

## "I'm In Trouble Now!"

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Well, my neck is in the proverbial noose! I should know better when the newspaper calls for an interview over the phone on a topic as hot as "same sex marriages". I'm sure it is only a matter of time before I will be labeled, as one recent letter to the newspaper called people who take my position, "the bigots and homophobes in the decidedly un-Christian Right".

Sigh ... so I'm a bigot, a homophobe and a member of the decidedly un-Christian Right. All this because I believe that the Bible is the word of God and authoritative for my life and my life's views. Talk about persecuting someone for their religious beliefs. Why is it that everyone should be tolerant of everyone else's viewpoint except for the Christian viewpoint - there seems to be no tolerance for that viewpoint.

Judging by some of the other letters to the newspaper, you would think my views present a threat to society. Apparently, I am against "creating an open, nurturing and inclusive neighborhood..." I also need to form "a balanced view of the open, welcoming and inclusive people of Wellesley. " I guess it doesn't matter that all three

major western religions condemn homosexuality in their sacred writings - the Koran (Muslim), the Old Testament (Judaism) and the New Testament (Christianity) all specifically pronounce homosexuality as an abomination. But that doesn't seem to matter though to the good people of Wellesley. Forget what the Holy Scriptures teach - just tolerate everything and everybody and we will all just get along (what the world needs now is love, sweet love). Sigh ... what's wrong with that pastor - and he calls himself a man of God!

I will say this though - our church is certainly "open" - we are open and transforming rather than open and affirming. Will the world end if gay marriages are enacted into law? Of course not ... but we will certainly be one step closer to that day when the Lord is going to say "enough already" and bring the curtain down on a play whose plot has become increasingly dark and whose "run" is about to be shut down.