



Letters

Letter Policy

Student refutes 'Christian' view of homosexuals

In response to Scott Stocking's letter (page 5 of Monday's Daily Nebraskan) and his view of homosexuals, I would like to inform him that indeed not all Christians do believe these are "unnatural relations." Many of my Christian friends and I believe everyone is entitled to his / her own expression. And no one has a right to make everyone else's expression the same as his / her own.

Homosexuality encompasses a great deal more than the physical

relations, as does heterosexuality. Neither are a state of mental health, as Tom Dierks suggests in his letter (page 5 of Monday's DN). I think our society will begin to improve when we stop putting labels on everyone. And it would be very boring if we were all the same!

Finally, I would encourage both Stocking and Dierks to take a look at a portion of Romans which Stocking mentioned in his letter. (I do not encourage reading the Bible with razor and scissors in

hand, but I found this rather ironic.) Romans 1:22: "Claiming to be wise, they became fools." Romans 1:29-31: "... they are gossips, slanderers, ... haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, ... foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless."

Please do not put people down for who they are if they are different from you.

Check out Leviticus 19:17-18.

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Student says homosexuality contradicts Bible

I am utterly astonished that the Daily Nebraskan (Oct. 11, page 1, "Chilly Midwest Climate Keeps Gays in Closet") could dismiss opposition to homosexuality as a disease. Moreover, how could you go through the entire article without once quoting a straight person on why they believe as they do?

As a "strict Lutheran," whatever that means, who believes the Bible is the supreme authority in a person's life, the answer to homosexuality is obvious. Genesis 19:5, which tells us that "the men of Sodom wanted to have sex" with Lot's angelic visitors, records God's response to this and many other sinful actions: God destroyed the city. The apostle Paul

further condemns homosexuality (with a host of other sins) in I Corinthians 6:9-20, saying that "people who are immoral ... or are adulterers, or homosexuals ... none of these will possess God's Kingdom."

Now this does not mean that homosexuals are barred from God's kingdom forever — for whom the Lord comes into one's life and enables one to accept God as his savior, he is saved. What it does mean is that the Christian responds to this gift of God's grace by living a life pleasing to Him as a matter of course.

To us, homosexuality is not something to be encouraged. It is a dreadful sin totally against God's intentions for mankind. Homosexuals can practice all they want,

but that fact will never change for the Christian — or for homosexuals as well. And if that is a disease, then I'm proud to have it. Homosexuals should consider catching that disease as well.

A final note: I'm from Ogallala, one of those cities which is not a "more supportive atmosphere" for homosexuals. I assume that is a compliment congratulating Ogallalans for knowing the difference between right and wrong, what is natural and unnatural. But, if now, ... well, the Lord will prove us "homophobics" right in the end. At least we know both sides of the story.

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Pharmacy is service, not fast-food

This is in response to the article "Mysteries that Complicate Life" by Richard Cohen (page 5 of Thursdays Daily Nebraskan.)

I am a second year pharmacy student and have worked at Community Pharmacy filling prescriptions. I'd like to make this reply to Cohen's question about why it takes a half hour to fill a prescription.

First of all, pharmacy is a profession, not a fast food restaurant. I know of no pharmacist who purposely keeps a customer waiting so he can, "pretend to mash a drug with a mortar and pestal." Community Pharmacists are dedicated to serving the public, and as such take pride in their profession. It is a profession where there is no room for inaccuracy

—no matter how many customers are waiting for their prescriptions. We try very hard to fill prescriptions rapidly, but we refuse to give up accuracy — and accuracy takes time. But for people like Cohen, who want things "yesterday," this may not be a satisfactory reply.

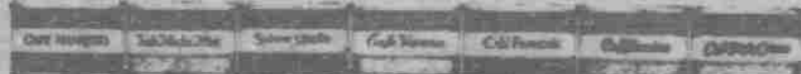
Perhaps Cohen wouldn't mind someone leaving the pickles of his Whopper as long as he received it quickly. But one has to wonder how he would feel about receiving a drug that might interact with another medication being taken, or a drug contra indicated (sic) for his health status — all for the sake of saving time?

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