

Homosexuality

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As soon as I say the word Homosexuality an awkward silence is received. I don't believe while we're talking about love, India has no right to call itself a progressive country until anybody in India can love who they want irrespective of race, caste, creed or sexual orientation. I understand homosexuality even though I'm not attracted to other men but I can see how one would be attracted to other men. This is considered equivalent to crime in India, it is a crime... I mean how?? If it's a crime then there must be a way of investigation, way of judgement. How do you judge a gay crime?? Is there a trial??

Till 2016 75% countries still criminalize homosexuality. But it's not just one let's talk about the whole community LGBT, we just don't acknowledge their existence. after 2000 years of educated evolution we still lack that thinking to accept them like any other. Talking about LGBT Nepal had a great transition to pass the law to avoid LGBT discrimination throughout the country on 21st December 2007. And finally, on 14th April 2010 president Barack Obama issued an executive order to department of health and human services to give rights to lesbians and gay partners for medical decision making and rights to them. Obama said that he was inspired by the case of Florida family, where one of the mothers died while her partner and four children were denied visitation by hospital. As of 26th June 2015, all states license and recognize marriage between same sex couples as result of supreme Court decision in Obergefell v. Hodges.

Talking about India, on one hand India is a Hindu society without a tradition of homophobia, on the other hand it is also society with a deeply patriotically system which rejects anything which disturbs male and female order. There is a lot need to break the stigma and discrimination which is existing in our society.

Surprised to hear that in Uganda the people there are so phobic to the idea of homosexuality that whenever they see homosexual female then she is being brutally raped and similarly when a homosexual male person is caught then he is being tortured till death without any hesitation.

Homosexuality is not so much about sex but it is really about survival. There are still tragedies that happen in the bumpy road to equality but there are also stories of hope and courage in every corner of the world. The key factor to this equality is momentum and momentum is more people embrace their full selves to change their part of the world. When Nepal protected against any LGBT discrimination.

India pushed harder, when Argentina embraced marriage equality. Brazil followed, when Ireland said yes to equality. The world started to notice, when the US supreme court had its decision that was when we can all be proud of. In New York senator Diane Savino played an important role to work on this topic, she motivated thousands of homosexuals to speak up for themselves. She served a very great example in the Senate office where she stated that quality marriage is what is important whether or be between opposite or same sexes.

Let it be the Bible or the Gita or the Quran or any other holy book people are very serious about the books if they can judge other people, shame somebody or punish anyone but of the book is used to turn back on themselves then they won't take it so seriously. Also, many people misinterpreted the story of Sodom from the Bible and accused homosexuality to be the sin for which God destroyed Sodom but what was really neglected was the unfair violence done to the guests or the tenant's daughter.

Homosexuals which were given the tag of minorities are not any other easy decisions of life which most of the people did while voting for whether they should be given rights or not. Did they even consciously meet any victim of their discrimination?? Did they know what they were voting against and what would be the impact was?? What does equality mean to you?? And why do we even need to think about it?? Who is responsible for this?? We are all responsible for this. I challenge you to look into the faces of these people and tell that they deserve less than any other human being.

So, I conclude by stating denying medical rights from people because they are homosexual is a sin, tortured killing and brutal rape of innocent people because they are homosexual is a sin, blindly accepting the application of marriage from people of opposite sex but rejecting quality loving couple because they are of same sex is a sin, using Bible to judge people is a sin, Whereas homosexuality is not a sin.

Thank You