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Bakers who refused to make gay wedding cake send 'we love you' cakes to LGBT groups



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Melissa Klein, co-owner of Sweet Cakes by Melissa in Gresham, Oregon, tells a customer that the bakery has sold out of baked goods to sell for the day on Feb. 5, 2013. (Associated Press) more > (/multimedia/image/sweetcakesjpg/)

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By Kellan Howell (/staff/kellan-howell/) - The Washington Times - Friday, August 21, 2015

Aaron and Melissa Klein (/topics/melissa-klein/), the owners of the Sweetcakes by Melissa bakery who were ordered by Oregon state officials last month to pay \$135,000 in damages for declining to make a wedding cake for a lesbian couple, are now sending a message to LGBT groups to show that they care.

Although the Kleins continue to defy a July 13 order from Oregon's Bureau of Labor and Industries, they wanted to send a message to lesbian and gay couples that, despite their ideological and theological differences, they still love and care about them.

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The Kleins baked 10 cakes and drove them to California, where they collaborated with Ray Comfort — a Christian author and TV host who recently released "Audacity," a film about homosexuality — and mailed them to gay rights groups Wednesday, The Blaze reported (https://www.theblaze.com/stories/2015/08/20/bakers-who-were-fined-135000-for-gay-wedding-cake-refusal-deliver-a-major-surprise-and-a-powerful-message-to-10-gay-rights-groups/).

"We had been speaking to Ray about the movie, and Ray came up with the idea — 'What about sending [gay rights groups] cakes?'" Melissa Klein (/topics/melissa-klein/) told The Blaze. "And I was like, 'Oh my gosh, that is such an amazing idea.'"

The Kleins met with Mr. Comfort in California, where they shipped the cakes along with a letter, a \$25 gift card and a copy of "Audacity" with each package.

"We're doing it in hopes that they can hopefully see [how] to understand us as being Christian, and why we believe the way we do — and why we do the things we do," Ms. Klein (/topics/melissa-klein/) said, The Blaze reported. "They don't understand the things we do."

Each 8-inch cake was frosted white with red, white and blue swirls and a heart in the center with the message "We really do love you!"

Ms. Klein (/topics/melissa-klein/) said the patriotic color scheme was chosen deliberately to represent American freedom and the freedom of choice.

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"We wanted to have the cake represent freedom — that we all should have freedom and to live our lives the way we want to," she said, adding that she believes gay and lesbians should have the right to live as they choose. "But I also feel like I should have the right to live the way I want to, and that should be my choice."

In 2013, the Kleins refused to make a wedding cake for lesbian couple Rachel Cryer-Bowman and Laurel Bowman-Cryer because of their religious views. The government awarded damages to the couple.

The Kleins have filed an appeal to dismiss the \$135,000 in damages and have not yet paid the money, despite a July 13 order.

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Craig Gorsuch · 7 months ago

What's surprising in the comments is the vitriol levied against people simply for disagreeing with them. The "Progressives" (a.k.a.: Leftists, and Democrats) who preach "tolerance" are the FIRST to demand legally enforced compliance to THEIR ideology. Just remember all you "progressives" and those hiding behind the "civil rights" arguments that are intended to support the LGBT political movement, the tactics you use now, will be used against you in the future. Such the nature of the totalitarian juggernaut you are helping to create.

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carrotcakeman → Guest · 7 months ago

Translation: "Wow, at last I have found another anti-gay!"

Did you hook up yet to "discuss" "gay sex"?

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Guest → Craig Gorsuch · 7 months ago

You don't understand the definition of tolerance huh? How will they be used against gay people in the future?

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carrotcakeman → Craig Gorsuch · 7 months ago

Why bother to LIE and claim anti-gays only "disagree" with LGBT Americans? Did you think we forgot about the 32 anti-gay Hate Votes, all of which were attacks on LGBT Americans, just because they have ALL been swept into the trash by courts? Just when did LGBT Americans use anti-gays' tactics against anti-gays by cooking up a Hate Vote meant to deprive anti-gays of THEIR Constitutionally protected right to marry the person THEY love?

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Osamabeenscrewed → carrotcakeman · 7 months ago

Carrotcakeman, NEWSFLASH for you! You cannot legislate or force people to love you. It has to come from the heart. The more you push hard for people to see things your way, they more they will resent you. Believe it, it is true.

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wayno12 → carrotcakeman · 7 months ago

you don't get around much, do you. Enroll in Art school. You'll get an earful of the LBGSTYWR hate speech.

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Josephine Weymon → carrotcakeman · 5 months ago

Yup. Because every single person who doesn't support gay marriage is EXACTLY THE SAME and believes EXACTLY THE SAME thing as people those you mentioned who would physically harm people they disagree with. Yup, they're all EXACTLY THE SAME. Like how all democrats must believe EXACTLY THE SAME things.

Seriously, you're assuming a lot.

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RSK → carrotcakeman · 7 months ago

Constitutionally invented right you mean

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mzk1_1 · 7 months ago

If I can be forced to cater a wedding I disagree with, then I can be forced to cater a religious service I disagree with. It's simply what we have been fighting against for thousands of years, namely religious persecution. The enlightenment is over, and the barbarians have one, but instead of holding a cross, they hold a rainbow.

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LC Carmack · 7 months ago

Canvass for a Cause in San Diego is announcing the auction of our cake later this afternoon. Till then please check our article, all proceeds will go to programs to support the transgender community. <http://lgbtweekly.com/2015/08/...>

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Guest → LC Carmack · 7 months ago

Great. Thanks. I'll share this with my friends.

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Biker Guy · 7 months ago

Aw...that's so sweet. A half-baked publicity stunt claiming "we love you gay people, but you're all going straight to hell"...with friends like these...

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mzk1_1 → Biker Guy · 7 months ago

Thank you for admitting you are trying to persecute traditional religion.

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Biker Guy → mzk1_1 · 7 months ago

Oh, poor baby.

You call that persecution? Please read about the history of "traditional religion" and you'll see what persecution is, especially one religion against another.

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RSK → Biker Guy · 7 months ago

You need to check into an unbiased history and see the multiplied magnitude of benefit to society brought by Christianity. The insignificant negatives typically highlighted pale so much in comparison to the good that they aren't even worth mentioning

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Kbomb4 → RSK · 7 months ago

You Christianity has ZERO place in my world. Worship how and what you want, more power to you. But, when you use your beliefs to deny me or anyone else then that is discrimination.

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RSK → Kbomb4 · 7 months ago

Your comments are unrelated and thus worthless at this point. Come back when you have something relevant.

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Mike → RSK · 7 months ago

Yeah, the inquisition wasn't so bad--just look how much better off we are now! Oh, wait, that's so insignificant it's not worth mentioning. Sorry, all you dead people.

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RSK → Mike · 7 months ago

Compared to multiplied billions the inquisition is nothing.

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Osamabeenscrewed → Biker Guy · 7 months ago

Yes there has been bad things done by plenty of religious sects in the past. Does that mean that all religions are bad? Anyone who denies bad things have been done has their head up their butt or are in denial. Also, plenty of bad things have been done to religious people because they are religious.

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Josephine Weymon → Biker Guy · 5 months ago

Yup. Because you know without a doubt that these people are insincere pieces of trash that would be more than happy to see gay people be stoned to death...

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Biker Guy → Josephine Weymon · 5 months ago

I assume you are being sarcastic. If not, then you are displaying a level of intolerance towards people with different beliefs than you that rivals the bakers and photographers.

If that is sarcasm, it's a pretty stupid attempt to put words in the mouth of those who would seek to criticize discrimination against our gay citizens, who have a constitutionally guaranteed right to equal treatment under the law.

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Josephine Weymon → Biker Guy · 5 months ago

It was, in fact, sarcasm. I apologize. I made an assumption that was incorrect. I took your comment that I now see as a comment on where you see a fault in logic to be what I encounter A LOT which is what I tried to convey with my previous comment. Namely intolerance preaching/crying out for tolerance. Implied accusation rescinded

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Biker Guy → Josephine Weymon · 5 months ago

Fair enough...

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cam4teaparty · 7 months ago

"We love you," except we scream that who you are is an abomination and unless you change your ways, expect an eternity of fire and misery. I'm sure the LGBT community does not want your disgustingly evil version of "love."

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Emperor Zurg → cam4teaparty · 7 months ago

Let them eat cake, then...

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Guest → Emperor Zurg · 7 months ago

Brioche....

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DavidPDX · 7 months ago

It seems that Josh Duggar has competition for the title of biggest hypocrite ever.

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Guest · 7 months ago

These people need help. They are obviously mentally ill and can't help themselves.

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carrotcakeman → Guest · 7 months ago

True, psychologists identified homophobia as a mental illness and published their results in the Journal of the National Institutes of Health in 1953. Homophobia is the irrational fear, disgust, or hatred of gays, lesbians, and/or bisexual people, or of homosexual feelings in oneself. It refers to the discomfort one feels with any behavior, belief, or attitude (in self or others) that does not conform to traditional sex role stereotypes. Homophobia exhibits itself in the fear of knowing, befriending, or associating with gays, lesbians, or bisexual people; fear of being perceived as gay or lesbian; and/or fear of stepping out of accepted gender role behavior.

Psychologists report that the most commonly observed symptom of the mental disorder homophobia is cognitive dissonance, an inability of those so afflicted to accept documentation that contradicts their deep-seated phobia and hatred of LGBT Americans.

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RSK → carrotcakeman · 7 months ago

Sarcasm at its best.

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joe → carrotcakeman • 7 months ago

The concept of sexual orientation was first used by Sigmund Freud, and its effect, if not intent, was to radically re-situate sexuality from its creational (biblical) context to something completely new: the foundational drive that determines and defines human identity. Nothing short of personhood was at stake. By defining humanity according to sexual desires and segregating it according to its gendered object, Freud was--intentionally or not--suppressing the biblical category of being made in God's image male and female, and replacing it with an invented category, that of sexual identity. In both intent and language use, Freud took aim at the Bible's authority to diagnose gender and sexuality dysfunctions and prescribe solutions for them. This was no innocent move. Throughout his career, Freud maintained the belief that the God of the Bible was a "universal obsessional neurosis." Read More @

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Guest → joe • 7 months ago

Stop posting the same drivel on every story about gay people. See a therapist for your self-loathing and repressed feelings for men.

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A Former Lesbian Professor's Journey to Faith:

As a tenured lesbian professor at Syracuse University, Dr. Rosaria Butterfield had no desire to become part of the heterosexist, patriarchal culture that she perceived to be the identity of Christianity. Her thinking was challenged by the letter of a local pastor who inquired about her basic presuppositions and asked her questions no one had ever asked her before. What began as an academic exercise to find fault with the Scripture and expose the darker side of Christianity, ended with answers and a changed life that resonates in today's culture.

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carrotcakeman → joe • 7 months ago

No one is fooled by the anti-gay con artist who is pretending to be a "former lesbian." There is NO SUCH THING as "ex-gay."

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wayno12 → carrotcakeman • 7 months ago

like obama?

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joe → carrotcakeman • 7 months ago

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wayno12 → joe • 7 months ago

there's a darker side to every religion. always seems to happen when humans are involved. also applies to the LBGSYHWTAS 'religion' as well.

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joe → wayno12 • 7 months ago

...Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12.

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Guest → joe · 7 months ago

One story means nothing. Shall I share the myriad ex-Christian stories. Get some therapy.

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wayno12 → Guest · 7 months ago

'Get some therapy.'

this type of comment is pretty ttypical of the left. they always claim to be at the forefront of tolerance and freedom. Nothing could be farther from the truth. They actually go to courses to learn to 'minimalize' their opponents - as it's hard to have ANY useful discussion once you call them a racist, homophobic, wife beater, etc. they know this and don't want ANY discussion contrary to THEIR beliefs. OPnly THEY have the 'correct' view. Only 'they' have the right to freedom of speech..

Sad

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Guest → wayno12 · 7 months ago

Telling you to get therapy based on your post has nothing to do with tolerance. Ignorance like that is typical of the right.

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wayno12 → Guest · 7 months ago

thats the problem with people like you- on the left - you think anyone without your views is not worth listening to unless it's to find something to criticize

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Guest → wayno12 · 7 months ago

No, I listen to everyone. Have you shared anything of substance?

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joe → Guest · 7 months ago

Jesus Christ Saves Man from 27 Years of Homosexuality:

The gentleman in this video was deeply involved in the homosexual lifestyle and only by God's Grace was He set free and made new in Christ. "...Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Corinthians 6: 9-11

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?...>

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Charisma Bowden → joe · 13 hours ago

Yet Jesus cant save children from being sexually abused in his places of worship.

Why is it that people like you go on about everyone else yet dont go on about the child molesting sins within your churches.

If you want to clean up sin go start within your church and make your way out.

You cant stand in a glass house of sin then think its ok to throw stones

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joe → Charisma Bowden · 13 hours ago

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[carrotcakeman](#) → joe · 7 months ago

"Corinthians" is the barely coherent scribbings of a deranged misogynist. Jesus affirmed a gay couple. Read Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 7:1-10. Many of us are familiar with the Gospel story where Jesus healed the servant of a Roman centurion. In the original Greek, the word that the Roman centurion uses in this passage to describe the sick man – pais – is the same word used in ancient Greek to refer to a same-gender partner.

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