BILLY GRAHAM ISSUES STATEMENT SUPPORTING NC MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

*The Rev. Billy Graham, age 93, urged North Carolina voters Wednesday to support an amendment to the state constitution banning gay marriage, a move that an observer said was highly unusual but another said was in keeping with the minister's moral beliefs.*

So this is how he wants to end his life, with one last stab at discriminating and demonizing a minority?

Jesus would be so proud. Well, I've give Graham one thing: at least his life was consistent ... and long.

Way, way too long.

*"Watching the moral decline of our country causes me great concern," said Graham, who lives near Asheville.*

Billy, try reading the news or researching crime statistics and you'll find that along with a decreasing belief in religion there has also been a significant decrease in crime. I'm not saying they are necessarily related, but I'm also ... not saying they aren't.

*"I believe the home and marriage is the foundation of our society and must be protected."*

Billy, then why are you against people who would increase the number of households and marriages?

That proves you aren't defending marriage - you are attacking a minority whom you don't like because ancient shepherds told you homosexuals were evil ... all the while they were playing house with their goats.

*Graham's son, the Rev. Franklin Graham recorded a message last month in support of Amendment One, which is on the ballot in the election Tuesday.*

Billy, things have changed dramatically during your lifetime. Americans continue to dump religion in record numbers, and now share society's benefits with those whom, for years, they demonized. Women, Atheists, Gays, Africans, and Hispanics have all made significant gains against the Biblically inspired bigotry that characterized the twentieth century.

*"At 93, I never thought we would have to debate the definition of marriage," Billy Graham's statement said. "The Bible is clear \_ God's definition of marriage is between a man and a woman.*

Billy, 93 and still telling lies? How disappointing. Perhaps you could point out in the Bible where it says that? That's right Billy, you can't, because it doesn't say that. In fact, the Bible supports polygamy throughout. It's hard to believe that someone who has devoted nearly 93 years to studying one book doesn't know that.

*I want to urge my fellow North Carolinians to vote for the marriage amendment" Tuesday.*

Billy, for Christians to drag out a 93-year-old thug to take advantage of your waning reputation and influence shows just how close they anticipate the vote to be. Unfortunately, the Bible Belt, of which North Carolina is a member, like the rest of the Bible Belt, is centuries behind modern Americans, and will probably give you this last hateful hurrah before you mercifully disappear from the scene, after which, we will likely be a better nation.

*William Martin, who wrote the authorized Graham biography "A Prophet With Honor,"*

Well Billy, you spent your whole life living a lie so it's only fitting that the title to your biography should also be a lie.

*couldn't recall another effort by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association like the one the ministry plans in support of Amendment One.*

Well Billy, you should have stayed out of this one because American public opinion has already changed, and for the first time in history the majority now favor gay marriage. You and your band of bigots are losing ... and it is only getting worse.

If you think things are bad now Billy, get this: Islam is projected to surpass Christianity as the world's leading religion by the end of this century. It's good you're on your way out now because I don't think you could survive in future America.

Think about that Billy, your whole life wasted on a losing cause.

*"I am somewhat surprised that he would take that strong a stand," said Martin, professor emeritus of religion and public policy at Rice University. "In the past, I have heard him say with respect to homosexuality, there are greater sins.*

Well Billy, you got that one wrong too. It is only considered a sin by religious fruitcakes like you. To rational people there is nothing wrong with two people falling in love unless they are closely-related. Oh, I'm sorry Billy - I didn't mean to attack one of the Bible Belt's cherished traditions.

*Although Graham's last crusade was in 2005, he remains deeply influential. In April 2010, President Barack Obama made the pilgrimage to meet with Graham, continuing a tradition of counseling commanders in chief that began with Dwight Eisenhower.*

And thankfully Billy, that will all end soon.

*Since the death of his wife, Ruth Bell Graham, nearly five years ago, he has spent most of his time at his home in Montreat. Public appearances have been rare, and he's been hospitalized several times, most recently in December for pneumonia.*

Billy, as God's greatest modern prophet, why would you dishonor Him by seeking human medical assistance when Jesus promised to heal those who pray? For a great prophet, you sure don't seem to have much faith.

*Billy Graham's daughter, Anne Graham Lotz, also has said she supports the amendment.*

Gee, what a fuckin' surprise. Graham's 93 and rich. Now he's crossing the last T's in his will and his daughter agrees with him. What are the odds?

*North Carolina already outlaws gay marriage, but adding that ban to the state constitution would make it much harder to change in the future.*

And therein lies the problem - the future. No matter how difficult the bigoted ghost worshippers of today make it, future generations will erase all your efforts, making your life's work a complete waste of time ... which is exactly what your horrid religion is.

*Opponents to the amendment argue the language is vague and it could have wider consequences beyond those for gay couples.*

Hang in there North Carolina. Future generations are your hope. They can undo the evil that religion has wrought, and the future doesn't look to be ... all that far away.

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