God's Left Hand Joke

Before the creation of the world, God addresses the angels.

God: Behold I create a hand, a perfect hand (of course). And I create a perfect glove for that hand.

Now behold again, I create a hand, another perfect hand.

Angels: Why would God create two identical things? What's the point? Is this a joke?

God: I announce to you angels that while these two perfect hands are identical with respect to their descriptions, they are still different in terms of the configuration of their elements, and cannot wear the same glove.

Angels: This doesn't make any sense. A perfect hand and a perfect glove for a perfect hand, and the glove doesn't fit? It seems that either the hand or the glove is imperfect.

God: You angels must look at all this (and not just think about it) to see that these two hands are each a perfect hand and the same regarding their description, and yet are different. I will now explain what I am about.

These two hands will be recognized by the humans (whom I shall create in my spiritual image) as the left and right *versions* of hand. As such, since each is an archetype of the concept of hand, and since they are still different, they constitute what will be known as a bi-nity.*

* Immanuel Kant made much of this bi-nity (not his terminology). Each of the two hands is perfectly described by the concept of hand (there being no such concept as left-hand or right-hand) and yet there is an *internal* difference involving them, but which can only be discerned by taking an *external* look at them.**

** Incidentally left and right are not things, but only the way the humans look *at* things, their mode of viewing, for when two people are facing each other, to the left of the one is to the right of the other. And one's "here" can be another's "there." Concerning this see <u>Anschauung</u>.

I am going further with this. I'm going to make the human such that about 10% of them will favor the left hand for writing and 90% the right (with a few being ambidextrous). This will seem strange to the humans. They would expect either all to be left-handed or all to be right-handed or to be divided 50/50. While initially there will be discrimination against the left-handers by the right-handers (the majority), and though the left-handers will even be considered as rebellious and unnatural and "sinister"* for a while, eventually the left-handers will be accepted as a natural human with an odd, innate proclivity;** a curious "difference that makes no difference."

* The French word for "left" is "gauche" = lacking ease or grace; unsophisticated and socially awkward. The older Anglo-Saxon word (lyft) meant "weak" or "clumsy." And the old Latin word for left (sinistra) is the root of the English word "sinister" or evil.

Immanuel Kant, expressing the science of the 1700's, counted all humans as naturally right-handed, and the exceptions (left-handers) were like cross-eyed people who just needed treatment (see <u>Regions</u>, page 40). See history of <u>left-handedness</u>.

** There is nothing really odd about the left-hander; what is odd is that approximately 90% of the population favors one hand and 10% the other (ignoring the small number that have no favorite), and that this has been going on for thousands of years, and still without a conclusive explanation.

Angels: What's the point?

God: On its own this would be of little value. But consider this: I will also at first make most people heterosexual and some homosexual (and some bisexual). It will be by virtue of comparison with the left-hander that the homosexual can eventually be accepted as natural, and not as an unnatural or rebellious beast. In the same way that the left-hander will eventually be accorded full respect and where two left-handers may marry each other, even so the homosexual will come to be accorded full respect and where two people of the same sex will be allowed to marry. The homosexual will be considered as natural as, and no more queer or curious than, the left-hander.

Now I take this to the next step. By virtue of the marriage of two of the same sex, marriage will finally no longer be considered as a man and a woman, or a husband and wife, but rather two *persons*. And so the outcome (of same-sex marriage) will be that the woman will be considered as equal to the man, and with full personhood.

And that is what I have intended here with my "joke," namely: the woman will finally be accepted and recognized as totally equal to the man before the law and before my throne.*

* The immediate champion of the woman will be the same-sex couple, while the ultimate and *original* champion will be the left-hander, the originally rejected one, the "sinister" one.

Angels: Wow!

God: But now as a further gift to my beloved human children, the recognition and acceptance of the homosexual will expand to a recognition and acceptance and even *promotion* of bisexuality. By virtue of the bisexual,* society will be able to encourage people into opting for a gay marriage (and no children or only adopted children) or for a straight marriage (with children) as needed in order to achieve a population size which would match the available resources. And this would be accomplished without need of abortions or chemicals or surgeries or prophylactics or even self-control; a world of happy couples having lots of fun and enjoying the full delights of human existence** and with just the right number of children to keep the world on a sustainable path.***

* There is growing <u>evidence</u> that many, and perhaps most, people are actually bisexual, although the majority do not realize it due to a lack of an appropriate exposure. See also this <u>study</u> about all women being either gay or bi, but not straight, and <u>this more recent</u>

<u>report</u> about the percentage change in sexual orientation taking place among young people. And finally consider the <u>rapid changes</u> taking place in American views about gays, and about <u>sexual pleasure</u> as understood by a growing number of Christians. Many German Catholic clergy are already beginning to provide the <u>blessing of gay couples</u>.

** C. S. Lewis, according to <u>Philip Vander Elst</u>, asserts that "true love is a voluntary union of free individuals giving themselves to each other for their mutual delight and for the mutual enjoyment of life and all its blessings."

*** See <u>Paul and the Identification of Homosexuals and Heterosexuals</u> for a suggested explanation of how it was that the Christians' St. Paul spoke so vehemently against samesex sex and why he would speak differently today. This blog also includes Kant's take on left-handers, which serves as an interesting analogy for the way many viewed same-sex desire earlier.

Angels: Super wow!

Two Jokes Regarding Left

1. In England to drive on the left side is to drive on the right side and to drive on the right side is to drive on the wrong side. A total absurdity, and yet it makes perfect sense, for we understand the play on words.*

* For the reader who is not so skilled in English, the first "right" means "proper" and the second "right" means "opposite of left".

2. A joke for Christians (learned from somewhere): a grandmother and her grandson sit on the porch and admire a beautiful sunset. The grandmother says, "that is so beautiful that I think God must have painted that with his own hand." The kid responds with, "then it would have to be his left hand." "Why is that?" his grandmother asks wonderingly? The grandson replies: "because Jesus is sitting on God's right hand."*

* Again for the reader not versed in English or Christian talk, the "on the right hand" here indicates "to the right side of God."

See also <u>Right Handed Cartoonist Turning Left</u>.

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