

Ben and Jerry's Proves Same-Sex 'Marriage' Is Not Marriage

This certainly wasn't the company's intent, but Ben and Jerry's, the famous specialty ice cream manufacturer, has given us further evidence that same-sex "marriage" is not marriage. How so?

The company, which has long been known for its left-wing activism, went one step further this week. As a headline in the Daily Mail announced, "Ben & Jerry's BAN customers from ordering two scoops of the same ice cream until Australia legalizes gay marriage."

That's right. If you want two scoops of New York Super Fudge Chocolate on your ice cream cone, you can't have it. You'll have to settle for just one scoop or mix in another flavor.

This is Ben and Jerry's way of sending a message: "we believe love comes in all flavors."

As the company explained on its website: "Imagine heading down to your local Scoop Shop to order your favorite two scoops of Cookie Dough in a waffle cone."

"But you find out you are not allowed ... you'd be furious!

"This doesn't even begin to compare to how furious you would be if you were told you were not allowed to marry the person you love.

"So we are banning two scoops of the same flavor and encouraging our fans to contact their MPs to tell them that the time has come—make same-sex marriage legal! Love comes in all flavors!"

You might say, "Well, this sounds somewhat stupid, but how does it prove that same-sex marriage is not marriage?"

I'll explain in a moment, but first, Ben and Jerry's should realize it's heading down a slippery slope.

After all, will they ban three-scoop cones of any flavor until Australia legalizes throuples? Love comes in many colors, right? And will the company ban one scoop of one flavor plus two scoops of another flavor until Australia legalizes polygamy? Hey, love is love, right? And if I have the right to marry the one I love, how about the ones I love? Why not?

The absurdities go on and on.

As my assistant, Dylan, asked after reading the Daily Mail article, "And perhaps there's a current loophole (and bigotry) to their current position. What if some chocolate ice cream identifies as vanilla? (I mean, who are they to be so primitive as to label all chocolate ice cream chocolate just because that's what society has done through the ages?) Can you then go ahead and get a scoop of chocolate and a scoop of trans-flavored (chocolate to vanilla) ice cream?"

In all seriousness, I understand that Ben and Jerry's is not comparing human beings to scoops of ice cream. The company is making a point and showing solidarity. It believes it is standing up for justice and equality. I get all that.

Still, the nature of its protest is self-refuting, demonstrating the point that same-sex "marriage" is not marriage at all.

Let me explain.

Let's say chocolate represents men and vanilla represents women. You take one scoop of chocolate and one scoop of vanilla and what do you get? Something new. Something distinct. A unique blend of the two flavors. Two entities that

are different and yet similar now become one.

That is a picture of marriage, which is the unique blend of male and female, the unique union of two different and yet similar entities. Borrowing imagery from John Gray, marriage is the union of Mars + Venus.

Going back to ice cream, what happens if you get two scoops of chocolate or two scoops of vanilla? What do you end up with? More of the same. The same multiplied. No change in color or flavor. Nothing new created out of the union. You simply have Mars + Mars or Venus + Venus, which does not equal Mars + Venus.

Do you see the point?

I'm sure gay couples will say their union brings together very different parts and make them into one new, harmonious whole. But marriage is more than that (otherwise every friendship would be a marriage of sorts).

Marriage has always served the purpose of bringing together the uniquely different but same entities of male and female. Through the two of them becoming one, a new entity is created: a paired couple. And by design, that paired couple, biologically made for one another, can produce brand new life.

No same-sex couple in the world, however loving or committed the partners may be, can produce new life in this way. Nor can any same-sex couple demonstrate the fullness of marriage because they are missing the essential components of marriage: not just two people but one male and one female.

Quite unintentionally, Ben and Jerry's has just reminded us of this reality. And while I do appreciate its zeal for cultural causes, maybe it should turn its attention to other pressing issues, like the health risks of obesity.

On second thought, it might not want to tackle that one at

all. {eoa}