that the justices in the majority include three who are Jewish and two who are Roman Catholic. Their decision is in clear violation of their sacred Scriptures. The Jewish Scriptures call for the death of homosexuals. All five justices turned their backs on the beliefs of their respective religions.
15. In the Old Testament God regulated with whom a man could have heterosexual intimacy. However, He made no such regulations for homosexuals. He simply forbade homosexuality on the penalty of death. As Christians in this day of grace, we are thankful that we are not required to impose such a penalty for any sexual sin.
16. In the end, the homosexuals may come to regret their public recognition of their “marriages”. If Muslims take over this country, it will be the proof they need to put them to death as their Sharia law demands. Muslims are fighting just as hard to implement Sharia law in this country as the homosexuals have for gay marriage. Further, like the homosexuals, they are winning legal battles all the time.
17. It is the height of hypocrisy that on the same week we removed the Confederate flag because it offends a minority, the White House was bathed in the colors of the rainbow flag, which is offensive to the majority.

No doubt you have seen some of the quotes from the dissenting justices on this decision. After downloading the entire decision including the dissenting opinions, we would encourage you to read these quotes in their context. Many of them are much stronger and more powerful in context than in brief. Here are just a few of them:

*“The decision will also have other important consequences. It will be used to vilify Americans who are unwilling to assent to the new orthodoxy. In the course of its opinion, the majority compares traditional marriage laws to laws that denied equal treatment for African-Americans and women. The implications of this analogy will be exploited by those who are determined to stamp out every vestige of dissent.”* --Justice Alito

*“In our society, marriage is not simply a governmental institution; it is a religious institution as well. Today’s decision might change the former, but it cannot change the latter. It appears all but inevitable that the two will come into conflict, particularly as individuals and churches are confronted with demands to participate in and endorse civil marriages between same-sex couples. The majority appears unmoved by that inevitability.”*

--Justice Thomas

*“[The majority ruling] distorts the principles on which this Nation was founded. Its decision will have inestimable consequences for our Constitution and our society.”* --Justice Thomas

*“The majority’s decision is an act of will, not legal judgment. The right it announces has no basis in the Constitution or this Court’s precedent. The majority expressly disclaims judicial “caution” and omits even a pretense of humility, openly relying on its desire to remake society according to its own “new insight” into the “nature of injustice.”...As a result, the Court invalidates the marriage laws of more than half the States and orders the transformation of a social institution that has formed the basis of*

*human society for millennia, for the Kalahari Bushmen and the Han Chinese, the Carthaginians and the Aztecs. Just who do we think we are?”* --Justice Roberts

*“Although the majority randomly inserts the adjective ‘two’ in various places, it offers no reason at all why the two-person element of the core definition of marriage may be preserved while the man-woman element may not. Indeed, from the standpoint of history and tradition, a leap from opposite-sex marriage to same-sex marriage is much greater than one from a two-person union to plural unions, which have deep roots in some cultures around the world. If the majority is willing to take the big leap, it is hard to see how it can say no to the shorter one.”* --Justice Roberts

*“Today’s decision, for example, creates serious questions about religious liberty. Many good and decent people oppose same-sex marriage as a tenet of faith, and their freedom to exercise religion is—unlike the right imagined by the majority—actually spelled out in the Constitution... The majority graciously suggests that religious believers may continue to “advocate” and “teach” their views of marriage...The First Amendment guarantees, however, the freedom to “exercise” religion. Ominously, that is not a word the majority uses. Hard questions arise when people of faith exercise religion in ways that may be seen to conflict with the new right to same-sex marriage—when, for example, a religious college provides married student housing only to opposite-sex married couples, or a religious adoption agency declines to place children with same-sex married couples. Indeed, the Solicitor General candidly acknowledged that the tax exemptions of some religious institutions would be in question if they opposed same-sex marriage...There is little doubt that these and similar questions will soon be before this Court. Unfortunately, people of faith can take no comfort in the treatment they receive from the majority today.”* --Justice Roberts

*“Perhaps the most discouraging aspect of today’s decision is the extent to which the majority feels compelled to sully those on the other side of the debate. The majority offers a cursory assurance that it does not intend to disparage people who, as a matter of conscience, cannot accept same-sex marriage...That disclaimer is hard to square with the very next sentence, in which the majority explains that “the necessary consequence” of laws codifying the traditional definition of marriage is to “demean” or “stigmatize” same-sex couples...The majority reiterates such characterizations over and over. By the majority’s account, Americans who did nothing more than follow the understanding of marriage that has existed for our entire history—in particular, the tens of millions of people who voted to reaffirm their States’ enduring definition of marriage—have acted to “lock . . . out,” “disparage,” “disrespect and subordinate,” and inflict “dignitary wounds” upon their gay and lesbian neighbors...These apparent assaults on the character of fair minded people will have an effect, in society and in court. Moreover, they are entirely gratuitous. It is one thing for the majority to conclude that the Constitution protects a right to same-sex marriage; it is something else to portray everyone who does not share the majority’s “better informed understanding” as bigoted.”* --Justice Roberts

*“A system of government that makes the People subordinate to a committee of nine unelected lawyers does not deserve to be called a democracy.”* --Justice Scalia

*“The Supreme Court of the United States has descended from the disciplined legal reasoning of John Marshall and Joseph Story to the mystical aphorisms of the fortune cookie.”* --Justice Scalia