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Core Issues Trust notes the completion of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 - a re-definition of marriage, through both houses of parliament, with Royal Assent given yesterday, 17th July, 2013. This bill now defines marriage for all individuals in England and Wales according to the tenets of "gay marriage".

Our role is not to judge those who lead us, nor the motives of their actions, but in discernment, to continue to promote the freedom of men and women who wish to find support and help in their effort to move away from homosexual practice and feelings. Such help, we believe, should be available within professional care structures and within caring communities, especially the Church of Jesus Christ and those who serve within that body.

The Trust will also continue to promote the Biblical injunctions upon which it is founded, specifically that marriage is between one man and one woman, for life, and that all sexual relations outside of this understanding of marriage, fall short of His revealed will. It will endeavour to uphold the unique contribution of the Christian Gospel to the institution of marriage which requires the virtues of monogamy and fidelity.

The Trust asks the government to recognise, and to investigate, the profound injustice of preventing professionals from providing client-centred guidance to those who, as autonomous individuals, after giving advanced informed consent, seek to reduce homosexual feelings, where possible. This failure to recognise a minority's aspirations and personal therapeutic and life goals, promoted by the UK's professional mental health bodies under the watch of successive governments, reveals an underlying ideology which refuses to take cognisance of the scientific data supporting the understanding that sexuality is malleable and may change.

We encourage gay men and women to reflect on the extent to which their socio-political identity may have been usurped by a political elite who seek to consolidate power at the expense of sincere individuals who do not share these politicians' goals of denying ex-gay people the right to live lives according to their own consciences.

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