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Well now.

"If a person is gay and seeks God and has good will, who am I to judge them?"



Pope: Who am I to judge gay people?

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Pope Francis tells reporters: Who am I to judge gay people?

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Craig J. Bolton Too bad he isn't similarly as sensible about drug laws. July 29, 2013 at 10:54am · Edited · Like



Scott Esk Romans 1: 26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

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Scott Esk Romans 1: 32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

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Adam Bates But what's that have to do with what the Pope is saying? He's not saying anything about the morality, but about his fitness to judge others. If it's God's judgment you're on about, then let God impose it, don't usurp that authority for yourself.

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Adam Bates I also think it's pretty safe to assume that the Pope has read the scriptures a time or two, and that this is not simply an oversight on the Padre's part. July 29, 2013 at 11:59am · Like · \cancel{a} 3



Scott Esk Leviticus 20: 13 If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

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Craig J. Bolton Cool, Scott.

Where did you get your Doctor of Divinity degree?

Could you post the above verses in the original Greek and give us your translation and interpretation from there?

What did the Church Fathers say about these verses?

Inquiring minds want to know.

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Adam Bates You didn't answer my question. Anybody can just regurgitate scripture, but we're talking about the Pope here. And the scripture you're quoting isn't even relevant to the issue. The Pope isn't commenting on the morality of homosexual behavior, he's commenting on the morality of usurping God's role as the ultimate judge.

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Further, if this is just about "derr, scripture says it's bad," then why don't social conservatives spread all this same bile about divorce? Or non-marital sex? Or covetousness? Or war? Or violence?

If you're going to be a fire and brimstone Christian then be one about everything, don't just pick on the gays.

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Scott Esk Adam asked about fitness to judge others. That right was given in verses like Lev 20:13. Men were commanded to put guilty parties to death who were guilty of certain acts, like homosexuality. Laws to put people to death who were guilty of such practices have been in existence in various countries in Jesus' time and afterwards, too. If men wink at such perversions, God may have no choice than to judge such nations with calamities.

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Adam Bates So, just to be clear, you think we should execute homosexuals (presumably by stoning)? And to think people are worried about the Muslims taking over haha

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Scott Esk I think we would be totally in the right to do it. That goes against some parts of libertarianism, I realize, and I'm largely libertarian, but ignoring as a nation things that are worthy of death is very remiss.

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Lyndsay Marie It's people like Scott who blindly quote selected verses of the Bible that make me happy that this country was NOT founded with Christianity as the state religion (although some religious nuts insist otherwise).

But then again, I'm a woman, so I'm sure people like Scott would throw 1 Timothy 2:12 at me: "I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet." Please excuse me while I go laugh myself into tears.

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Adam Bates That doesn't just go against "some parts of Libertarianism," it's a rejection of everything Libertarianism stands for. Murdering people for engaging in consensual behavior based on some guy's religious interpretations tears the heart out of any concept of individual liberty.

What you just said is every bit as vile as the worst beliefs of the worst Islamic radical. That's the real irony here: the authoritarian Christian Nationalists and the authoritarian Islamist nationalists set themselves up as opposing forces, but when it comes to their conception of freedom and morality they're in fact the exact same people.

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Qadoshyah Fish The Pope is in a position of leadership and 'church' authority and has the right (and actually must do) before God to condemn someone who acts in such a way (1 Cor. 6:9-10). Not to condemn them for eternity, but to speak the issue at hand. Of course, if that homosexual repents and turns from their sin (of homosexuality), then they can be saved. But, Matthew 7 tells Christians to judge with righteous judgement. That is not destining who goes to Heaven or Hell. It's just speaking the truth of the moment - if such a person continues in this path, they will end up in Hell. This is just one more example that shows the Pope is not a true teacher (John 10).

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Ralyn Sue Speerly Schraceo I'm not Catholic, nor do I agree with a lot of Catholic beliefs. The Bible states pretty clearly that effeminates (gays, cross-dressers & transgenders) will not earn a place in Heaven - but it doesn't just stop there, it also includes adulterers, fornicators and more. I Cor: 9-10

However, I don't think God would be very happy if you denied somebody learning about his Word and repenting just because you think they are a sinner.

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Scott Esk If it helps any, I consider it a violation of federalism to deal with such things on a national level, and different states will have different laws on the matter. I would hope that libertarians who don't think perversion should be punished in any way between consenting adults would be open-minded and look at the different results between a state that ignores it, and 1 that punishes it severely. And within a state, cities and communities may well have different policies, and I cheer that. That way, people can decide for themselves whether they want to live in a particular community based in part on how things like this are dealt with.

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Rudi Soliz The brilliant part is that Pope Francis is saying nothing new. Love the sinner and hate the sin; any Catholic who has read the Catechism know this. The ignorant reactions people are having say more about those who *think* they know what Catholics believe rather than what the Catholic Church believes.

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Craig J. Bolton Scott, I think that your rules of hermeneutics are probably a bit simplistic. You might want to look into this more deeply if your goal is to "live by the scriptures."

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Scott Esk To clarify another thing or 2, Guys, I'm not for vigilante 'justice' or hating people. The Bible tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to hate every false way. I will never try to harm anybody unless he tries to harm me 1st, and I perceive that my life or family or property are in danger. And there is little support for re-instating the death penalty for perversions involving consenting adults. Please educate me on this one, Adam and others, what do you think should be the punishment for a victimful crime like pedophilia? I just want to see the thought process.

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