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Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

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The Bible has so much rape and incest in it that it stops being funny by the end of Genesis. It never specifically says "this is ok" as far as I remember, but neither is anyone ever punished for either act- at least not in the canon. Several times, women are handed over by their families to be abused because either the home was under threat or the rapist was a guest in the home- the tradition of hospitality being held as more sacred than the woman.

Matter of fact, according to a literal interpretation of the Old Testament, the entire human race would never have existed but for much "begatting" amongst fathers and their daughters- and it's important to note here that the ages at which women became fair play in the ancient world were well below what any first-world nation would today consider statutory rape.

I have nothing against the Bible, I really don't- it is not only one of the most influential books ever compiled, but also a stupendously valuable anthropological resource that can grant us great insight into how people thought and worshiped in the ancient Middle East. It is not, however, a very good morality guide for modern society if taken literally- not even the New Testament, which throws out the OT's fire-and-brimstone approach to dealing with sinners. Anyone who chooses to believe is free to do so, but to impress those beliefs on others who don't is no less wrong than any other sort of religious persecution. To codify those beliefs into law or to claim them as outside or above the law is a terrible step backwards for any nation that allows it to happen. Law and religion ought never to mix.

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