

A SIMPLE HISTORY LESSON

CERTAIN RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL LEADERS IN THE PAST HAVE USED RELIGIOUS TEACHING TO JUSTIFY DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR AND INTERRACIAL COUPLES



“[Slavery] was established by decree of Almighty God...it is sanctioned in the Bible, in both Testaments, from Genesis to Revelation...it has existed in all ages, has been found among the people of the highest civilization, and in nations of the highest proficiency in the arts.”

JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President of the Confederate States of America



“Who demand the ballot for woman? They are not the lovers of God, nor are they believers in Christ, as a class. There may be exceptions, but the majority prefer an infidel’s cheer to the favor of God and the love of the Christian community.”

JUSTIN FULTON,
19th century polemicist in opposition to women’s right to vote



“Almighty God created the races white, black, yellow, malay and red, and he placed them on separate continents. And but for the interference with his arrangement there would be no cause for such marriages.”

— *Statement by Virginia trial judge in 1959 case that led to 1967 U.S. Supreme Court striking down laws in 16 states that prohibited interracial marriage.*

WE NOW KNOW THIS KIND OF DISCRIMINATION IS WRONG

Yet today there are certain religious and political leaders who still use religious teachings to justify discrimination.



“We must continue to bear faithful witness to the clear biblical injunctions concerning homosexual acts — that such acts are not only inherently sinful, but also an abomination before the Lord.”

—Albert Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, November 2005

A SIMPLE TRUTH

USING RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS TO DENY EQUAL RIGHTS TO ANYONE, INCLUDING GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE, IS CLEARLY WRONG

RELIGION-BASED DISCRIMINATION. LET’S END IT NOW AND FOREVER

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